

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING
MAY 7, 2026**

The Houghton County Board of Canvassers held a meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Franklin Township Office in Hancock, Michigan. The meeting was held to approve the May 5, 2026 Special Election results.

The Canvassers completed their per diems, and reviewed the minutes from the November 2025 and January 9, 2026 Canvassing.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Barbara Manninen at 9:04 a.m. The following responded to roll call to the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Charlie Markham, Republican; Valorie Troesch, Democrat and Sharon Foix, Republican.

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

There was no one in public attendance during the day.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Canvassers did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Clerk Kelly asked that the January 9, 2026 minutes be added to #5 and Keweenaw County to be added to #7.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Sharon Foix to approve the Agenda with the 2 additions as presented.

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

Approve Minutes from last Canvassing-November 2025 and January 9, 2026:

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix to approve the November 2025 and January 9, 2026 minutes as presented.

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

Public Comments:

None.

Review and approve all election envelopes, tapes, and all documentation in every Houghton and Keweenaw County Precinct for the May election

Adams 1-

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 Charlie Markham, to approve Adams Township 1.

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

Calumet 1

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 Barbara Manninen, to approve Calumet Township 1.

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

Calumet 2

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 Charlie Markham, to approve Calumet Township 2.

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

Calumet 5

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 Township 5.

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

Calumet 9

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 Barbara Manninen, to approve Calumet Township 9.

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

Calumet AVCB

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

Clerk Kelly called the Calumet Township Clerk, Robin. The voter list was missing from the pollbook. Robin stated someone was bringing the voter list to Canvassing. At 10:26 am, Lana, Calumet Township Treasurer, provided the voter list to the Canvassers.

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Calumet AVCB for Precincts 1, 2, 5 and 9.

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

Chassell 1

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

The Canvassers wanted it noted in the morning opening the polls, that some election workers signed twice and crossed out their names. It should be explained why they did this. Also, on the Election Completion Certificate, there was a correction made, but no initials. The worker should initial any correction.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Chassell Township 1.

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

Duncan Township 1

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

The Canvassers asked the workers to only put the comments either on the written page or the printed page, not both places.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Duncan Township 1.

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

Duncan Township 2

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

The workers signed in 2 spots in the morning. The Canvassers would like to have an explanation as to why and have the workers initial any cross outs.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Duncan Township 2.

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

Elm River 1

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

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Elm River 1.

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.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve Franklin Township 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.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that no names should be used for voters on the Remarks page. The workers should use voter ID numbers.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Franklin Township 2.

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

City of Hancock 1

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

The election workers made a cross out on the Preparation Certificate and forgot to initial or leave the Canvassers an explanation.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Hancock 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.

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve City of Hancock 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 Charlie Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve City of Hancock 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.

There were cross outs on the cover page with no initials and no explanation. On the Election Inspector's Certificate page, there was a box not checked. Please check all boxes verifying you have done what is in each box.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve City of Houghton 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 Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Houghton 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.

On the 2nd page of the pollbook, the tabulator seal # needed a single line and initials for the correction.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Houghton AVCB.

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

Hancock Twp 1

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

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Hancock Twp 1.

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

Laird 1

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 Charlie Markham, to approve Laird 1.

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

Osceola 1

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

The Canvassers asked for names not be used under the Remarks page as that identifies the voter. The workers should use voter ID's.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charlie Markham to approve Osceola 1.

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

Osceola 2

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

The election workers used red ink to write a new number. The correction should have been with 1 single line through the number and the new number be written on side of it with the worker's initials. The Canvassers see that a worker named "Sue" signed the end of the night tabulator tape, but did not sign the end of the night page in the pollbook and question why.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Osceola 2.

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

Osceola 4

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

The tabulator seal number on the cover page of the pollbook had a write over on it. The Canvassers ask the workers to do a single line in red and then initial when they are making a correction. A remark would have been appropriate also. The Canvassers ask that no voter names be put in the remarks. They should use voter IDs only.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Osceola 4.

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.

In the County Clerk's envelope, Deb Guilbault did not sign the tabulator tape. She did in the Canvasser's envelope.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve Portage 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.

On the cover page of the pollbook, the tabulator seal number was corrected, but it was not corrected with a single line in red and it did not have the workers initials

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve Portage 4.

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

Portage AVCB

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 Charlie Markham, to approve Portage Township AVCB.

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.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Quincy 1.

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

Schoolcraft 1

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

On the cover page, the tabulator seal number was crossed out, and the Canvassers ask the workers to do a single line in red through any corrections and also initial. There were cross outs also on the Election Inspectors Certificate with no initials in both envelopes for the Canvassers.

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Schoolcraft 1.

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

Stanton 1

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

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

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

Stanton 2

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

The Canvassers asked that the workers write their initials for any corrections. There was a correction on the cover page of the poll book and no initials were written.

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Stanton 2.

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

Torch Lake 1

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

The Canvassers asked that the workers not use voter names on the Remarks page. They should use voter ID numbers.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix to approve Torch Lake 1.

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

Torch Lake 2

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

The Canvassers asked that the workers not use voter names on the Remarks page. They should use voter ID numbers.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Torch Lake 2.

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

Allouez Township:

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 Allouez Township.

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

Eagle Harbor:

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

There were no total voters written on the cover page of the poll book.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Eagle Harbor Township.

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

Grant Township:

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

There were no total voters written on the cover page of the poll book.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Grant Township.

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

Sherman Township:

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

There were no total voters written on the cover page of the poll book.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Sherman Township.

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

Public Comments:

Clerk Kelly stated the Canvassers will meet on Tuesday at 1:00 pm to count any MOVE ballots and cured signature ballots.

Adjourn meeting:

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 pm.

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

Charlie Markham

Valorie Troesch

Barbara Manninen

Sharon Foix

Jennifer Kelly
Clerk of the Houghton County Canvassers