



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

**CITY HALL - LINDELL ROSS EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM,
300 W. 13 MILE RD.**

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 14, 2026 AT 2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Accuracy Test

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation through electronic means in this meeting should contact the City Clerk at (248) 583-0826 or by email: clerks@madison-heights.org at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

Memorandum

To: Election Commission
From: Mary Daley, City Clerk
Date: 10/13/26
Re: Public Accuracy Test – Additional Testing Requirement

In the past, the State of Michigan has required us to test one precinct tabulator at the public test. Due to a change in promulgated rules relating to Michigan Election Law, it is now also required to have a Voter Assist Terminal at the Public Test and conduct a test of this equipment as well. I have this equipment as well as a tabulator for testing at our meeting on October 14th. Attached is the testing procedure for the Voter Assist Terminal for your information as well as a suggested motion. No changes were implemented as it relates to the public test of the precinct tabulator.



Public Accuracy Test for Voter Assist Terminal (VAT)

This document aligns with Michigan Election Law ([MCL 168.794a \(3\)](#)) and related promulgated rules ([R 168.771 to 168.793](#)), which mandate that the applicable board of election commissioners conduct an accuracy test on electronic voting systems as prescribed by the Secretary of State. This document outlines steps that are designed to verify the correct function of the software and hardware, ensure machines accurately record and tabulate votes, and confirm that VATs are working correctly before an election.

There is no change to testing currently done at the Preliminary Accuracy Test.

One VAT must be physically present for the Public Accuracy Test.

Step 1: Program Testing

- Perform program testing for one ballot style.
- Compare the official paper ballot to VAT screen to ensure they match.
 - Initiate a voting session on the VAT.
 - Select Audio/Visual mode.
 - Compare the audio and visual screens to the official ballot.
 - Listen to each office and candidate along with each proposal.
- Print a blank ballot from the VAT.

Step 2: Hardware Testing

- Perform Hardware testing on one VAT at Public Accuracy Test.
 - Test the keypad (ATI) including volume, select, forward, back functions.
 - Test the on-screen buttons, (e.g., Next, Back, Contrast, Size, etc.)
 - Test headphones.

Step 3: Vote Position Testing

- Tabulate the vote position test deck that was generated during Preliminary Accuracy Test for one ballot style.
- Print the zero tape.
- Run the position test deck generated from the VAT.
- Print the totals tape. All results on the tape for each position should be "1".
- Clear the results to allow for testing of regular test deck.

EC-26-. Public Accuracy Testing

Sample motion wording:

Motion by , seconded by, affirming the Public Accuracy Test was held in accordance with MCL 168.778(6) for the November 3, 2026 Election and that the Accuracy Board hereby certifies that notice of this test was published 48 hours prior to the conduct of the test; the container holding the testing materials was sealed with seal number _____ and Precinct 1 and 7 tabulator and Voter Assist Terminal for Precinct 7 were tested at the Public Accuracy Test using the prepared test decks and that the results agree with the predetermined results of the test decks and the test decks, predetermined results and results of the Public Accuracy Test were secured following the test under the seal number _____.