

MINUTES OF MEETING
PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 – 12:30 P.M.
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL BUILDING - ROOM 705
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m., Monday, September 21, 2015.

Members present: Honorable Freddie G. Burton, Jr., Chair – Chief Judge of Probate Court
Honorable Cathy M. Garrett, Member, Wayne County Clerk
Honorable Kym L. Worthy, Member, Prosecuting Attorney

Members absent: None.

Also present: Delphine G. Oden, Director, Wayne County Elections
Melanie D. Ryska, Assistant Director, Wayne County Elections
Janet Anderson-Davis, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Jennifer Redmond
Charles Ramirez
Jonathan Kinloch
Chris White
Gregory P. Mahar
Jina Sawani
Abena Hogan
Eric D. Lawrence
Ray Solomon
Bob Carmack

Agenda item: **Consideration of Agenda approval.**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the agenda. Member Garrett duly supported by Chair Burton moved to adopt the agenda as submitted. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Panel Discussion – Regarding the process and timeframe for Appointment of Wayne County Treasurer**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton indicated the purpose of the Panel's meeting today was to discuss the process and timeframe for the appointment of the Wayne County Treasurer. Current Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz announced his retirement after 39 years of service effective

December 1, 2015. Member Worthy expressed concerns regarding the process and indicated that she was unaware that the meeting would be a public meeting. Member Worthy posed a question to Asst. Corporation Counsel Anderson-Davis about the Open Meetings Act and indicated she sent an e-mail with questions relative to the meeting but did not receive a response. Counsel Anderson-Davis indicated that this panel is considered a public body and there is case law established that subjects this body to the Open Meetings Act. Further discussion ensued between Counsel and the Panel regarding the process, the previous meeting held for the selection of the Wayne County Sheriff in 2009, and the interview process. Counsel Anderson-Davis indicated that the panel may receive the applications and narrow down the applicants that will be interviewed. Member Garrett expressed concerns that all applicants should be interviewed.

The panel discussed the process for receipt of the applications, period of time to apply, the next meeting to review the applications and schedule interviews of selected applicants. The panel agreed applications must be submitted by October 16, 2015 by 4 p.m., applicants must submit their applications to the Wayne County Elections Division, and the Elections Division will send copies of the applications to each member of the panel. The panel will meet on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 2 p.m. (or Monday, October 26, 2015 if Chair Burton was unavailable) to review applications and determine which applicants will be selected for an interview. Interviews will be scheduled for the first week in November. Panel members are to compile a list of proposed interview questions and share them with the other members.

Agenda item: **New Business** – The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 2 p.m. (or Monday, October 26, 2015 as a backup date).

Agenda item: **Public Comment** – Ray Solomon and Skip Mongo made public comments.

Agenda item: **Adjournment.** Member Garrett duly supported by Chair Burton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.