

# Manual 34 Revision – Paper Ballot Voting

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- Manual 34: PJM Stakeholder Process includes provisions documenting written paper ballots for elections of Board Members and the Members Committee Vice Chair.
- During the current remote meeting format, PJM identified the need to exercise flexibility and conduct the 2020 and 2021 elections using an alternative to the written paper ballots:
  - 2020 Board Election conducted remotely via the PJM Voting Application including special auditing provisions to ensure ballot confidentiality
  - 2021 Board Election conducted remotely via a secure, third-party online election service called Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS)

- To accommodate all Members, regardless of in-person or remote participation, PJM will seek to utilize the secure, third-party online election service, Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS), or a comparable election service, to conduct future Board elections.
- This solution will continue to ensure confidentiality and secure sector-weighted voting results for future Board elections.
- To provide Members with this optionality, PJM also proposes to modify the current Manual 34 provisions requiring a written paper ballot.

- Section 11.11 – Elections

In each election of Board Members and the Members Committee Vice Chair, votes shall be taken by secret ~~written paper~~ ballot ~~for those Members attending in person and by secret ballot for those Members participating by teleconference~~. The ballots shall be counted by sectors. After ballots have been ~~cast collected~~, the Chair may proceed to the next order of business, announcing the result when known, and resume the election later in the meeting if additional votes are required. This vote may be taken by acclamation with member agreement.

- 02/22/2022 – Stakeholder Process Forum Discussion and MC Webinar Informational Update
- 03/23/2022 – MC First Read of Manual 34 revisions
- 04/27/2022 – MC Vote of Manual 34 revisions
- 05/17/2022 – MC Board Elections Utilizing SBS Online Service\*

*\*Additional information, including an opportunity for a test election, will be provided to Members ahead of the MC Board Elections.*

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