

# Government Accountability Board

## State of Wisconsin

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## Board Certifies Wisconsin Spring Election Results

MADISON, WI – Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) Chairman Michael Brennan Tuesday certified the official results of the April 7 Spring Election.

A total of 793,864 Wisconsinites voted in the State Supreme Court race, which means approximately 18 percent of the voting age population of Wisconsin participated in the election.

“Certification of the election results may seem anti-climactic, but transparent election administration must involve complete pre- and post-election processes that the public may observe and trust,” said Kevin Kennedy, G.A.B. Director and General Counsel.

Official election results are collected from municipal clerks by Wisconsin’s 72 county clerks, who have 10 days to verify the figures before submitting them to the State. The Elections Division then has four weeks, or until May 15, to prepare, double-check and certify the statewide results.

In the Supreme Court race, Justice Shirley Abrahamson defeated former Jefferson County Judge Randy Koschnick by approximately 20 percentage points, 473,712 (60 percent) to 319,706 (40 percent).

In the State Superintendent of Public Instruction race, former Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers defeated virtual schools advocate Rose Fernandez by approximately 14 percentage points, 439,248 (57 percent) to 328,511 (43 percent).

Also elected were two state Appeals Court judges and 64 Circuit Court judges.

Local election officials certify the results of school district, town, village, city and county races. Wisconsin’s next scheduled election will be the Spring Primary Election on February 16, 2010.

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