

Recall Process

Recalls in the State of Idaho are governed by Idaho State statute Title 34 Chapter 17

The process of a recall for West Ada Trustees is outlined below:

- 1) A prospective petition is filed with the Ada County Clerk for a recall vote. At least 20 signatures must be attached in favor of the prospective petition. Those signing the prospective petition must be registered electors (voters) in the trustee zone for which they are requesting the petition for recall.
- 2) Once the prospective petition is submitted to the county clerk, the clerk has 15 days to verify that the signatures of the petitioners are registered to vote in the trustee zone for which they have signed. When the county clerk has verified the above restrictions; the county clerk approves the petition for recall. The officer being recalled is also notified by the county clerk. The officer being recalled can respond to the county clerk with a 200-word maximum rebuttal.
- 3) From the time of approval from the county clerk the petition has 75 days to become 'perfected'. To be considered 'perfected' the petition needs signatures from voters equal to at least 50% of the prior election votes. **The voters should only sign for the officer that represents the zone in which the voter lives.** The **minimum** required signatures for each zone is as follows:
 - a. Zone 1 1,487
 - b. Zone 2 2,578
 - c. Zone 3 1,779
 - d. Zone 4 466
 - e. Zone 5 1,403
- 4) Prior to the close of the 75 days, the petition should be submitted to the county clerk. When submitted, the signatures on the petition are verified by the county clerk. Those signing the prospective petition must be registered electors (voters) in the trustee zone for which they are requesting the petition for recall.
- 5) When the county clerk verifies that the petition is 'perfected' by confirming the minimum number of signatures has been satisfied and that the electors are valid voters in the trustee zone, the recall measure is put on the next general election ballot. The next general election will be in March 2021.
- 6) When voting in March 2021 the recall needs to be approved by 50% plus one vote. If the vote is not sufficient, the measure fails. If the vote is approved by voters, the trustee is removed from office.
- 7) New members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the current Board to fill only the remaining time of that seat. The current process is that applications are submitted to the board for interview and approval.