MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026 – 2:00 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 2:00 P.M.

Members present: Richard Preuss, Chair
Lisa Capatina, Vice- Chair
Denise Thomas, Member

Director Mahar stated that there is a vacancy for a republican member and that notices have been sent and we are waiting on nominations to fill the vacancy.

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

Khursheed Ash-Shafii	Alexis Ramsey
Sherita Jones	Deshawn Thomas
Dart Nichols	Mark Brewer
Sharmaine Robinson	Deborah Scott
James Bailey	Adam Alharbi
Nabih Ayad	Bert Johnson
Edith Waters-White	Joyce Taylor
Diane McMillan	Margaret Erle
Gary Hunter	Eldridge Ross

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 Thomas, moved to adopt the agenda, as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of meeting minutes of November 4, 2026**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting held November 4, 2026. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved for approval of the minutes of the meeting held November 4, 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 indicated that staff has went through the poll books and gathered the name variations for all write in candidates. The variations have been compiled into a guide for the Board's review. She also noted that there was a variation that shared the first name on one candidate and the last name of another. It was added to the list for both candidates, and she will point it out once the Board reaches that candidate.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variation for Kimberly Ruby-Ann Thomas, write-in candidate for Governor. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1 as a vote for Kimberly Ruby-Ann Thomas. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Robert Trevor-Blair Davis, write-in candidate for U.S. Senate. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1 & 2 as a vote for Robert Trevor-Blair Davis. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variation for Jennifer Lynn Strickland, write-in candidate for Member of the State Board of Education. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1 as a vote for Jennifer Lynn Strickland. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variation for Bree Arlene Taylor, write-in candidate for U. S. Representative in Congress – 6th District. Vice-Chair

Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1 as a vote for Bree Arlene Taylor. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for John Goci, write-in candidate for U. S. Representative in Congress – 13th District. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1 & 2 as a vote for John Goci. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variation for DaNetta Lynese Simpson, write-in candidate for U. S. Representative in Congress – 13th District. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1 as a vote for DaNetta Lynese Simpson. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Susan Lee Hubbard, write-in candidate for Judge of Probate Court. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1-12 as a vote for Susan Lee Hubbard. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Devonte Deshawn Sherard, write-in candidate for Mayor, City of Ecorse. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1 & 2 as a vote for Devonte Deshawn Sherard. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variation for Joshua John LaMere, write-in candidate for Mayor, City of Highland Park. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1 as a vote for Joshua John LaMere. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Shylah Shawn Henry, write-in candidate for Mayor, City of Lincoln Park. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-10 as a vote for Shylah Shawn Henry. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #11-20 as a vote for Shylah Shawn Henry. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #21-25 as a vote for Shylah Shawn Henry. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #26-36 as a vote for Shylah Shawn Henry. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #37-47 as a vote for Shylah Shawn Henry. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variation for Blake Matthew Purvis, write-in candidate for Mayor, City of River Rouge. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1 as a vote for Blake Matthew Purvis. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Darthanian Nichols, write-in candidate for Clerk, City of Highland Park. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-12 as a vote for Darthanian Nichols. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Sharmaine Robinson, write-in candidate for Clerk, City of Highland Park. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-15 as a vote for Sharmaine Robinson. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Cidia Celestial Wicker-Brown, write-in candidate for Clerk, City of Highland Park. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-12 as a vote for Cidia Celestial Wicker-Brown. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #13-24 as a vote for Cidia Celestial Wicker-Brown. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #25-29 as a vote for Cidia Celestial Wicker-Brown. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Tony Lee Lampkin, write-in candidate for Treasurer, City of Highland Park. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-15 as a vote for Tony Lee Lampkin. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Khursheed Malik Ash-Shafii, write-in candidate for City Council At-Large, City of Highland Park. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-7 as a vote for Khursheed Malik Ash-Shafii. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Vicki Lynn Aiken, write-in candidate for City Council, City of Lincoln Park. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-19 as a vote for Vicki Lynn Aiken. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Michelle Lynn Roberts, write-in candidate for City Council, City of Lincoln Park. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-18 as a vote for Michelle Lynn Roberts. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Stephen John Battersby, write-in candidate for City Council, partial term, City of Woodhaven. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-8 as a vote for Stephen John Battersby. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Noah Peter Bergeron III, write-in candidate for City Council, partial term, City of Woodhaven. Vice-

Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-8 as a vote for Noah Peter Bergeron III. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Joseph Michael Cotton, write-in candidate for City Council, partial term, City of Woodhaven. Deputy Director indicated that the last variation for this candidate is the variation that shares the first name of this candidate and the last name of another candidate.

Board action on agenda item: Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-8 as a vote for Joseph Michael Cotton. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to reject variation #9 as a vote for Joseph Michael Cotton. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for James Alexander Kubrak, write-in candidate for City Council, partial term, City of Woodhaven. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-13 as a vote for James Alexander Kubrak. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Timothy Scott Podlewski, write-in candidate for City Council, partial term, City of Woodhaven. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-20 as a vote for Timothy Scott Podlewski. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to reject variation #21 as a vote for Timothy Scott Podlewski. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Dale Douglas Roman, write-in candidate for City Council, partial term, City of Woodhaven. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-3 as a vote for Dale Douglas Roman. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Darryl Allen Folks II, write-in candidate

for City Commissioner, City of River Rouge. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-6 as a vote for Darryl Allen Folks II. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Frederick George Allen III, write-in candidate for Constable, City of River Rouge. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-6 as a vote for Frederick George Allen III. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Christopher Carl Smart, write-in candidate for Constable, City of River Rouge. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-8 as a vote for Christopher Carl Smart. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variation for James Bailey, write-in candidate for Parks Commissioner, partial term, Township of Redford. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1 as a vote for James Bailey. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Richard Carl Louisignau, write-in candidate for Parks Commissioner, partial term, Township of Redford. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-14 as a vote for Richard Carl Louisignau. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Orion Odell Watson, write-in candidate for Parks Commissioner, partial term, Township of Redford. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-6 as a vote for Orion Odell Watson. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variation for Terrance Robert Carter, write-in candidate for Board Member, Detroit Public Schools C.D. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1 as a vote for Terrance Robert Carter. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variation for Danyale Jean Dockery, write-in candidate for Board Member, Detroit Public Schools C.D. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variation #1 as a vote for Danyale Jean Dockery. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Phyllis Lamarr Cook, write-in candidate for Board Member, Ecorse Public Schools. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-3 as a vote for Phyllis Lamarr Cook. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Mark Patrick Ferguson, write-in candidate for Board Member, Grosse Ile Township Schools. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-5 as a vote for Mark Patrick Ferguson. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for David Michael Calus, write-in candidate for Board Member, Harper Woods Public Schools. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approved variations #1-3 as a vote for David Michael Calus. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Brandon De'Quan Hughes, write-in candidate for Board Member, Harper Woods Public Schools. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approve variations #1-4 as a vote for Brandon De'Quan Hughes. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Charlette Denise Jones, write-in candidate for Board Member, Harper Woods Public Schools. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approve variations #1-13 as a vote for Charlette Denise Jones. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for William James Murphy, write-in candidate for Board Member, Harper Woods Public Schools. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to

approve variations #1-4 as a vote for William James Murphy. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Shanna Tyrhonda Blue, write-in candidate for Board Member, Redford Union S.D. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approve variations #1 & 2 as a vote for Shanna Tyrhonda Blue. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Nicholas Robert Holmes, write-in candidate for Board Member, Trenton Public Schools. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approve variations #1-7 as a vote for Nicholas Robert Holmes. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Heather Sue Marie Urbaniak, write-in candidate for Board Member, Trenton Public Schools. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approve variations #1-3 as a vote for Heather Sue Marie Urbaniak. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the variations for Theresa Rose Crnkovich, write-in candidate for Board Member, Wyandotte Public Schools. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approve variations #1-25 as a vote for Theresa Rose Crnkovich. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Consideration of correspondence regarding un-tabulated ballots – 6A. City of Dearborn**

Director Mahar stated that an email was received from the Dearborn City Clerk regarding ballots that were four (4) ballots timely received that were not tabulated on election night. Dearborn City Clerk George Darany addressed the Board and stated that there are three (3) ballots for tabulation, not four (4) as originally stated. One accessible ballot was not received timely, another was an accessible ballot that was placed in the stack for military ballots, and two (2) ballots that were move voters, but they were move voters that moved within the jurisdiction.

Corporation Counsel Camargo advised the Board that the ballots were timely received and they should be tabulated.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to tabulate the three (3) ballots for the City of Dearborn. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Consideration of correspondence regarding un-tabulated ballots – 6B. City of Livonia**

Director Mahar stated that during canvass it was discovered that one of Livonia's absentee precincts were out of balance. The ballot container was delivered to the canvass location, assistants counted the number of ballots in the container, and there were 800 ballots in the container for that precinct, but there are 825 voters on the list of voters. Director Mahar stated that he directed the Livonia Clerk and Deputy Clerk were directed to go back and confirm the number of envelopes that were received. The Clerk discovered that the absentee ballot envelopes were opened but the ballots were never removed from the envelope to be tabulated. Livonia City Clerk Lori Miller addressed the Board and stated that the ballots were not tabulated on election night, but the envelopes containing the ballots have been locked in a cage in a secure location that is only accessible by the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and the Election Coordinator under surveillance video.

Corporation Counsel Camargo advised the Board that the ballots were timely received and they should be tabulated.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to tabulate the twenty-five (25) ballots for the City of Livonia. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Consideration of correspondence regarding un-tabulated ballots – 6C. City of Inkster**

Director Mahar stated that during canvass an email was received by the Inkster City Clerk requesting to tabulate two (2) absentee ballots that were received by priority mail. Inkster City Clerk Georgina Holliday addressed the Board and stated that there was a priority envelope received in the City Clerk's office and somehow the Deputy Clerk never opened the envelope, and it was found under a stack of paper on the Deputy's desk. She further reported that the envelope was received on October 31, 2026, and was never opened.

Corporation Counsel Camargo advised the Board that the ballots were timely received and they should be tabulated.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to tabulate the two (2) ballots for the City of Livonia. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Consideration of correspondence regarding un-tabulated ballots – 6D. Redford Township**

Director Mahar stated that while receiving the Cure and MOVE ballots, he opened a container for Redford Township containing ballots outside the absentee envelope. When he asked about the ballots, the Clerk advised that the ballots were received timely but were placed under a ballot bag and the inspectors did not notice the ballots were not tabulated. The ballots were then placed in an approved container and brought before this Board for tabulating. Director Mahar pulled the ballots out to show the Board there were a total of twenty-one (21) ballots which accounts for the differences in those affected absentee precincts.

Corporation Counsel Camargo advised the Board that the ballots were timely received and they should be tabulated.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion. Vice-Chair Capatina duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to tabulate the twenty-one (21) ballots for Redford Township. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Capatina stated that she is aware that there is a lot of work that goes into administering elections. She reminded the local Clerks that there must be more attention dedicated to ensuring all ballots are tabulated on Election Night.

Agenda item: **Tabulation of Cure/MOVE ballots**

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Director Mahar stated that the Wayne County Clerk received from the local clerks the cure and MOVE ballots that were timely received to be tabulated. In total there are One Hundred Eighty-Seven (187) Cure ballots and One Hundred Sixty-two (162) MOVE ballots for tabulation. Wayne County Clerk staff tabulated the Cure and MOVE ballots.

Agenda item: **Petitions for Recount, Office of Mayor, City of Hamtramck – Filed by Adam Alharbi**

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Corporation Counsel Camargo indicated that there were two petitions for recount filed. One petition is requesting a recount of all absentee ballots for the City of Hamtramck. Chair Preuss asked if the petitioner wanted to address their petitions. Nabih Ayad, counsel for petitioner Adam Alharbi, spoke in support of their petitions. He requested a full recount of the absentee ballots in addition to the thirty-seven (37) absentee ballots. Corporation Counsel advised that the Board had already conducted a recount of all ballots last December and that there is no section in election law that allows for a recount of votes already recounted. She further advised that the only petition the Board could consider was the petition for recount of the thirty-seven (37) absentee ballots. Mark Brewer, counsel for Muhith Mahmood, objected to both recount request.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the petition for the thirty-seven (37) ballots. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to approve the petition for recount of the thirty-seven (37) ballots. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the petition for recount of all absentee ballots. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to reject the petition for recount of all absentee ballots for the City of Hamtramck. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business.** Corporation indicated that she did not have any new business. Deputy Director Redmond stated that a time needed to be set for the Certification meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Director Redmond also indicated that in light of the Board approving the petition for recount for the thirty-seven (37) ballots a date and time needed to be set for the recount. The recount was scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Deputy Director Redmond stated that since the Board denied the petition for a full recount and the previous recount petition that was denied on November 4, 2026, she requested the Board to make a motion refunding the petitioner the deposit paid for both petitions.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by Member Thomas, moved to refund the petitioner the deposit paid for the petitions for recount that were rejected. The motion was adopted unanimously by a

voice vote.

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** Chair Preuss requested a motion for a timeline for public comment. Vice-Chair Capatina, duly supported by member Thomas, moved to limit public comment to two (2) minutes per commenter. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Gary Hunter, Khursheed Ash-Shaii, Jim Bailey, Charles Blackwell, Hill, and Mark Ashley Price all made comments.

Agenda item: **Adjournment**

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

Meeting recessed at 4:01 p.m.

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