MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026 – 1:00 PM
RALPH VIGLIOTTI BUILDING
1900 E. JEFFERSON AVE., DETROIT, MI 48207
Meeting held in-person & via zoom video conferencing

Call to Order: Chair Richard Preuss, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Members present: Richard Preuss, Chair
Lisa Capatina, Vice- Chair
Danielle C. Hall, Member
Toni Sellars, Member

Director Gregory Mahar stated that Member Edward Keelean recently passed away and Member Danielle C. Hall was appointed to fill the remainder of his term. Deputy Director Jennifer Redmond administered the Oath of Office to Member Hall.

Chair Preuss requested a moment of silence in honor of Member Edward Keelean. Moment of silence observed.

Members absent: None

Also present: Gregory P. Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director, Wayne County Elections
Rebecca A. Camargo, Principal Atty., Wayne County Corp. Counsel
En'Joli Conley, Department Manager, Wayne County Elections
Edward McRae, Admin. Assistant, Wayne County Elections

Agenda item: **Consideration of Agenda approval**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to adopt the agenda to as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of meeting minutes of July 10, 2026**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting held July 10, 2026. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Sellars, moved for approval of the minutes of the meeting held July 10, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval to conduct the canvass of the August 4, 2026 Primary Election**

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Director Mahar reported that election day for the most part was quiet. Minimal issues reported throughout the day. All returns were received except for the City of Northville. Staff reached out to the Northville City Clerk and the returns were emailed, but some of the information is not clear. He advised that as soon as the meeting is over, the results will be manually uploaded into the system and reported to the State. He further reported on the number of precincts involved in this election, the number of ballots cast, and the percentage of turnout.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval to conduct the canvass of the August 4, 2026 Primary Election. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Hall, moved for approval to conduct the canvass of the August 4, 2026 Primary Election. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business**

Vice-Chair Capatina asked for an update on the 37 ballots from the City of Hamtramck. Corporation Counsel Rebecca A. Camargo advised that the matter was appealed but it has not been scheduled for a hearing.

Member Sellars and Vice Chair Capatina shared kind words regarding Member Keelean and expressed that he was a wonderful colleague.

Board action: Chair Preuss, duly supported by Member Sellars, moved that the Wayne County Board of Canvassers or the County Board of Commissioners issue a resolution honoring Member Keelean's service and present it to his family. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Deputy Director Redmond advised that there needs to be a midpoint meeting set for approval of the write-in name variations and to tabulate any cure or MOVE ballots. The next meeting was

scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** None

Agenda item: **Recess**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion to go into recess. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to go into recess. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting recessed at 1:18 p.m.

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