# MINUTES OF MEETING
# WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
# WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026 – 1:00 PM
# RALPH VIGLIOTTI BUILDING
# 1900 E. JEFFERSON AVE., DETROIT, MI 48207
# **Meeting held in-person & via zoom video conferencing**

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**Call to Order:** Chair Richard Preuss, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

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

**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
Ruben Napiorkowski, Wayne County Elections
Carly McIntosh, Wayne County Elections

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| Jarvis L. Byrd, Sr. | Paula Bowman |
| Sandra Hutson | Edith Waters-White |
| Joyce Taylor | Janice Nielsen |
| Patricia Holton | Margaret Erle |
| Diane McMillan | Sylvia Price |
| Othniel D. McGriff | |

**Agenda item:** **Consideration of Agenda approval**

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Deputy Director Redmond recommended amending the agenda that item number 7, "Consideration of correspondence from the City of Detroit regarding un-tabulated ballots" be moved ahead of item number 6. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to amend the agenda as recommended. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Agenda item:** **Approval of meeting minutes of August 5, 2026**

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting held August 5, 2026. Member Sellars, duly supported by Vice-Chair Capatina, moved for approval of the minutes of the meeting held August 5, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Agenda item:** **Approval of Write-In Name Variations**

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Deputy Director Redmond informed that the canvass assistants went through all pollbooks and gathered the write-in name variations for each write in candidate. The variations were compiled into a report and presented to the Board for its consideration.

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for write in candidate John Goci, democratic candidate for U.S Representative in Congress – 13th District. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to approve variations 1-9 for candidate John Goci. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for write in candidate Mary Waters, democratic candidate for U.S Representative in Congress – 13th District. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to approve variations 1-6 for candidate Mary Waters. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for write in candidate Martell De'Angelo Bivings, republican candidate for U.S Representative in Congress – 13th District. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to approve variations 1-11 for candidate Martell De'Angelo Bivings. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for write in candidate Roslyn Marie Ogburn, democratic candidate for State Representative – 4th District. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to approve variations 1-9 for candidate Roslyn Marie Ogburn. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for write-in candidate Hamza Shaukat Jamal, democratic candidate for Trustee – Northville Township. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to approve variations 1-8 for candidate Hamza Shaukat Jamal. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for write-in candidate Orion Odell Watson, democratic candidate for Park Commissioner – Redford Township. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to approve variations 1-3 for candidate Orion Odell Watson. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for write-in candidate J. Douglas Hollie, candidate for Mayor – City of Highland Park. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to approve variations 1-4 for candidate J. Douglas Hollie. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Agenda item:** **Consideration of correspondence from the City of Detroit regarding un-tabulated ballots**

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Deputy Director Redmond informed that she received a call last Friday from David Nathan at the City of Detroit, Department of Elections, stating that he was delivering to the canvass13 absentee ballots that were not processed on Election Night. Ms. Redmond advised him that he could not simply deliver unprocessed ballots and that he would need to provide a statement as to why the ballots were not processed. An email was received from Danial Baxter at the City of Detroit, that email was provided to the Board for their consideration.

Chair Preuss asked Corporation Counsel for her advice regarding the ballots. Corporation Counsel Camargo advised that the case was similar to the Hamtramck matter and currently the ruling from the Court of Appeals is to tabulate those ballots. Vice-Chair Capatina had further questions regarding the security of the ballots, where were they discovered, and more details since the email states that the ballots were not timely received into the system. Ms. Redmond suggested the item be tabled until there is more information provided by the City of Detroit.

**Board action on agenda item:** Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Sellers, moved to table agenda item #6 until a representative from the City of Detroit could provide more details regarding the ballots.

**Agenda item:** **Tabulation of Cure and/or MOVE Ballots**

**Board action on agenda item:** Director Gregory Mahar informed that the Wayne County Clerk has received from the local clerks 200 Cure and 28 MOVE ballots that were timely received by the local clerks and timely delivered to the canvass for processing.

** Tabulation began at 1:19 p.m. **

**Meeting resumed at 1:36 p.m.**

**Agenda item:** **New Business**

The next meeting to consider the un-tabulated ballots was set to Monday, August 17, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

The final meeting for certification was set for Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Capatina asked if there were any updates regarding the referral. Corporation Counsel Camargo indicated there has not been any action since the referral.

**Agenda item:** **Public Comment.** None

**Agenda item:** **Recess**

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Preuss requested a motion to go into recess. Meeting recessed by unanimous consent.

**Meeting recessed at 1:44 p.m.**