

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2026**

The Houghton County Board of Canvassers held a Special meeting on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Hall on the 5th Floor of the courthouse, Houghton, Michigan. The meeting was for the purpose of appointing a new Chairman and Vice Chairman for the 2026 and 2027 years.

The Canvassers completed their per diems.

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly at 10:04 am. The following responded to roll call to the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Sharon Foix, Republican; and Valorie Troesch, Democrat.

Also present was Renee Cunningham and Sheriff Josh Saaranen.

Clerk Kelly explained that Becky Bruin-Slot has resigned.

New Chair and Vice Chairman:

Clerk Kelly asked for nominations for Chair.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch to nominate Barbara Manninen for a 2-year term as Chair and Sharon Foix seconded the nomination. Clerk Kelly asked for any other nominations. None were made.

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

Clerk Kelly asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Barbara Manninen to nominate Sharon Foix for a 2-year term as the Vice Chairman. Clerk Kelly asked for any other nominations. None were made.

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

Clerk Kelly informed the Canvassers that there will be a May 5, 2026, election and to expect canvassing to last Thursday and Friday and reconvene on the following Tuesday or Wednesday for the cured signature and MOVE ballots then to certify the election.

Adjourn meeting:

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 am.

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

Barbara Manninen

Valorie Troesch

Charles Markham

Sharon Foix

Jennifer Kelly
Clerk of the Houghton County Canvassers