MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 – 11:00 AM
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 11:03 A.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

Diana Domin	Lanette Dalian
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 indicated that she has minutes for approval, however, they need to be printed. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Hall, moved to amend and adopt the agenda, moving item #5 before item #4. 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 indicated that at the previous meeting 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 Daniel Baxter at the City of Detroit; this Board considered the email but tabled the item until representatives from the City of Detroit could provide further details regarding the ballots. Ms. Redmond noted that representatives and Detroit City Clerk, Janice Winfrey, were online for any questions from the Board.

Daniel Baxter, Chief of Operations, informed that on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, Deputy City Clerk Andre Gilbert notified the Department of Elections that there 13 ballots discovered that had not been sent to the Department of Elections for processing. Once the department was alerted, they took possession of the ballots and reached out to Ms. Redmond to have them delivered to the Board of Canvassers for tabulation. Discussion ensued between City Representatives, the Board and Corporation Counsel. Corporation Counsel Camargo noted that these ballots were never entered into the Qualified Voter File (QVF), so the case is not like the Hamtramck matter. In the Hamtramck matter the ballots were scanned into the QVF.

Chair Preuss requested to see the absentee ballot envelopes. The Board took a brief recess to allow the ballots to be delivered to the canvass.

Recess at 11:20 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

Director Gregory Mahar informed that the ballots were delivered in a seal transfer case, and he confirmed there are 13 ballots for review. The Board reviewed all 13 envelopes and asked additional questions to the City Clerk and Representatives.

Corporation Counsel Rebecca Camargo recommended not tabulating the ballots. Further discussion ensued between the Board members regarding their positions on tabulating the ballots.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion to tabulate the 13 ballots. Member Hall motioned to accept and tabulate the 13 ballots. Motion dies for lack of support.

Agenda item: **Approval of meeting minutes of August 12, 2026**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting held August 12, 2026. Member Sellars, duly supported by Vice-Chair Capatina, moved for approval of the minutes of the meeting held August 12, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business**

Corporation Counsel Camargo informed the Board that the Supreme Court declined to hear the Hamtramck case regarding the 37 ballots. She is waiting for Third Circuit Court to order the Board to tabulate the 37 ballots, which should come in the next week or so. Once received the Board will need to convene a meeting to tabulate those ballots.

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.** Vice-Chair Capatina wanted to thank Clerk Garrett for the goodie bags delivered by Mr. Carl Baxter. Chair Preuss indicated that they had received the Board of Commissioners resolution for Member Edward Keelean. He would like the Canvasser's resolution to be completed, framed, and presented to the family.

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 12:11 p.m.

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