# MINUTES OF MEETING WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025 – 1:00 P.M. RALPH VIGLIOTTI BUILDING

1900 E. JEFFERSON AVE., DETROIT, MI 48207

\*\*Meeting held in-person & via zoom video conferencing\*\*

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Richard Preuss, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called

the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Members present: Richard Preuss, Vice-Chair

Toni Sellars, Member Lisa Capatina, Member Edward V. Keelean, Member

Also present: Rebecca A. Camargo, Principal Attorney, Corporation Counsel

Gregor P. Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections

Edward McRae, Administrative Asst., Wayne County Elections En'Joli Conley, Administrative Asst., Wayne County Elections Carly McIntosh, Administrative Asst., Wayne County Elections

Sara Weertz
Danielle Hall
Edith White
Joyce Taylor
Diane McMillan
Sylvia Price
Jeanette Stanley

Kathy Rogers
Sandra Hutson
Janice Nielsen
Karen Redman
Margaret Erle
Othniel McGriff
Carl W. Baxter

Agenda item: Consideration of Agenda approval

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

Agenda item: Approval of meeting minutes of October 9, 2025

**Board action on agenda item:** Vice-Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting held October 9, 2025. Member Capatina, duly supported by Member Keelean, moved for approval of the minutes of the meeting held October 9, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

#### Agenda item:

# Approval to conduct the canvass of the November 4, 2025 City General and Special Elections

Vice-Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Gregory Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections reported that all communities that participated in the Election have delivered all their returns to the canvass board. Director Mahar also reported and informed the Board that there was a reprint in the City of Dearborn for their City Council race. Due to the reprint, there are two summary reports for review. One report contains all races that appeared on the ballot in Wayne County, and the other report is solely for the City of Dearborn. Director Mahar reported on the number of ballots casts and the percentage of voter turnout. Mr. Mahar further reported that there have been some inquiries regarding recounts. He reminded the Board regarding the deadlines for delivery of cure & MOVE ballots to the Wayne County Clerk.

**Board action on agenda item:** Vice-Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval to conduct the canvass of the November 4, 2025 City General and Special Election. Member Keelean duly supported by Member Capatina, moved for approval to conduct the canvass of the November 4, 2025 City General and Special Election. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

#### Agenda item:

New Business Vice-Chair Preuss shared that it is a pleasure to be re-nominated and appointed as a member of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers. Director Mahar indicated that there is a vacancy for the position of Chair on the Board of Canvassers. He indicated that the previous iterations of the Board agreed that the position of chair will be rotated between the parties, and the current vacated position was held by a republican member. He further informed that the regular election for Chair & Vice-Chair will take place this upcoming January. Vice-Chair Preuss requested direction from Corporation Counsel. Corporation Counsel Rebecca Camargo advised that there should be a nomination of the two republican members for the selection of a new Chair.

**Board action on agenda item:** Member Sellars, duly supported by Member Keelean, moved to nominate Member Lisa Capatina as Chair for the Board. Member Capatina accepted the nomination. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

The next meeting for Approval of write-in name variations & tabulation of any cure and MOVE ballots was scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Director Mahar reported that there was an absentee ballot received and entered for the City of Trenton that was not tabulated on Election Night. He indicated that he will request the Clerk to put something in writing regarding the ballot and to deliver it to the canvass board for consideration.

# Agenda item:

**Public Comment** Chair Capatina asked if there was any public comment. Vice-Chair Preuss congratulated Chair Capatina on her election as Chair to the Board. Chair Capatina also thanked Vice-Chair Preuss for accepting and being re-appointed to the Board.

Director Mahar informed the Board that Deputy Director Jennifer Redmond lost her brother. Chair Capatina asked for a brief moment of silence for Jennifer and her family.

### Agenda item:

## Adjournment

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Capatina requested a motion to adjourn. Member Keelean, duly supported by Member Sellars, moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.


\*\*Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.\*\*