

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022 – 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: Chair Richard Preuss, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Members present: Richard Preuss, Chair
Robert T. Boyd, Vice-Chair
James Britton, Member
Katherine Riley, Member

Members absent: None

Also present: Gregory Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director, Wayne County Elections
Rebeca Camargo, Assistant Wayne County Corporation Counsel
En’Joli Conley, Administrative Asst., Wayne County Elections
Edward McRae, Administrative Asst., 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. Member Riley, duly supported by Member Britton, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

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

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director, Wayne County Elections indicated that at the Board meeting on Wednesday, this item was tabled for consideration at today’s meeting. The variations have been gathered and presented to the Board for their consideration. Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Donald Agee, write-in candidate for City Council – City of Ecorse.

1.	DONALD AGEE JR.
2.	AGEE
3.	DONALD
4.	DONALD MEGS
5.	CHIP AGEE
6.	DONAL AGEE

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Britton, moved to approve variations # 1-6 as a vote for Donald Agee. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Certification of the November 8, 2022 General Election for the City of Ecorse

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Gregory Mahar, Director of Elections, reported the total number of ballots cast for the election, the percentage of voter turnout, read the plus minus report into the record, advised on the number of precincts retabulated during canvass. He advised that the canvass had to re-tabulated Election Day precinct # 2 & 3, Absentee Precinct # 1 & 2. Precinct # 4 was brought down but we were not able to re-tabulate that precinct.

Ms. Jennifer Redmond re-stated that at the Board's meeting on Wednesday she indicated that the City Clerk had opened the ballot container for Precinct #4 to retrieve applications that she believed were in the container. Ms. Redmond indicated that she informed the Clerk that she was not permitted to open the Ballot Container and that it should have been brought down to the canvass to be opened. This precinct would not be recountable because the container had been opened.

Mr. Mahar concluded his canvass report.

Board action on Agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for certification of the November 8, 2022 General Election for the City of Ecorse. Member Riley, duly supported by Member Britton, moved for certification of the November 8, 2022 General Election for the City of Ecorse. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: New Business

Chair Preuss asked if there was any new business. Ms. Redmond informed the Board that during canvass it was discovered that there was an out of balance absentee precinct in the City of Harper Woods. Ms. Redmond indicated that she reached out to the City

Clerk to see if there was any information that could be provided to explain the imbalance. Leslie Frank, City Clerk, City of Harper Woods, indicated that on Election Day there were 3 ballots that were not tabulated because there was a "REG" notation next to the voter's name on the AV list of voters. She indicated that she contacted the State and was told from someone at the State that they were not sure of the notation and that they would get back with her. She indicated that she never received a phone call, so the ballots were not tabulated. Ms. Redmond indicated that the ballots were placed in an approved container and brought to the canvass board for consideration to be tabulated.

Chair Preuss asked if there were any legal concerns with tabulating the ballots. Corporation Counsel Rebecca Camargo indicated that according to MCL 168.823(3) it states that the Canvass Board shall count any ballots that the inspectors failed to count on Election Day. Discussion ensued between the Board and Corporation Counsel.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the un-tabulated ballots. Member Britton, duly supported by Vice-Chair Boyd, moved to take all necessary steps to ensure the precinct is correctly tabulated.

Ayes: Preuss, Boyd, Britton **Nays:** None **Abstained:** Riley

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** Vice-Chair Boyd requested a copy of MCL 168.823(3)

Agenda item: **Adjournment.**

Board action on agenda item: The Board adjourned at 1:36 p.m. by unanimous consent.
