



ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING

August 6, 2025, 5:30 PM

City Hall, Admin Conference Room

1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI 48326

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Laura Pierce
Rolanda Peet
Tamara Walker
Absent: None

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3a. Minutes of September 30, 2024

MOTION by Peet, seconded by Walker.

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

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED (3 - 0)

4. NEW BUSINESS

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

MOTION by Walker, seconded by Peet.

RESOLVED: 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.

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED (3 - 0)

4b. Selection of Precincts for Public Accuracy Test for November 4, 2025 Election

MOTION by Peet, seconded by Walker.

RESOLVED: To test the following precincts at the Public Accuracy Test held at 5:30 PM on September 30, 2025: Precincts 4, AV 1, and the Early Voting Tabulator.

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED (3 - 0)

4c. Review of Permanent Changes to Precinct Boundaries and Polling Locations

Ms. Pierce explained that 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. Staff has reviewed the size of the current precincts and analyzed the number of voters who voted in-person at the precinct, by early voting and by absentee ballot at each election held last year. It was determined that several precincts could be combined to efficiently reduce the number of precincts and not drastically impact the precinct operations and the in-person election day voters.

Ms. Pierce recommended that Precincts 6 and 8, currently located at the Apostolic Church, be combined into one precinct as Precinct 6 has a very large number of voters who vote by absentee ballot. She also proposed that Precincts 2 and 5, currently located at Avondale High School, be combined into one precinct as Precinct 5 tends to have fewer in-person voters on election day.

Ms. Pierce noted that once Precincts 2 and 5 are combined, Precinct 3 could be moved from the Presbyterian Church to 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. She explained that 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.

Ms. Pierce pointed out 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 during busy elections.

Ms. Pierce explained that with the increase in the number of voters, the precincts will begin using dual Poll Books, similar to the Early Voting set up, where two voters can be processed at the same time.

In addition, Ms. Pierce proposed new precinct numbers to reflect the reduction in the number of precincts. 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.

MOTION by Peet, seconded by Walker.

RESOLVED: 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. (Attachment A)

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED (3 - 0)

MOTION by Walker, seconded by Peet.

RESOLVED: 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.

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED (3 - 0)

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

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION TO REVISE AND CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE POLLING LOCATIONS AND THE PRECINCT NUMBERING IN THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

At a regular meeting of the Election Commission of the City of Auburn Hills, Michigan, held in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall, 1827 N. Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 on August 6, 2025, the following resolution was offered by Peet and seconded by Walker:

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Hills currently has 9 voting precincts and 6 polling locations; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has conducted a thorough review of the current voting precinct structure and has determined that a reduction from nine (9) precincts to seven (7) precincts will enhance election administration efficiency while continuing to provide convenient voting access for all eligible voters; and

WHEREAS, the rearrangement of precinct boundaries are governed under Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.654-661, and must be submitted to the Michigan Department of State; and

WHEREAS, all planned precinct boundary changes must be approved by the local Election Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills hereby approves the reduction of voting precincts from nine (9) to seven (7) as recommended by the City Clerk; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Auburn Hills Election Commission approves the precinct boundary changes and renumbering. The following boundaries and numbering are hereby designated as the precinct boundaries and precinct numbers for the City of Auburn Hills:

PRECINCT 1 (formerly Precinct 4)

Starting at the corner of Rohr Rd and the Orion Twp border. Orion Twp border east to Brown Rd. Brown Rd to Lapeer Rd. Lapeer Rd south to Walton Blvd. Walton Blvd to the Pontiac border. Pontiac border north, then west to Collier Rd. Collier Rd west to Joslyn Ave. Pontiac border west, then north, from Joslyn Ave to Collier Rd. Along the Pontiac border to Collier Rd. Collier Rd northwest to the Canadian National R.R. Canadian National R.R. south to the Pontiac border. Pontiac border to Baldwin Rd. Baldwin Rd north to N. Lake Angelus Rd. N. Lake Angelus Rd west to Rohr Rd. Rohr Rd north to the starting point.

PRECINCT 2 (formerly Precincts 6 & 8)

Starting at the corner of Dutton Rd and Lapeer Rd. Dutton Rd east to the Rochester Hills border. Rochester Hills border south to Tienken Rd. Tienken Rd west to N. Squirrel Rd.

N. Squirrel Rd south to Birchfield St. Birchfield west to Patrick Henry Rd. Patrick Henry Rd north to Dexter Rd. Dexter Rd south to James Rd. James Rd west to Phillips Rd. Phillips Rd north to Lapeer Rd. Lapeer Rd north to the starting point.

PRECINCT 3 (formerly Precinct 9)

Starting at the corner of Tienken Rd and N. Squirrel Rd. Tienken Rd east to the Rochester Hills border. Rochester Hills border south to Walton Blvd. Walton Blvd west to Patrick Henry Rd. Patrick Henry Rd north to Birchfield St. Birchfield St east to N. Squirrel Rd. N. Squirrel Rd north to the starting point.

PRECINCT 4 (formerly Precinct 1)

Starting at the corner of Walton Blvd and Lapeer Rd. Lapeer Rd north to Phillips Rd. Philips Rd east, then south to James Rd. James Rd east to Dexter Rd. Dexter Rd north to Patrick Henry Rd. Patrick Henry Rd south to Walton Blvd. Walton Blvd east to the Rochester Hills border. Rochester Hills border south to M-59. M-59 west to Pontiac border. Pontiac border north to Featherstone Rd. Featherstone Rd west to the Pontiac border. Pontiac border north to Commonwealth Rd. Commonwealth Rd north to the starting point.

PRECINCT 5 (formerly Precinct 3)

Starting at the corner of M-59 and I-75. M-59 east to the Rochester Hills border. Rochester Hills border south to Adams Rd. Adams Rd south to Auburn Rd. Auburn Rd west to I-75. I-75 north to the starting point.

PRECINCT 6 (formerly Precinct 2 & 5)

Starting at the corner of Auburn Rd and I-75. Auburn Rd east to Adams Rd. Adams Rd south to South Blvd. South Blvd west to I-75. I-75 north to the starting point.

PRECINCT 7

Starting at the corner of M-59 and N. Opdyke Rd. M-59 east to I-75. I-75 south to South Blvd. South Blvd west to S. Opdyke Rd. S. Opdyke Rd north to N. Opdyke Rd. N. Opdyke Rd north to the starting point.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

AYES: 3 (Pierce, Peet, Walker)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

State of Michigan)

County of Oakland)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Auburn Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Election Commission of the City of Auburn Hills at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of August, 2025, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this ____ day of ____, ____.

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

