

ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE PROPOSED MUNICIPALITY OF NIWOT

BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2026

Attending: Lois Adamson, Vicky Dorvee, Suze Fischer, Paula Hemenway, Bob Olsen, Mandy Walker

The meeting was open for public observation, but not participation. Five people attended.

1. The meeting was called to order at noon.
2. All six commissioners were in attendance and therefore there was a quorum.
3. There were no changes to the draft minutes of the August 18, 2026, meeting. Vicky moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Paula. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. It was reported that 28 charter commission candidate petitions had been received. All 28 candidates live within the proposed territory and are registered voters. All the signers of the petitions also live within the proposed territory. Two signers each signed 10 petitions, so their signatures on the 10th petitions were invalidated. Some signers could not be verified as registered voters. Excluding these signers, all the petitions still satisfied the minimum of 25 signatures from registered voters within the proposed territory.
5. Mandy moved to approve that the 28 charter commission candidates had met the requirements to be on the Nov. 3 ballot. Suze seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. The names of the charter commission candidates were drawn at random from a hat to determine the order in which the names will appear on the ballot. The order was determined to be:

Ballot Position	Candidate	Ballot Position	Candidate
1	Rita Neis	15	David Costa
2	Jim Thomas	16	Karl Neis
3	Cody Barela	17	Scott Firle
4	Richard England	18	Tony Santelli
5	Ari Adler	19	Orin Hargraves
6	Michael DeLalla	20	Kathy M. Koehler
7	Colleen Donovan	21	Rodney Archer
8	Patrick Mayne	22	D. Scott Tennant
9	Cheryl Hodges	23	Bruce (Biff) Warren
10	Jack Trope	24	Sue Ellen Peck
11	Nick Little	25	Mary Plese
12	Alison Steele	26	Jason Seely
13	Sean Donovan	27	Charles Hodges
14	Jim Parys	28	Carrie Wise

7. An amended attachment to Resolution 2026-04 with minor changes to the ballot titles as suggested by the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's office was circulated prior to the meeting. Paula motioned that the amended attachment be approved with the addition of the charter commission candidate names listed in the order approved by the Election Commission and using the preferred name given by each candidate. Vicky seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
8. Resolution 2026-05 was circulated prior to the meeting. Paula moved that Resolution 2026-05 be approved with no changes. Suze seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
9. The second notice of the election needs to be published by September 2 in the Longmont Times-Call. The notice needs to be sent to the Longmont Times-Call by Monday, August 31. Vicky will handle this.
10. Resolution 2026-06 to amend Resolution 2026-02 to add the charter commission candidate names to the call for election was circulated prior to the meeting. Mandy moved to approve that Resolution 2026-06 be approved amending the resolution to state

“municipality of Niwot” instead of “town of Niwot.” Paula seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Any Other Business:

Lois will send the charter commission candidates the link from Boulder County to use for recording their names and notify the candidates that the deadline for this is Sept. 4.

The commission discussed the deadline for submission of the TABOR pro and con statements. The word count per issue is 500 words for a pro statement and 500 words for a con statement. The incorporation petitioners are responsible for submitting the pro statements. The Election Commission is responsible for editing the statements to satisfy the word count. The statements are due to the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder by Monday Sept. 21.

As Paula Hemenway is one of the petitioners preparing the TABOR pro statements, she stated she is recusing herself from the Election Commission discussion and work on the TABOR con statements.

12. The next meeting is Friday Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Niwot Hall. The meeting after that is scheduled for Friday Sept. 18 at noon.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

These minutes were approved unanimously at the 09/11/2026 Election Commission meeting.