



WASHTENAW COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

August 28, 2025

MINUTES

A meeting of the Washtenaw County Election Commission was held in-person in the lower-level small conference room at 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register
Judge Darlene O'Brien
Latitia Lamelle Sharp, Treasurer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rena Basch, Director of Elections
James N. Allen, Deputy Clerk/Elections Program Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Judge O'Brien called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 29, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Kestenbaum moved, supported by Lamelle Sharp, to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2025 meeting.

Vote on the motion: 3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY PRECINCT CONSOLIDATIONS

Kestenbaum moved, supported by Lamelle Sharp to approve the temporary precinct consolidations as listed.

Jurisdiction	Consolidated Precincts	Jackson voters in WISD
ANN ARBOR CITY	1-1 & 4-31	
	1-5 & 1-6	
	2-13 & 2-19	
	3-27 & 3-30	
	4-34 & 4-38	
	4-37 & 5-48	
CHELSEA CITY	1 & 2	
SALEM TOWNSHIP	1 & 3	
SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP	3 & 4	
WEBSTER TOWNSHIP	1 & 2	
MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP	2 & Norvell Twp	Manchester schools
SHARON TOWNSHIP	1 & Grass Lake Twp	Manchester schools
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP	1 & Grass Lake Twp	Chelsea schools

Vote on the motion: 3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF EARLY VOTING SITE LOCATIONS, HOURS OF OPERATION, AND INSPECTOR RATES OF PAY

Elections Director Basch explained to the Commission how Early Voting works in Michigan and how it is conducted throughout the County. The County has a partnership with all but four municipalities to conduct their Early Voting. The four communities that administer their own Early Voting sites are: the Cities of Ann Arbor and Milan and the Townships of Bridgewater and Ypsilanti.

Treasurer Lamelle Sharp raised concern over the decision by Ypsilanti Township to exercise their choice not to hold Early Voting for November 2025. Discussion was held among the members regarding the nuances of how Early Voting is done within the County.

The Election Commission agreed to table the matter until it could be discussed with representatives from Ypsilanti Township over their decision regarding Early Voting.

APPROVE BALLOTS FOR NOVEMBER 4 ELECTION

Elections Director Basch presented the ballot proofs to the Commission for their review.

Kestenbaum moved, supported by Lamelle Sharp, to approve the ballots for November 4, 2025 Election.

Vote on the motion: 3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Early Voting. The Commission decided since they discussed Early Voting previously, there was no further need of discussion in New Business.

Kestenbaum moved, supported by Lamelle Sharp, to approve the proposed Early Voting Site Locations, Hours of Operation, and Inspector Rates of Pay in order to establish if the County conducts five days of Early Voting.

Judge O'Brien advised of edits to make to the resolution.

Vote on the motion: 3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions. Motion Carried.

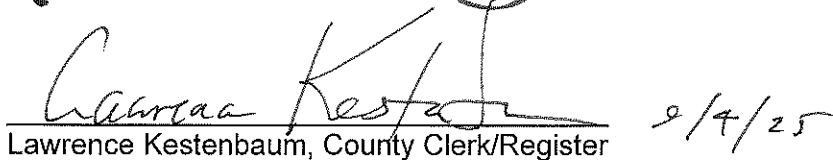
Kestenbaum moved, supported by Lamelle Sharp, to hold a separate Election Commission Meeting on Thursday, September 4, at 3:45 pm in the small conference room 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor.

Vote on the motion: 3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 4:25 pm.


Judge Darlene O'Brien 9-4-25


Lawrence Kestenbaum, County Clerk/Register 9/4/25

Approved: 9/4/2025