



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

November 6, 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
Ed Clarke (R) - Vice Chair
Denise Pettis (D)
Sharon Giuffre (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rena Basch, Director of Elections
James N. Allen, Deputy Clerk/Elections
William Mayhew, Resident
Catherine Murau, League of Women Voters
Cherly Depner, League of Women Voters
Jill Keller, Pittsfield Township Deputy Clerk
Michelle Anzaldi, Pittsfield Township Clerk
Holly Blais, League of Women Voters
David Tschirley, League of Women Voters
Margaret Leary, League of Women Voters
Sarah V. Fink, League of Women Voters

Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chair Hall-Thiam called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Public Participation – Resident Dirk Mayhew addressed the Board to acknowledge the presence of the Pittsfield Township Clerk Michelle Anzaldi and Deputy Clerk Jill Keller and suggested their precincts be canvassed first.

Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Mr. Clarke suggested adding a review of Canvass process.

The Board discussed overtime pay and was advised pay is set by the County Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Pettis, supported by Giuffre, to approve the agenda with the addition of adding a review of the canvass process.

Yeas: Clarke, Giuffre, Hall-Thiam, Pettis
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion carried

Approval of Minutes of August Canvass

The Board discussed making changes to the Minutes.

Motion by Pettis, supported by Giuffre, to approve the minutes of meeting on August 7, 2025, with the following change, striking the words *confirming that* and inserting words *advising counsel believes the best course of action is returning the Chair to Mary Hall-Thiam*.

Yeas: Giuffre, Hall-Thiam, Pettis
Nays: Clarke
Absent: None
Motion carried

Elections Director Rena Basch provided a review of the materials and process for canvassing each precinct.

Canvass of the November 4, 2025 General Election

The Board conducted a canvass of the November 4, 2025 Elections held in all jurisdictions in Washtenaw County.

At 4:51 pm, the Board agreed to recess for the day and reconvene at 9:00 am, November 7.

At 9:00 am on November 7, the Board of Canvassers reconvened to continue certifying the election.

At 4:07 pm, the Board agreed to recess for the day and reconvene at 2:00 pm on November 12.

At 2:00 pm on November 12, the Board reconvened to complete the re-tabulation of Sharon Township Precinct 1 and Saline Township Precinct 1.

Other Business

- a. Schedule January 2026 Organizational Meeting

Motion by Hall-Thiam, supported by Pettis, to Schedule the January 2026 Organizational Meeting on January 12 at 9:00 am.

Yeas: Clarke, Giuffre, Hall-Thiam, Pettis
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried

- b. Schedule March 2026 certification of containers

No action was taken.

Motion by Giuffre, supported by Clarke, to retabulate the ballots from out-of-balance precincts in Saline Township and Sharon Township.

Yeas: Clarke, Giuffre, Hall-Thiam, Pettis

Nays: None

Absent: None

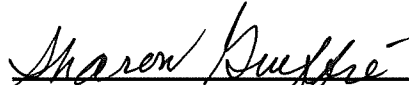
Motion carried

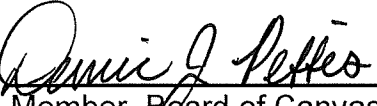
Basch, presented the Board with a partial canvass cover sheet, certificate of determination and statements of returns for the Canvassers to sign.

There was further discussion regarding the retabulations and when the Canvassers would need to return to the Clerk's office to sign updated official results; it was agreed the Canvassers would come in on Monday, November 17.

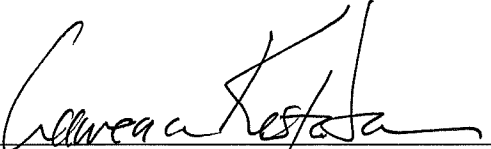
Adjournment

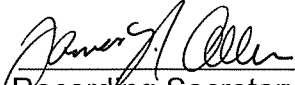

Member, Board of Canvassers (D)


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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register


Recording Secretary

Approved: 1/12/2026

