MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.
RALPH VIGLIOTTI BUILDING
1900 E. JEFFERSON AVE., DETROIT, MI 48226
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 1:02 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
Louise Edje
Byron Nolen
Sandra Watley

Agenda item: **Consideration of Agenda approval**

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

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

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Ms. Redmond indicated that the Board's assistants have gone through the poll books and gathered the name variations for all write-in candidates. The name variations were combined in a report and was presented to the Board for its consideration. Ms. Redmond advised that there are no write-in variations for candidate Benita Lynn Carter or Linda Land.

Chair Preuss asked Corporation Counsel to remind the Board of its duty when considering name variations. Corporation Counsel

Rebecca A. Camargo advised that the intent of the voter when considered, is not doubtful, the ballot should be counted and allowed for the person intended.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Dan Loyd, write-in candidate for City Council, City of Allen Park.

1. DANIEL LOYD	7. DAN L. LLOYD	13. DANNY LOYD	19. DAN LYODD
2. DAN LLOYD	8. DAN LYOOD	14. DAN LYOLD	20. DAVE LLOYD
3. DAN LYOD	9. DANYAL LLODD	15. DAN LOYDE	21. DAN LOID
4. LLOYD	10. DAN LOYLD	16. DAN LOYYD	22. D. LLOYD
5. DAN LYORD	11. DAN LOYED	17. DAN FLOYD	
6. LOYD	12. DAN LLOD	18. MR. LLOYD	

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Dan Loyd. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Ed. A. Wurtzbacher, write-in candidate for City Council, City of Allen Park.

1. WURTBURGER	6. ED WARTZBANCHER
2. ED WURTZBACHER	7. ED WERTZBACHER
3. ED WURTEBACHER	8. ED WURTZBACKER
4. EDWARD WURTZBACHER	9. ED WERZBACHER
5. ED W.	10. ED WARTZBANCHER

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Ed. A. Wurtzbacher. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Phillip Michael Whitman, write-in candidate for City Council, Grosse Pointe Woods.

1. PHIL WHITMAN	2. PHILIP WHITMAN

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Phillip Michael Whitman. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variation for Julie C.L. Baumer, write-in candidate for City Council, City of Grosse Pointe Woods

1. JULIE BAUMER

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to approve the variation as a vote for Julie C.L. Baumer. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Khaled Abduljaleel Ahmed, write-in candidate for Treasurer, City of Melvindale.

1.	KHALED AHMED
2.	KALED AHMED
3.	KAHLIED AHMED
4.	KHALID AHMED
5.	KHALED AHMAE

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Khaled Abduljaleel Ahmed. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Josh Powell, write-in candidate for City Council, City of Westland.

1.	JOSHUA POWELL
2.	JOSH
3.	JOSH POWEL
4.	JOSH G.
5.	POWELL
6.	JOSH P.

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Josh Powell. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Andre Arturo Johnson, write-in candidate for Mayor, City of Inkster.

1.	ANDRE ARTURO JONDSON	2.	ARTRIO JOHNSON

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Andre Arturo Johnson. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Freddie George Bishop III, write-in candidate for City Council District #2, City of Inkster.

1. FREDDIE BISHOP III	9. FREDDLE GEORGE BISHOP III
2. PATRICK BISHOP	10. JONATHAN BISHOP
3. FREDDIE BISHOP	11. FREEDIE BISHOP
4. FREDDY BISHOP III	12. F.G. BISHOP III
5. FREDDIE BISHOP 3	13. FREDRICK BISHOP
6. FREDDIE GEORGE BISHOP	14. FREDDIE BISHOPE
7. FRED BISHOP	15. FRDDIE BISHOP III
8. FREDY BISHOP	16. FREDDIE BISHOP JR.

Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Freddie George Bishop III. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Charmaine Kennedy, write-in candidate for City Council District #2, City of Inkster.

1. CHARMAINE	9. KENNEDY
2. C. KENNEDY	10. C. KENNIDY
3. CHARMAINE KENNEDTH	11. C. KENNEN
4. CHARMINE KENNEDY	12. C. KENWEDY
5. CHARMINE KENADY	13. CHARMINNE KENNEDY
6. CHARMAINE KENADY	14. CHAMAINE KENNEDY
7. C. KENNDY	15. CHARNAINE KENNEDY
8. CHARMAINE KENNENDY	16. KENNEDY

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Charmaine Kennedy. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Hardy James Robb, write-in candidate for City Council District #2, City of Inkster.

1. HARDY ROBB	5. ROBB HARDY
2. ROBB	6. H. ROBB
3. HARDY JAMES ROBB II	7. HARDE ROBB
4. HARDY J. ROBB	8. ROBB HARDY

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Hardy James Robb. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Tangela Shycreas Ward, write-in candidate for City Council District #5, City of Inkster.

1. TAGELA WARD	3. TANGELA S. WARD
2. TANGELA WARD	4. WARD

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Tangela Shycreas Ward. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Akindele Folu Akinyemi, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

1. AKINDELA AKINYEM	7. AKINDELE AKINYEAI	13. AKINDELE F. AKINYEMI
2. AKINDELE AKINYLMI	8. AKINDELE FOLU AKINYE	14. AKINDELE A.
3. AKINDELE AKINYMI	9. AKINDELE FOLU AKINYMI	15. AKINDELE
4. AKINDELE AKINEYEMI	10. AKINDELE AKINYNI	16. AKINDLE
5. AKINEDELE FOLU AKINYEMI	11. AKINDELE AKINYEMI	17. AKINDELE AKINY
6. AKIN AKINYERI	12. AKINDELE-AKINYEMI	18. AKINDELE FOLU AKINERMI

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Akindele Folu Akinyemi. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Christha A. Bond, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

CHRISTA BOND	CHRISSHA BOND-JOHNSON	CHRISTINA BOND
CHRISSHA JOHNSON-BOND	CHRISHA A. BOND	CHLISTA BOND
CHRISSTA BOND	CHRISTNA JOHNSON BONDS	C. BOND
BOND	C. JOHNSON BOND	CHRISSTINA BOND
CHRISTRISHA BOND	CHRISHA BOND	CRYTIN BOND J.
CHRISSA BOND	CHRISTINA A. BOND	JHONSON
CHRISSHA BOND	CHRISTA JOHNSON-BOND	CHAISTHA S. BOND

Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Christha A. Bond. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Ashawnna Marie Butts, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

ASHAWNNA BUTTS	ASHANNA BUTTS
ASHAWNNA MARIE EDJE	AHAWNNS MARIE BUTTES
ASKAWNNER BUTTS	ASHANA BUTTS
ASHAWNNA M. BUTTS	ASHWNNA MARIE BUTTS
ASHAWNA MARIE BUTTS	ASHAWNNA
ASHANNA MARIE BUTTS	SHAWNNA MARIE BUTTS
BUTTS	

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to approve variations # 1, 3-13 as a vote for Ashawnna Marie Butts. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to reject variation # 2 as a vote for Ashawnna Marie Butts. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Louise Marie Edje, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

EDIE	DR. LOUISE EDJE
LOUISE EDJE	LOUISE MARIE EDIE
LOUIS EOIE	LOUISA MARIE EDJE
LOUISE MARGLE EDJE	LOUISE MARIE EDGE
LOUISE MARIE	LOUISO EDIE
LOUISE EDGE	LOUIS EGE
LOIUS MARIE EDJE	

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Louise Marie Edje. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Bonnie M. Kilgore, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

BONNIE KILGORE	BONNIE
KILGORE	BONNIE KILLGORE
BONNIES KILGORE	BONNY KILGORE
BOONIE	

Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Bonnie M. Kilgore. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Hester Purnell Watson Shoats, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

HESTER SHOATS	HESTER PURNELL WATSON
ESTER SHOATS	HESTER
HEATHER SHOATS	HESTER SHOATA
HESTER PURNELL	HESTER SHOOTS
HEASTER PURNELL WATSON SHOATS	HESTER P.W. SHOATS
HESTAN SHOATS	HESTOR SHOATS
WATSON SHOATS	

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve all variations as a vote for Hester Purnell Watson Shoats. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Elizabeth Claudine Sledge, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

ELIZABETH SLEDGE	ELIZABETH C. SLEDGE	ELLZABETH SLEDGE
CLAUDINE SLEDGE	MARY SLEDGE	ELIZABETH SLEDDE
LIZ SLEDGE	ELIZEBETH SLEDGE	L. SLEDGE

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve variations # 1-9 except for variation #5 as a vote for Elizabeth Claudine Sledge. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice-Chair Boyd moved to accept variation #5 as a vote for Elizabeth Claudine Sledge. The motion died for lack of support.

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to reject variation #5 as a vote for Elizabeth Claudine Sledge.
Ayes: Preuss, Riley, Keith **Nays:** None
Abstained: Boyd

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Sharron Tate, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

SHARRON WILSON	SHALLON TATE
SHARON TATE	SHARRON
SARRON TATE	S.L. TATE
SHARREN TATE	

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to approve variations # 2-7 as a vote for Sharron Tate. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to reject variations #1 as a vote for Sharron Tate. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Carolyn Taylor, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

CAROLYN WILSON	CAROLYN T. WILSON	CAROLYN-WILSON
CAROLYN TATE	CAROLIN WILSON	CARLYON TAYLOR WILSON

CAROLYN TAYLOR WILSON	CUROLIN WILSON	CAROLYN
CARLALYN WILSON	CARLA	CAROL
C. WILSON	CAROL TAYLOR	CAROL TYLOR WILSON
CARLOY WILSON	CAROLYN TAYLOR-WILSON	

Deputy Director informed the Board that during the gathering of the name variations, she noticed that there were a number of variations with the last name of Wilson. A voter registration check showed that the candidate goes by Carolyn Taylor, Carolyn Wilson, or a combination of both, more than likely a maiden name.

Member Keith, duly supported by, Member Riley, moved to approve variations 1, 3-17 as a vote for Carolyn Taylor. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Member Keith, duly supported by, Member Riley, moved to reject variation #2 as a vote for Carolyn Taylor. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Mary Diane Williams, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

MARY WILLIAMS	MARY D. WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to approve variations #1 & 2 as a vote for Mary Diane Williams. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Member Keith, duly supported by Vice-Chair Boyd, moved to reject variation #3 as a vote for Mary Diane Williams. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the name variations for Ruth Elizabeth Williams, write-in candidate for Library Board Director, City of Inkster.

RUTH E. WILLIAMS	RUTH ELIZABETH WILLIAM	WILLIAMS
RUTH WHITE	RUTH ELIZABETH W.	R. WILLIAMS
RUTH WILSON	RUTHIE E. WILLIAMS	RUTH ELIZABET WILLIAMS
RUTH WILLIAMS	RUTH E. WILLIAM	RUTH WILLAMS
RUTHIE WILLIAMS	RUTH E. WILLMM	RUTHA W. WILLIAM
RUTH WILLIAM	RUTH	RUTHY WILLIAMS

Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to approve variation #1, 2,4-12,14-18 as a vote for Ruth Elizabeth Williams. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved to reject variations 3 & 13 as a vote for Ruth Elizabeth Williams. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Certification of the November 7, 2023 City General Election**

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Mr. Gregory Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections reported that the canvass has been completed except for the City of Inkster. The Election Staff and the assistants are still working to balance some of the precincts and to ensure recountability, staff will be taking a further look at those out of balance precincts. Director Mahar informed that there were several emailed complaints from Inkster residents and candidates regarding Election Day, absentee ballots, polling locations not fully opened by 7:00a.m., the City Clerk's lack of preparation, and allegations of fraud. Member Keith read into the record a complaint from Inkster Voters.

Chair Preuss requested a response from the Inkster City Clerk, Verna Chapman. A copy of the complaints was given to Clerk Chapman. Chair Preuss asked if she had a response to the complaints. Discussion ensued between Members of the Board and Clerk Chapman regarding the allegations in the complaints. Clerk Chapman indicated that she was not aware of the fraudulent activity as described in the complaints. She acknowledged a lack of resources and qualified election workers that makes it more difficult to manage the Elections. Chair Preuss inquired about a plan moving forward to ensure that this never happens again. Clerk Chapman indicated that she has submitted a Plan to the State of Michigan and Wayne County for Early Voting.

Chair Preuss acknowledged that although the Wayne County Board of Canvassers does not have investigative authority to handle Election related complaints, the complaint that have been received will be referred to the Secretary of State's office.

Deputy Director Redmond thanked the Romulus City Clerk and Deputy Clerk for all their hard work with assisting the City of Inkster. She commended them for not throwing in the towel and staying to ensure the Election Inspectors and polling sites were operational, performing some onsite training for the inspectors, and staying to see it through.

Board action of Agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Director Mahar reported to the Board the communities involved in the election, the number of precincts for certification and

the percentage of voter turnout for the Election. He reported on the number of precincts balanced, out of balance with an explanation, and the precincts out of balance without and explanation. A copy of the November 7, 2023 canvass report and the Official Summary Report was presented to the Board for their review.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for certification of the November 7, 2023 City General Election. Member Riley, duly supported by Member Keith, moved for certification of the November 7, 2023 City General Election, except the City of Inkster. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

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

Corporation Counsel Camargo advised that she had not researched the item Member Riley brought up at the last meeting. She requested for the Board to table the item until the next meeting.

Board Action on Agenda item: Vice-Chair Boyd moved that the Board table the item until after the Presidential Primary. The motion died for a lack of support.

Board Action on Agenda item: Member Keith, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to table this item until the next meeting.
Ayes: Preuss, Riley, Keith **Nays:** Boyd
Abstained: None

Agenda item: **New Business**

Chair Preuss asked if there was any new business. Ms. Redmond indicated that the Board would need to meet to certify the City of Inkster. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda item: **Public Comment**

Ms. Sandra Watley and Byron Nolen made comments about what the issues they witnessed at the polling locations on Election Day and the difficulties they encountered with the Inkster City Clerk's office.

Agenda item: **Adjournment**

Chair Preuss requested a motion for adjournment. Vice-Chair Boyd,

duly supported by Member Keith, moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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