

# **ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING**

August 6, 2025, 5:30 PM City Hall, Admin Conference Room 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI 48326

# **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
  - 3a. Minutes of September 30, 2024

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 30, 2024 as presented.

- 4. NEW BUSINESS
  - 4a. Review List of Precincts for November 4, 2025 Election

MOTION: To approve the list of precincts, including the temporary consolidation of Precincts 1 & 9, Precincts 2 & 5, and Precincts 6 & 8, and to approve the location of the Absentee Voter Counting Board and Early Voting Site for the November 4, 2025 City Election.

- 4b. Selection of Precincts for Public Accuracy Test for November 4, 2025 Election MOTION: To test the following precincts at the Public Accuracy Test held at 5:30 PM on September 30, 2025:
- 4c. Review of Permanent Changes to Precinct Boundaries and Polling Locations
  - 1. MOTION: To adopt a resolution changing the precinct boundaries to reduce the number of precincts from 9 to 7 and the proposed renumbering of the 7 precincts for the City of Auburn Hills effective January 1, 2026.
  - 2. MOTION: To recommend changing the polling location for the new Precinct 6 (formerly Precinct 3) from Auburn Hills Presbyterian Church, 3456 Primary Street to Avondale High School, 2800 Waukegan effective January 1, 2026.

#### 5. OTHER ITEMS

- 5a. Next meeting: September 30, 2025 at 5:30 PM for the purpose of conducting the Public Accuracy Test and approving the list of Election Inspectors.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting minutes are on file in the City Clerk's Office. NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248.370.9402 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.



### **ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING**

September 30, 2024, 3:30 PM City Hall, Council Chamber 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI 48326

# **DRAFT** MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Pierce called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Present: Timothy Carrier

Laura Pierce Rolanda Peet

Absent: None

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3a. Minutes of September 12, 2024

MOTION by Carrier, seconded by Peet.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of September 12, 2024 as presented.

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None MOTION CARRIED (3 - 0)

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

### 4a. Review List of Election Inspectors

MOTION by Peet, seconded by Carrier:

RESOLVED: To approve the list of election inspectors, chairpersons, absentee voter counting board inspectors, early voting inspectors, early voting receiving board members and regular receiving board members for the November 5, 2024 General Election pursuant to MCL 168.674(1) and to authorize the City Clerk to make revisions as needed.

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None MOTION CARRIED (3 - 0)

### 4b. Public Accuracy Test

The Election Commission conducted the Public Accuracy Test on Precinct Tabulators 3 and 5 and the Early Voting Tabulator in accordance with Michigan Election Law.

### 5. OTHER ITEMS

None

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.



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# **MEMORANDUM**

Date: August 1, 2025

To: Election Commission

From: Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

Regarding: Temporary Consolidation of Precincts

Michigan Election Law Section 168.659, allows for the consolidation of precincts for non-state or federal elections. Consolidated precincts shall not exceed 5,000 active registered voters. Consolidation must be made not less than sixty days prior to the election.

For your reference the number of registered voters, per combined precinct, is listed below. In addition, the list of precinct locations is attached.

Precinct	# of Registered Voters
1/9	3,883
2/5	3,136
3	2,395
4	1,921
6/8	3,332
7	1,991
Total	16,658

<b>CITY OF AUBURN HILLS</b>
<b>VOTING PRECINCTS</b>

VOTING PRECINCTS			
Precinct Number	Location Name		
	Address		
1 & 9	Community Center		
	3350 E. Seyburn Rd		
2 & 5	Avondale High School		
	2950 Waukegan Rd		
3	Auburn Hills Presbyterian Church		
	3456 Primary St		
4	Liberty General Baptist Church		
	3545 Joslyn Rd		
6 & 8	Apostolic Church of Christ		
	3655 N. Squirrel Rd		
7	Grant Graham Elementary		
	2450 Old Salem Rd		
AVCB	Municipal Building		
	1827 N. Squirrel Rd		
EV	Public Safety Building		
	1899 N. Squirrel Rd		

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### **MEMORANDUM**

Date: August 1, 2025

To: Election Commission

From: Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

Regarding: Precinct Boundary Changes & Precinct Location Change

In November, 2022, the voters approved Proposal 22-02 which made several significant changes to election law. In addition to early voting, one of these changes was to increase the size of a precinct from 2,999 voters to 4,999 voters.

The City currently has nine precincts, located at six polling locations. The precincts range in size from 1,500 voters to 2,500 voters. After one full year of early voting, which consisted of three very different elections, staff was able to review the voter turnout and the method of voting for each election (in person on election day, in person early voting, and voting by absentee ballot).

The Presidential Election had our highest number of voters to date with a turnout of 66%. Of those who voted, 63% of the voters voted by absentee ballot or at the early voting site. Only 37% of the voters voted in person on election day. The election day precincts ranged from 200 voters to 630 voters.

Staff reviewed the number of voters who voted by each method and determined that several precincts could be combined to efficiently reduce the number of precincts and not impact the election day voters too drastically.

Precincts 6 and 8 are located at the Apostolic Church. In Precinct 6, 68% of the registered voters are on the Permanent Application List or the Permanent Ballot List, meaning they want to receive a ballot by mail. This precinct can easily be combined with Precinct 8 and will not put an undue burden on the election day process. By combining the precincts, the total number of voters will be 3,332, 51% of which are on the Permanent Application List or the Permanent Ballot List.

Precincts 2 and 5 are located at Avondale High School. While these precincts are pretty comparable in size, Precinct 5 tends to have fewer in-person election day voters and can be easily combined so as to not put an undue burden on the election day process. By combining the precincts, the total number of voters will be 3,136, 37% of which are the Permanent Application List or the Permanent Ballot List.

If Precincts 2 and 5 are combined, this will allow us to move Precinct 3 from the Presbyterian Church to the Avondale High School. The high school will allow for a better flow of voter traffic inside the precinct, allow for a more comfortable work environment for the election inspectors and has plenty of parking for the voters. No additional space will be needed at the high school. *Note: Per MCL 168.662(1) the City Council is responsible for designating the permanent polling locations. If the Election Commission agrees with this polling location change, staff will then present the recommendation to City Council.* 

It is important to note that Precincts 1 and 9 are located at the Community Center. Staff is not recommending that these precincts be combined. With Oakland University being located within Precinct 1, the volume of students who register to vote and vote on election day is substantial. To combine the two precincts would put the total number of registered voters over 4,000 and could put an undue burden on the election day processes.

In addition to the combination of precincts, the precinct numbers will also need to change. Staff is recommending the precinct numbers be changed as stated below.

NEW PRECINCT NUMBER	POLLING LOCATION	NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	OLD PRECINCT NUMBER
1	Liberty General Baptist Church, 3545 Joslyn Rd	1,921	4
2	Apostolic Church, 3655 N. Squirrel Rd	3,332	6 & 8
3	Community Center, 3350 E. Seyburn Rd	1,998	9
4	Community Center, 3350 E. Seyburn Rd	1,885	1
5	Grant Graham Elementary, 2450 Old Salem Rd	1,991	7
6	Avondale High School, 2800 Waukegan	2,395	3
7	Avondale High School, 2800 Waukegan	3,136	2 & 5

It is recommended that these changes be adopted this year and go into effect on January 1, 2026. Next year Voter ID Cards will be mailed to all voters to notify them of the changes.

When considering precinct boundaries, precincts must have a clearly defined and clearly observable boundary. Precincts must not contain more than 4,999 active registered voters. We must consider any future developments that may occur, school district boundaries, and number of voters when precincts are combined.

#### **SUGGESTION MOTIONS:**

To adopt a resolution changing the precinct boundaries to reduce the number of precincts from 9 to 7 and the proposed renumbering of the 7 precincts for the City of Auburn Hills effective January 1, 2026.

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