MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.
ERNEST T. FORD RECREATION CENTER
10 PITKIN ST., HIGHLAND PARK, MI 48203

Call to Order: Chair Jonathan C. Kinloch, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 9:56 A.M.

Members present: Jonathan Kinloch, Chair
Monica Palmer, Vice-Chair
Terry Susan Nichols, Alternate Member

Members absent: Allen Wilson, Member (excused)
Mayra Rodriguez, Member (excused)

Also present: Gregory P. Mahar**,** Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director, Wayne County Elections
Janet Anderson-Davis, Assistant Corporation Counsel
En'Joli Conley, Administrative Assistant, Wayne County Elections

Deblon Jackson	Tamika Lynch
Emmanuel Hunley	Herman Starks
Roderick Williams	Ebony Cody
Khursheed Ash-Shafii	Mark Ashley Price
Angela Thomas	Aaron McCarthy
June Ridley	Robert Olive
Venita Walker	Lisa Williams
Myra Denson	Michael A. Hall
Henrietta Ivey	Hubert Yopp
Elizabeth Moore	Catherine Perkins
Sharmaine Robinson	Brenda Green
Carol Durham	Cidia Wicker-Brown
Nicole Simmons	Edward McRae
Janice Nielsen	William R. Ford
Valerie Smith	Daniel Pachman
Barbara Jackson	Alexis Ramsey
Annie Holt	August Gitschlag
Jeanette Stanley	Abdallah Siblani
Sylvia Price	Chris Woodard
Edith Waters-White	Janice Bibbs
Joyce Taylor	

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

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Alternate Member Nichols, duly supported by Vice-Chair Palmer, moved to adopt the agenda as submitted. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of Minutes of November 11, 2019**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted November 11, 2019. Alternate Member Nichols, duly supported by Vice-Chair Palmer, moved to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted November 11, 2019. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Recount**
Office of Mayor, City of Highland Park
Office of City Council, District #1, City of Highland Park
Office of City Council, District #3, City of Highland Park

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch asked if there was a report from the Department of Elections. Director Gregory P. Mahar, indicated staff and the board's assistants are ready to commence the recount. Corporation Counsel Janet Anderson-Davis advised the board that no objections to the recount were filed.

Chair Kinloch indicated that the recount petitions for the Office of Mayor, Office of City Council District #1 and City Council District #3, City of Highland Park were authorized at the previous meeting. Chair Kinloch stated the Board will take a recess to conduct the recount and the meeting will reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

**Meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. **

**Meeting re-convened at 4:08 p.m. **

Members present: Jonathan Kinloch, Chair
Monica Palmer, Vice-Chair
Terry Susan Nichols, Alternate Member

Director Mahar provided a report to the Board on the number of precincts recountable. He informed that Election Day precincts #2,

3, 4, 5 & 6 and AVCB precincts 4, 5 & 6 were recountable; Election Day Precinct #1 and AVCB precincts 1, 2 & 3 were not recountable.

Corporation Counsel Anderson-Davis presented the following challenges to the Board for consideration:

Exhibit #1 – Pct. 1 – Office of Mayor
Team Decision: Not Recountable, 166 ballots counted, names in the poll book is 167; number of votes cast on tape is 167. No explanation.
Challenger: Deblon Jackson
Challenge: "The vote is off and it makes a difference because of the closeness of the count for transparency sake. Want it to be countable."
The challenger addressed the Board and spoke in support of the challenge.

Board action on agenda item: Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate-Member Nichols, moved to uphold the team's decision. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Exhibit #6 – AVCB 926 (AV Pct. 1, 2 & 3) – City Council Dist. #1
Team Decision: Not recountable. The seal number in the poll book did not match the seal number on the container or on the certificate.
Challenger: Deblon Jackson
Challenge: "Every vote should count; the voters have a right to a proper count." The challenger addressed the Board and spoke in support of the challenge and requested that the precincts be recounted.

Board action on agenda item: Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate-Member Nichols, moved to uphold the team's decision. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Exhibit #2 – Precinct 5 – City Council Dist. #3
Team Decision: No Vote.
Challenger: Herman Starks
Challenge: "Voter intent was to vote for Khursheed Ash-Shafii. Approve variation." The challenger addressed the Board and spoke in support of the challenge and requested the vote to be approved for the candidate.

Board action on agenda item: Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate-Member Nichols, moved to deny the team's decision and award the vote to Khursheed Ash-Shafii. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Exhibit # 3 – Precinct 5 – City Council Dist. #3
Team Decision: No Vote; variation already rejected by the Board of Canvassers.
Challenger: Herman Starks
Challenge: "Voter intent and question of literacy and spelling of the name, Board is incorrect to disallow." The challenger addressed the Board and spoke in support of the challenge and requested the vote to be approved for the candidate. Candidate Khursheed Ash-Shafii spoke in support of the challenge and requested fairness.

Board action on agenda item: Alternate-Member Nichols, duly supported by Vice-Chair Palmer, moved to reject the team's decision and award the vote to Khursheed Ash-Shafii. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Exhibit # 4 – Precinct 2 – City Council Dist. #1
Team Decision: No Vote; Board of Canvassers already rejected it.
Challenger: Deblon Jackson
Challenge: "There is only a Deblon name on the ballot. It is the voter's intent to vote for Deblon Jackson."

Board action on agenda item: Alternate-Member Nichols, duly supported by Vice-Chair Palmer, moved to reject the team's decision and award the vote to Deblon Jackson. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Exhibit # 5 – Precinct 6 – City Council Dist. #3
Team Decision: No Vote.
Challenger: Henrietta Ivey
Challenge: "Voter intent name for Khursheed Ash-Shafii." The challenger spoke in support of the vote being given to Khursheed Ash-Shafii.

Board action on agenda item: Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols, moved to reject the team's decision and award the vote to Khursheed Ash-Shafii. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Exhibit # 7 – AVCB Precinct 5 – City Council Dist. #3
Team Decision: No Vote; board rejected the name variation.
Challenger: Herman Starks
Challenge: "Voter intent only candidate with name Khursheed Ash-Shafii, literacy issue."
The challenger spoke in support of the vote being given to Khursheed Ash-Shafii.

Corporation Counsel Anderson-Davis addressed the challenger and informed him of the process for determining name variations.

Board action on agenda item: Alternate Member Nichols, duly supported by Vice-Chair Palmer, moved to reject the team's decision and award the vote to Khursheed Ash-Shafii. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda Item: **Consideration of Name Variations**

Deputy Director Jennifer Redmond presented the Board with a list of additional name variations that were obtained during the recount.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion regarding the name variation for Deblon Jackson, write-in candidate for City Council Dist. #1, City of Highland Park.

1. Deblom Jackson

Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols, moved to accept variation #1 as a vote for Deblon Jackson. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion regarding the name variations for Norma Jean Lewis, write-in candidate for City Council Dist. #1, City of Highland Park.

1. Lewis
2. Margret Lewis

Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols, moved to accept variation #1 and reject variation #2 for Norma Jean Lewis. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion regarding the name variation for Khursheed Ash-Shafii, write-in candidate for City Council Dist. #3, City of Highland Park.

1. Kursheed

Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols, moved to approve variation #1 as a vote for Khursheed Ash-Shafii. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion regarding the name variation for Derrick Armstrong, write-in candidate for City Council Dist. #3, City of Highland Park.

1. Derrick Amrstrong

Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols, moved to accept variation #1 as a vote for Derrick Armstrong. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Certification of Recount**

Ms. Redmond informed the Board that she will adjust the votes for the candidates based on the review of challenges and the approval of name variations.

**Meeting recessed at 4:41 p.m. **

**Meeting re-convened 5:08 p.m. **

Ms. Redmond provided the board with the Official Recount Statement of precincts for the Office of Mayor, City Council District #1, and City Council District #3, City of Highland Park. Chair Kinloch read the following recount results into the record:

OFFICE OF MAYOR, CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK		
Candidate	Original Vote Total	Recount Vote Total
Glenda McDonald	635	635
Hubert Yopp	663	663
Helena Yago	2	2

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to certify the recount results read into the record for the Office of Mayor. Alternate Member Nichols, duly supported by Vice-Chair Palmer, moved to certify the recount statement of precincts for the Office of Mayor, City of Highland Park. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT #1, CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK		
Candidate	Original Vote Total	Recount Vote Total
Deblon Jackson	55	58
Norma Jean Lewis	62	67
Eban L. Morales	30	25
Temeko Manica	25	24

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to certify the recount results read into the record for the office of City Council District #1. Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols, moved to certify the recount statement of precincts for the Office of City Council District #1, City of Highland Park. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT #3, CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK		
Candidate	Original Vote Total	Recount Vote Total
Derrick Armstrong	25	25
Khursheed Ash-Shafii	14	21
Doris Harris	6	6

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to certify the recount results read into the record for the Office of City Council District #3. Alternate Member Nichols, duly supported by Vice-Chair Palmer, moved to certify the recount statement of precincts for the Office of City Council District #3, City of Highland Park. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business.**

Chair Kinloch asked if there was any new business. None

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** Khursheed Ash-Shafii made a public comment regarding the recount process and complained about the City Clerk and the Clerk's office. Chair Kinloch responded to the commenter and fully explained the process.

Agenda item: **Adjournment.**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Palmer, duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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