MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.
RALPH VIGLIOTTI BUILDING
1900 E. JEFFERSON AVE., DETROIT, MI 48207
Meeting held in-person & via zoom video conferencing

Call to Order: Chair Richard Preuss, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Members present: Richard Preuss, Chair
Robert T. Boyd, Vice-Chair
Katherine Riley, Member

Members absent: James Britton, Member (Excused)

Also present: Gregory Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director, Wayne County Elections
Rebeca Camargo, Assistant Wayne County Corporation Counsel
En'Joli Conley, Administrative Asst., Wayne County Elections
Edward McRae, Administrative Asst., Wayne County Elections

Agenda item: **Consideration of Agenda approval**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2023**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting held May 9, 2023. Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Riley, moved for approval of the minutes of the meeting held May 9, 2023. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval to conduct the canvass of the August 8, 2023 Primary Election**

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Gregory Mahar, Director of Elections, reported to the Board the communities involved in the election, the number of precincts to canvass and the voter turnout

from Election Night. He further reported that Election Day was uneventful, and all results were received and posted online just after 11:00 p.m. All election returns were delivered to the Board today by 11:00 a.m.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion to conduct the canvass of the August 8, 2023 Primary Election. Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Riley, moved for approval to conduct the canvass of the August 8, 2023 Primary Election. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Consideration of meeting rules, conduct, and procedures**

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Ms. Redmond indicated that at the previous meeting the Board tabled this item for consideration. Since that meeting a revised document was prepared and Corporation Counsel has reviewed and approved the changes. Ms. Redmond suggested the Board may want to revisit the item when Member Britton is present and all members have had a chance to review the changes.

Member Riley indicated that she would like additional language added regarding the Election of Chairman or Chairwoman. Ms. Redmond stated she will add the additional language and forward it to the Board for review.

Board action on agenda item: Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to table the item until the next meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business**

Deputy Director Redmond informed the Board that they will have to meet for certification of the Election. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Director Mahar informed the Board that the implementation of Early Voting in underway. Discussion ensued regarding the process, funding, equipment, inspectors, etc. Mr. Mahar stated that he will keep the Board informed of the legislation regarding early voting.

Agenda item: **Public Comment** None.

Agenda item: **Adjournment**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion

to adjourn. Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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