

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.
RALPH VIGLIOTTI BLDG.,
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 10:12 A.M.

Members present: Richard Preuss, Chair
Robert T. Boyd, Vice-Chair
Erin Y. Keith, 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
Edward McRae, Administrative Asst., Wayne County Elections
Helene Silverberg Jason Kujat
Charles Minella Derrick Kozicki
Gretchen Miotto Leslie Frank
Sara El-Raifai Lawrence Stec
Amy Whipple Tracey Boudreau

Agenda item: Consideration of Agenda approval

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

Agenda item: Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2024

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting held January 12, 2024. Member Riley, duly supported by, Member Keith moved for approval of the minutes of the meeting held January 12, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Approval to conduct the canvass of the January 30, 2024 Special Election

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Gregory Mahar, Director of Elections, reported the number of precincts, the number of ballots cast, and the percentage of voter turnout. He reported that the election was quiet and uneventful. All unofficial summary results were uploaded to the County Clerk's website by Midnight.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval to conduct the canvass of the January 30, 2024 Special Election. Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved for approval to conduct the canvass of the January 30, 2024 Special Election. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Ballot Container Inspections

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director of Elections, indicated that there were several communities present today with ballot containers and transfer cases for the Board's inspection and certification. Chair Preuss indicated the Board will take a brief recess to inspect the containers.

****Meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m.****

****Meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.****

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Deputy Director Redmond gave a report on the number of containers certified for each community. The report was read as followed:

Community	# of Containers approved
City Grosse Pointe Farms	9
City of Grosse Pointe Woods	9
City of Dearborn	92
City of Gibraltar	10
City of Southgate	14
City of Wyandotte	5
City of Harper Woods	19
City of Detroit	81
City of Taylor	32
Brownstown Township	14

Ms. Redmond also reported that 2 ballot bags for the City of Dearborn and 4 ballot bags for the City of Detroit could not be

certified due to physical defects in the container.

Agenda item: Consideration of meeting rules, conduct, and procedures

Corporation Counsel Rebecca Camargo requested the Board table the item until she can obtain the meeting rules from neighboring counties, Oakland and Macomb County.

Board action on agenda item: Member Keith, duly supported by Vice-Chair Boyd, moved to table this item until the next meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Election of Officers

Chair Preuss requested direction or procedures for conducting the election of officers. Corporation counsel indicated that it is customary to alternate the chairperson position. A democratic member has been the chair since 2023, it is recommended that a republican member is appointed as Chair.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss opened the floor for nominations for the Chairperson position. Chair Preuss nominated Member Riley for the Chair position. No other members were nominated. Chair Preuss duly supported by member Keith, moved to appoint Member Riley as Chair for the Wayne County Board of Canvassers. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss opened the floor for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson position. Vice-Chair Boyd nominated Chair Preuss for the Vice-Chairperson position. No other members were nominated. Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to appoint Chair Preuss as Vice-Chair for the Wayne County Board of Canvassers. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

The members congratulated Member Riley and Chair Preuss on their elections.

Agenda item: New Business Director Mahar indicated that the City of Westland showed the Board the ballot container tag that will be used for election paperwork.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. for certification of the January 30, 2024 Special Primary Election.

Agenda item: Public Comment – None

Agenda item: Adjournment

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

****Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.****
