MIDWEST ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS

2027 CANDIDATE APPLICATION GUIDE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION | DISTRICTS 3, 4 AND 8

APPLICATION DEADLINE

5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 31, 2026

Dear Prospective Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Midwest Energy & Communications (MEC) Board of Directors. In 2027, elections will be held for Districts 3, 4 and 8. This guide summarizes the application process and provides a checklist you can use throughout the nomination period.

Please read the complete 2027 Nomination by Petition Materials before beginning. You are responsible for confirming that you meet the director qualifications, completing all required forms, obtaining the required original petition signatures, and ensuring that MEC receives all materials by the deadline. Incomplete or late materials may prevent your application from moving forward.

START HERE:

☐ **Confirm your eligibility and district**. Review the director qualifications, Conflict of Interest Policy and district maps in the application packet. Your primary residence must meet the requirements for the district you seek to represent. You will be subject to a background check.

☐ **Complete every required form listed on the following page.** Answer all questions fully, sign where indicated and have the Candidate Compliance Affidavit notarized.

☐ **Collect petition signatures early.** Obtain at least 30 verifiable original signatures from MEC electric and/or fiber customers in your district. *Collecting more than 30 is encouraged* in case a signature cannot be verified.

☐ **Submit paper and electronic items correctly**. Original application materials must be hand-delivered or mailed so they are received by the deadline. The biography and questionnaire must be emailed as Microsoft Word attachments.

☐ **Watch for follow-up requests via email.** Complete the electronic Consumer Report Disclosure within five business days after receipt and promptly provide any additional documentation requested to verify eligibility.

HOW TO SUBMIT

ORIGINAL PAPER MATERIALS	ELECTRONIC MATERIALS
Mail or hand-deliver to: Midwest Energy & Communications 60590 Decatur Road Cassopolis, MI 49031 ATTN: Paige Baker	Email Microsoft Word attachments to: board.inquiries@teammidwest.com Subject line: Candidate name and board district

QUESTIONS: Paige Baker • 269-445-1049 • board.inquiries@teammidwest.com

CANDIDATE SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

- ☐ Candidate Compliance Affidavit
  - Completed, signed, and notarized.
- ☐ Application for MEC Directorship
  - Completed in full, including 10-year residence history, signed and dated.
- ☐ Qualifications to Serve as a Director
  - Questions 1-12 completed, additional pages attached if needed and dated.
- ☐ Conflict of Interest Certification and Disclosure
  - Completed, including "None to Disclose" when applicable, signed and dated.
- ☐ Original Petition Signatures
  - At least 30 verifiable original signatures from eligible MEC electric customers in the candidate's district. Printed names must be legible; account numbers should be included when possible.
- ☐ Candidate Biography
  - Microsoft Word attachment; no more than 800 words; emailed by the deadline. Do not place the biography in the body of an email.
- ☐ Candidate Questionnaire
  - Microsoft Word attachment; no more than 400 words excluding questions, emailed by the deadline. Do not place the answers in the body of an email.

VALIDATION DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

- ☐ Proof of Education
  - Copy of high school diploma, GED certificate, college diploma, professional license, or another credential demonstrating the required educational prerequisite.
- ☐ Proof of Age, Identity and Citizenship
  - Copy of driver's license, birth certificate, or passport.
- ☐ Additional Requested Materials
  - Provide relevant documents, waivers, or clarification requested by MEC or General Counsel within the stated response period.