



**WASHTENAW COUNTY
BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

May 8, 2025

MINUTES

A meeting of the Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers was held in the Lower Level Large Conference Room located at 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Hall-Thiam (D), Chair
Marc Boone (R), Vice Chair
Ed Clarke (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Denise Pettis (D)

ASSISTANTS PRESENT: William "Dirk" Mayhew (D)

OTHERS PRESENT: Rena Basch, Director of Elections
James N. Allen, Deputy Clerk/Elections
Lynne Kochmonski, Rebecca Shiemke, Cheryl Depner, and Catherine Murau of the League of Women Voters
Michelle Anzaldi, Pittsfield Township Clerk
Jill Mitchell, Pittsfield Township Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

Hall-Thiam called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Hall-Thiam said that the Board was supposed to elect a new Chair each year. She said that the Chair and Vice Chair are supposed to switch parties, and her term was over.

Hall-Thiam nominated Clarke for Chair; Clarke seconded. Motion passed.

Boone nominated Hall-Thiam for Vice Chair; Hall-Thiam seconded. Motion passed.

Public Participation - None.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Hall-Thiam, second by Clarke, to approve the minutes of November 7, 2024 as amended. Motion passed.

Certification of the May 6, 2025 Special Election

Basch explained that for this election, and hopefully moving forward the Board of Canvassers, would not need to act as the "absent voter counting board" for the late-arriving military and overseas (MOVE) ballots. If any arrived in the constitutionally mandated window, the votes could be added directly to the EMS. After the canvassing was finished today, she would reprint the results as "Official" and have the Board sign the canvass documents. In the event that any late-arriving (MOVE) ballots' votes needed to be added, she would contact the Canvassers to come into the County Clerk's office to sign the updated Official results.

Basch explained where the checklists and paperwork were located on the side tables, and answered questions.

Clarke assigned jurisdictions to the two teams.

The Board canvassed each precinct and Absent Voter Count Board involved in the May 6, 2025 Election, finishing up around 12:15 pm.

Certification of Ballot Containers

The Board inspected new Scio Township Ballot containers, and signed certificates.

Adjournment

Canvassers signed the canvass cover sheet, certificate of determination and statements of returns.

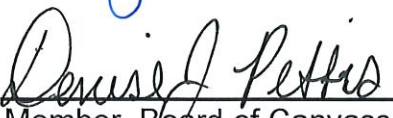
There was further discussion regarding when and if Canvassers would need to return to the Clerk's office to sign updated official results; it was agreed that if necessary, Canvassers would come in on May 15.

Boone moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Clarke. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm on May 8, 2025.



Member, Board of Canvassers (D)

Member, Board of Canvassers (R)



Member, Board of Canvassers (D)

Member, Board of Canvassers (R)



Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

Approved on: August 7, 2025