

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.
ERNEST T. FORD RECREATION CENTER, 10 PITKIN ST.,
HIGHLAND PARK, MI 48203**

****Meeting held in-person & via Zoom video conferencing****

Call to Order: Chair Preuss, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

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

Also present: Gregory P. Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director, Wayne County Elections
Rebecca A. Camargo, Assistant Wayne County Corporation Counsel
En’Joli Conley, Administrative Assistant, Wayne County Elections
Edward McRae, Administrative Assistant, Wayne County Elections
Sharmaine Robinson Vanessa Holmes
Ebony Cody Lisa Stolarski
Roslyn Martin Mark Ashley Price
Marcelus Brice Kermit Williams
Khursheed Ash-Shafii Angela Thomas
Debbir Morrison Rodney Patrick
Sherri Patrick Ken Bates
Sheila Dudley Alexis Ramsey

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

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-Chair Boyd, 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 Minutes of November 30, 2022**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval of the meeting minutes of November 30, 2022. Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Britton, moved for approval of the meeting minutes of November 30, 2022. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Petition for Recount – Board Member, Grosse Pointe Public School System

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Jennifer Redmond, Wayne County Elections, informed the Board that a petition for recount was filed by Mr. Timothy Klepp, candidate for Board Member - Grosse Pointe Public School System on November 28, 2022. Along with the petition Mr. Klepp paid the required deposit and Corporation Counsel will advise regarding the sufficiency of the petition. Asst. Corporation Camargo advised that the petition was sworn and is consistent with MCL 168.848. She also advised that objections were filed by several candidates which is also for consideration.

Mr. Mark Brewer, Attorney for Timothy Klepp, spoke in support of his client's petition and stated that it is sufficient and satisfies the requirements of MCL 168.848 to proceed to a recount. Objecting parties Mr. Terry Collins and Gary Gordon, Attorney for candidates Sean P. Cotton and Ginny L. Jeup both spoke in opposition to the Board approving the petition. Both parties stated the petition did not identify specifically where the candidate believes the mistakes or errors occurred on Election Day. Discussion ensued between the Board, Corporation Counsel and objecting parties.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the Petition for Recount, filed by Mr. Timothy Klepp. Member Britton, duly supported by Vice-Chair Boyd, moved to approve the Petition for Recount. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the objections to the recount, filed by Mr. Terry Collins and Mr. Gary Gordon on behalf of Sean P. Cotton and Ginny L. Jeup. Member Britton, duly supported by Vice-Chair Boyd, moved to reject, and deny the objections filed by the challengers. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Recount – Office of City Council At-Large, City of Highland Park

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Ms. Redmond informed that the Board at their previous meeting had approved the Petition for Recount filed by Mr. Sharmaine Robinson. She advised that the local clerk has delivered

the ballot containers, staff is present, and they are ready to proceed with the recount.

Chair Preuss stated that the Board will recess while the recount is being conducted.

****Meeting recessed at 9:51 A.M.****

****Meeting resumed at 3:22 P.M.****

Agenda item: Review of Challenges – Office of City Council At-Large, City of Highland Park

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Ms. Redmond indicated that staff has completed the recount for the Office of City Council At-Large, City of Highland Park. She advised that one (1) precinct was not recountable and that Corporation Counsel has several challenges to present for their consideration.

Corporation Counsel Camargo advised that there nine (9) challenges filed during the recount and requested that one individual from each side is designated to speak regarding the challenges. Mr. Marcelus Brice and Ms. Sheila Dudley were designated to speak regarding the challenges.

Challenge #1 –

Team Decision – Not Counted

Both sides presented their position regarding the markings on the ballot.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding this challenge. Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Britton, moved to uphold the team's decision. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Challenge #2 – Vote for Elene Robinson should be counted for Sharmaine Robinson

Team Decision – Not Counted

Both sides presented their position regarding the markings on the ballot.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding this challenge. Member Riley, duly supported by Member Britton, moved to uphold the team's decision. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Challenge #3 – Vote is for Roderick Patrick, not on approved variation's list

Team Decision – Variation counted for Rodney Patrick
Both sides presented their position regarding the markings on the ballot.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding this challenge. Member Britton, duly supported by Vice-Chair Boyd, moved to uphold the team's decision. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Challenge #4 – Vote for Sharmaine Jackson should count for Sharmaine Robinson.

Team Decision – Not Counted for Sharmaine Robinson, due to another write-in candidate with the last name Jackson.
Both sides presented their position regarding the markings on the ballot.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding this challenge. Vice-Chair Boyd duly supported by, Member Britton moved to uphold the team's decision. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Challenge #5 – Vote for Sharmaine Jackson should count for Sharmaine Robinson.

Team Decision – Count for Patrick
Challenge Withdrawn by challenger.

Challenge #6 – Ballot says Patrick

Team Decision – Count for Patrick
Both sides presented their position regarding the markings on the ballot.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding this challenge. Vice-Chair Boyd duly supported by Member Britton moved to uphold the team's decision. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Challenge #7 – Vote for Sharmaine Jackson should count for Sharmaine Robinson.

Team Decision – Not Counted for Sharmaine Robinson, due to another write-in candidate with the last name Jackson.
Both sides presented their position regarding the markings on the ballot.

Challenge #8 – Ballot says Patrick Rodney

Team Decision – Count for Patrick

Both sides presented their position regarding the markings on the ballot.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding this challenge. Vice-Chair Boyd duly supported by Member Britton moved to uphold the team's decision. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Challenge #9 – Ballot says R. Patrick

Team Decision – Count for Patrick

Both sides presented their position regarding the markings on the ballot.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding this challenge. Vice-Chair Boyd duly supported by Member Britton moved to uphold the team's decision. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Certification of Recount – City Council At-Large, City of Highland Park

Ms. Redmond presented the Board with the Recount Calculation worksheet and the Recount Statement of Precincts.

Chair Preuss read the following recount results into the record:

Candidate	Certified Results	Recounted Results
Troiana Joan Jackson	27	28
Rodney Paul Patrick	247	243
Sharmaine Robinson	233	244
Jamal Karim Thomas	1,418	1,421

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for certification of the recounted results as presented in the recount statement of precincts. Member Riley, duly supported by Member Britton, moved to certify the recount results as read into the record and as shown in the recount statement of precincts. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: New Business

Ms., Redmond indicated that the Board will be in the City of Wayne

tomorrow for the recount of City Council -Ward 6.

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** Mark Ashley Price and Michael Hill thanked the Board for conducting the recount.

Agenda item: **Adjournment.**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion to adjourn. Member Riley, duly supported by Member Britton, moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.
