

**MINUTES
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
Friday, May 19, 2023**

PRESENT: Chair/City Clerk: Abrial J. Barrett
Commissioners: Eric Shepherd
Grace Decamps
Deputy City Clerk: Amy Anikewich
Recording Secretary: Steven Keith

ABSENT: Mary-Jo Nanni
Marguerite Bowman

1. Call to Order

Ms. Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and a quorum was present.

Motion by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Ms. Descamps to excuse Ms. Bowman and Ms. Nanni.

Ayes: All – 3
Absent: Bowman, Nanni

2. Approval of October 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Ms. Descamps to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022, meeting as presented.

Ayes: All – 3
Absent: Bowman, Nanni

3. Approve use of 6 Voting Precincts and 6 Absentee Voter Counting Boards for August 8, 2023, Special Election

Motion by Descamps, seconded by Mr. Shepherd to approve the use of 6 Voting Precincts and 6 Absentee Voter Counting Boards for the August 8, 2023, Special Election.

Ayes: All – 3
Absent: Bowman, Nanni

4. Request approval to schedule Public Accuracy Test for August 8, 2023, Special Election no later than July 21, 2023

Motion by Ms. Descamps, seconded by Mr. Shepherd to approve scheduling Public Accuracy Test for August 8, 2023, Special Election no later than July 21, 2023, with a tentative date of July 17, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Ayes: All – 3
Absent: Bowman, Nanni

5. City Clerk to certify Office of Mayor and City Council Candidates to the November 7, 2023, City General Ballot

Motion by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Ms. Descamps to receive and file the persons named below as qualified to appear on the City Primary Ballot as certified to the Commission by the City Clerk:

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES CANDIDATE LISTING
CITY GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

(A primary is held if there are more than double the number of candidates to be elected)

**Mayor – One (4) year term (11/13/2023 – 11/8/2027)
City Council Members – Three (4) year term (11/13/2023 – 11/8/2027)**

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CITY COUNCIL

<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>
Ronald J. Frederick 22824 Canterbury St. Clair Shores, MI 48080	(586) 808-3478 ronaldjfrederick@comcast.net	3/13/2023
Bryan Owens 22640 Clairwood St. Clair Shores, MI 48080	(586) 295-3379 Bryanowens3274@gmail.com	4/18/2023
Linda C. Bertges 29626 Jefferson Ave St. Clair Shoes, MI 48082	(248) 767-9961 lindabertges@gmail.com	4/24/2023
Kristine Crook 22802 Clairwood St. Clair Shores, MI 48080	(586) 438-5747 Crook.kristine@gmail.com	4/24/2023
Chris M. Vitale 21231 Statler St. Clair Shores, MI 48081	(586) 801-4732 Fifth89@yahoo.com	4/24/2023
Jay L. Heck 22940 Avon St. Clair Shores, MI 48082	(586) 243-0088 Hector818@yahoo.com	4/25/2023

MAYOR

<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>
Kip C. Walby 21611 Edgewood St. Clair Shores, MI 48080	(586) 994-3983 Kip.walby@gmail.com	4/3/2023

I, Abrial J. Barrett, City Clerk of the City of St. Clair Shores do hereby certify that the foregoing is the listing of Mayor and City Council Candidates who have filed nominating petitions to appear on the November 7, 2023, City General Election Ballot which are on file in my office in compliance with MCLA 168.552.



Abrial J. Barrett

Abrial J. Barrett,
City Clerk
May 1, 2023

Ayes: All – 3
Absent: Bowman, Nanni

6. Request for adoption of a resolution to consolidate voting precincts and use of 16 Absentee Voter Counting Boards for November 8, 2023, City General Election

Motion by Ms. Descamps, seconded by Mr. Shepherd to adopt a resolution to consolidate voting precincts and use of 16 Absentee Voter Counting Boards for the November 8, 2023, City General Election as follows:

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**St. Clair Shores Election Commission
Temporary Precinct Consolidation Resolution**

WHEREAS, Section 168.659 of the Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954, states that, "If a county, city, ward, township, village, metropolitan district, or school district is divided into 2 or more election precincts, the county, city, ward, township, or village election commissioners may, by resolution, consolidate the election precincts for a particular election that is not a general November election, primary election immediately before a general November election, or other statewide or federal election"; and

WHEREAS, by consolidating these 10 precincts down to 5 combined precincts, voters will still be voting at their same voting location for the November 7, 2023, City General Election as follows:

Precincts	Location	Voter Registration as of 5/16/2023
8 & 10	Blossom Heath Inn	3,603
9 & 11	The Shores Church	4,099
12 & 15	VFW Bruce Post Hall	4,935
16 & 18	St. Margaret Church	4,694
17 & 19	Lake Shore High School	4,465

WHEREAS, it is in the best financial interest of the City to consolidate these precincts for a small turnout election as recommended to the Election Commission by the City Clerk and will have no negative impact to voters; and

WHEREAS, the Election Commission has reviewed the complexity of the ballot, turnout and reviewed the number of registered voters in consolidating these precincts comply with the Michigan Election laws and do not exceed 5,000 active registered voters in their temporary consolidation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Clair Shores Election Commission approves the temporary consolidation of the above noted 10 precincts into 5 voting precincts for the November 7, 2023, City General Election and 16 Absentee Voter Counting Boards to reflect this consolidation which are as follows:

Precinct	Precinct Location	Precinct	Precinct Location
1	South Lake Administration Bldg.	12 & 15	VFW Bruce Post Hall
2	St. Joan of Arc Community Center	13	Lakeview High School
3	Assumption Greek Community Center	14	Lakeview High School
4	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	16 & 18	St. Margaret Church
5	St. Lucy Catholic Church	17 & 19	Lake Shore High School
6	Senior Activity Center	20	Kennedy Middle School
7	Senior Activity Center	21	Lakeside Community Church
8 & 10	Blossom Heath Inn	AVCB	City Hall
9 & 11	The Shores Church		

Ayes: All – 3
Absent: Bowman, Nanni

7. Audience Participation - None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Ms. Descamps to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Ayes: All – 3
Absent: Bowman, Nanni

Prepared by:
Steven Keith
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:
Abrial Barrett
Chair/City Clerk