

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MINNEAPOLIS CANVASSING BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 1, 2021**

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellison at 10:00 a.m., a quorum being present.

Members Present – Jeremiah Ellison, Kevin Reich, Cam Gordon, Steve Fletcher, Phillippe Cunningham, Jamal Osman, Lisa Goodman, Andrea Jenkins, Alondra Cano, Lisa Bender, Jeremy Schroeder, Andrew Johnson, Linea Palmisano.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting was held by electronic means and Board Members participated remotely due to the local public health emergency (novel coronavirus pandemic) declared on March 16, 2020.

Johnson moved to adopt the agenda.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Osman, Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, Palmisano (13)

Noes: (0)

Absent: (0)

Adopted.

The regular municipal election for the City of Minneapolis was conducted on November 2, 2021, with final tabulation of all races and questions on that ballot having been concluded on November 12, 2021. Minnesota Statutes designate the City Council as the Canvassing Board for municipal elections. By convening the Canvassing Board on November 12, 2021, the tenth day following the general election, the City of Minneapolis was within the statutory timeframe to complete the canvassing of returns and specified the names of the persons receiving the votes and the number of votes received for each race on the ballot. Upon proper request by Yusra Arab, a candidate for the Ward 2 City Council race, a recount was conducted on Friday, November 19 and Monday, November 22, 2021.

Jeff Narabrook, Chief Deputy Recount Official, summarized the recount process which resulted in 22 challenged ballots. Those ballots were grouped into four basic categories: Overvote – 1 ballot; Attempted erasure – 4 ballots; Stray mark – 6 ballots; and Identifying mark – 11 ballots. The reasonings for the challenges were identified during the recount proceedings by the candidates or their representatives, as allowed by law.

Aaron Grossman, Deputy Recount Official, reviewed the laws and policies that dictate voter intent and the processing and tabulation of ranked choice voting ballots.

Casey Carl, City Clerk, summarized the procedures for presenting and disposing of each of the challenged ballots.

Present on behalf of the candidates were Davis Senseman, representing Robin Wonsley Worlobah, and Brian Rice, representing Yusra Arab.

The recount officials opened the sealed envelopes containing the 22 challenged ballots and presented each to the board for its disposition.

Overvote

1. Ballot 2-1.1: Recount Official determination for Other
Rice presented the reason for the challenge by Arab.

Johnson moved to sustain the original recount determination.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Osman, Jenkins, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson (9)

Noes: Reich, Goodman, Cano, Palmisano (4)

Absent: (0)

Adopted.

Attempted erasure

2. Ballot 2-5.4: Recount Official determination for Arab
Senseman presented the reason for the challenge by Wonsley Worlobah.

Osman moved to sustain the original recount determination.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Ellison, Osman, Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, Palmisano (12)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Cunningham (1)

Adopted.

3. Ballot 2-8.1: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah
Rice withdrew the challenge and no action was taken.

4. Ballot 2-8.2: Recount Official determination for Arab
Senseman presented the reason for the challenge by Wonsley Worlobah.

Johnson moved to sustain the original recount determination.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Osman, Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, Palmisano (13)

Noes: (0)

Absent: (0)

Adopted.

5. Ballot 2-9.2: Recount Official determination for Arab, challenged by Wonsley Worlobah
Senseman withdrew the challenge and no action was taken.

Stray mark

6. Ballot 2-5.2: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah Rice withdrew the challenge by Arab and no action was taken.
7. Ballot 2-5.3: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah Rice withdrew the challenge by Arab and no action was taken.
8. Ballot 2-6.1: Recount Official determination for Other Rice presented the reason for the challenge by Arab.

Johnson moved to sustain the original recount determination.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Osman, Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, Palmisano (13)

Noes: (0)

Absent: (0)

Adopted.

9. Ballot 2-9.5: Recount Official determination for Arab Senseman withdrew the challenge by Wonsley Worlobah and no action was taken.
10. Ballot 2-9.10: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah Rice withdrew the challenge by Arab and no action was taken.
11. Ballot 2-11.1: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah Rice withdrew the challenge by Arab and no action was taken.

Identifying mark

12. Ballot 2-1.2: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah Rice withdrew the challenge by Arab and no action was taken.
13. Ballot 2-5.1: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah Rice presented the reason for the challenge by Arab.

Johnson moved to overturn the original recount determination and directed the Recount Officials to record the disposition of the ballot to the “Other” category.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Osman, Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Bender, Johnson, Palmisano (11)

Noes: Ellison, Schroeder (2)

Absent: (0)

Adopted.

14. Ballot 2-6.2: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah Rice withdrew the challenge by Arab and no action was taken.

15. Ballot 2-9.1: Recount Official determination for Arab
Senseman withdrew the challenge by Wonsley Worlobah and no action was taken.
16. Ballot 2-9.3: Recount Official determination for Arab
Senseman withdrew the challenge by Wonsley Worlobah and no action was taken.
17. Ballot 2-9.4: Recount Official determination for Arab
Senseman presented the reason for the challenge by Wonsley Worlobah.
ohnson moved to sustain the original recount determination.
On roll call, the result was:
Ayes: Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Osman, Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, Palmisano (13)
Noes: (0)
Absent: (0)
Adopted.
18. Ballot 2-9.6: Recount Official determination for Arab
Senseman withdrew the challenge by Wonsley Worlobah and no action was taken.
19. Ballot 2-9.7: Recount Official determination for Arab
Senseman withdrew the challenge by Wonsley Worlobah and no action was taken.
20. Ballot 2-9.8: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah
Rice withdrew the challenge by Arab and no action was taken.
21. Ballot 2-9.9: Recount Official determination for Wonsley Worlobah
Rice presented the reason for the challenge by Arab.
Johnson moved to sustain the original recount determination.
On roll call, the result was:
Ayes: Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Osman, Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, Palmisano (13)
Noes: (0)
Absent: (0)
Adopted.
22. Ballot 2-11.2: Recount Official determination for Arab
Senseman withdrew the challenge by Wonsley Worlobah and no action was taken.

The City Clerk announced the final results of the recount:

Robin Wonsley Worlobah: 4055

Yusra Arab: 4042

All other ballots: 1702

Total ballots: 9799

Winner: Robin Wonsley Worlobah

Ellison moved approval of the following Order which:

1. Certifies the official results of the 2021 Municipal Election – Ward 2 recount.
2. Declares the official winner in the Ward 2 race, indicating the names of each person receiving votes and the number of votes received in that race
3. Directs the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of the official results of the 2021 Municipal (Ward 2) Election to the Hennepin County Auditor and to file and preserve the original returns and all election records for the Ward 2 recount in accordance with Minnesota Election Law.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison, Osman, Goodman, Jenkins, Cano, Bender, Schroeder, Johnson, Palmisano (13)

Noes: (0)

Absent: (0)

Adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Jackie Hanson, Clerk