

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2025**

The Houghton County Board of Canvassers held a meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Franklin Township Office in Hancock, Michigan. The meeting was held to approve the November 4, 2025 Election results.

The Canvassers completed their per diems, and reviewed the minutes from the August 7, 2025 Canvassing.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Barbara Manninen at 9:37 a.m. The following responded to roll call to the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Valorie Troesch-Democrat; and Sharon Foix, Republican. Becky Bruin-Slot, Republican arrived at 9:50 a.m.

Also in attendance was Renee Cunningham, Chief Deputy County Clerk, assisting with the canvassing. In public attendance was Barry Fink.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Canvassers did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Sharon Foix to approve the Agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Approve Minutes from last Canvassing-August 7, 2025:

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix to approve the August 7, 2025 minutes as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

Barry Fink explained that the League of Women Voters are attending Canvassing throughout the State to observe the safe and secure process of elections.

Review and approve all election envelopes, tapes, and all documentation in every Precinct

Calumet-Precinct 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Calumet-Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0.

City of Hancock 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Hancock 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that the 2 cross outs on the cover page show the workers initials and be in red.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Hancock 3

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Precinct 3.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Houghton 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Houghton 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Houghton AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that there be an explanation written as to the line down in the second section of the Ballot Summary. It is confusing to the Canvassers.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve the AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Franklin 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that the workers failed to write the name of the Township on the 2 envelopes.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Franklin 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Franklin Township Precincts 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Hancock Twp 1

The Canvassers wanted it noted that a tabulator tape was attached to the Canvassers envelope on the outside of the envelope.

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Hancock Twp 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Portage 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that there were several cross outs on the Election Inspector's Certificate that are unclear to the Canvassers, and there were no initials on the County Clerk envelope copy with a cross out.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Portage 4

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Precinct 4.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Quincy 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers noted that the VAT number was changed on the cover page in the pollbook with a cross out but no single line or initials were properly done.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Quincy 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

Adjourn meeting:

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to adjourn the Canvassing until November 12, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

**CONTINUED CANVASSING
NOVEMBER 12, 2025
1:00 PM**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Becky Bruin-Slot at 1:02 p.m. The following responded to roll call to the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Valorie Troesch-Democrat; and Sharon Foix, Republican and Becky Bruin-Slot, Republican.

In public attendance was Victoria Bergvall.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Canvassers did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Sharon Foix to approve the Agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

County any cured signature absentee ballots and any MOVE ballots that were received by any Houghton County City/Township Clerks for the November 4, 2025 election.

Clerk Kelly advised the Canvassers that the City of Houghton had 3 outstanding MOVE ballots and 2 outstanding cured signature ballots. The City Clerk, Amy Zawada, informed Clerk Kelly that none of the outstanding ballots were received at the City of Houghton by the 2 different deadlines. Therefore, no MOVE or cured signature ballots need to be counted by the Canvassers.

Other Business:

Clerk Kelly brought in new reports for the City of Houghton. The Canvassers compared the reports for each precinct to the tabulator tapes including the Absentee Counting Board. Everything matched 100%.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjourn to the call of the Chair:

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to adjourn the Canvassing at 1:24 pm.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Becky Bruin-Slot

Valorie Troesch

Barbara Manninen

Sharon Foix

Jennifer Kelly
Clerk of the Houghton County Canvassers