MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 – 11:00 A.M.
RALPH VIGLIOTTI BLDG.
1900 E. JEFFERSON, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48207

Call to Order: Chair Jonathan C. Kinloch, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M.

Members present: Jonathan Kinloch, Chair
William Hartmann, Vice-Chair
Betty Smith, Member
Monica Palmer, Member

Also present: Gregory P. Mahar**,** Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Asst. Director, Wayne County Elections
Kevin Kavanagh, Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel
En'Joli Conley, Administrative Assistant, Wayne County Elections
Libby Busdicker, Assistant Corporation Counsel

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

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to amend the agenda under new business to add "Discussion: A resolution recommending the early start to absentee ballot voting." Member Smith, duly supported by Vice-Chair Hartmann, moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of Minutes of August 7, 2019**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted August 7, 2019. Vice-Chair Hartmann, duly supported by Member Palmer, moved to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted August 7, 2019. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of Write-In Name Variations**

Chair Kinloch asked for a staff report. Assistant Director Jennifer Redmond informed the board that in their packets are the write-in

variation guides for two write-in candidates who have name variations that need to be considered. First is the City of Highland Park candidate Helena Yago.

Board action on agenda item: Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion regarding the name variations for Helena Yago, write-in candidate for Mayor in Highland Park.

1. YZGO	**7. HELEN YAGO**
2. HELENA YAGA	**8. HANA YAHLO**
3. HELENA YOPP	**9. YOGO**
4. HELENA YAGO HELENA YAGO	**10. HENLENA YAGO**
5. M. YAGO	**11. HELEA YAGO**
6. HELNA YAGO	

Vice-Chair Hartmann, duly supported by Member Smith, moved to approve variations # 2, 4, 6 and 7 as a vote for Helena Yago. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice Chair Hartmann, duly supported by Member Smith, moved to accept variations # 10 and 11 as a vote for Helena Yago. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice Chair Hartmann, duly supported by Member Smith, moved to not accept variations # 1, 3, 5, 8, and 9 as a vote for Helena Yago. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion regarding the name variations for Prentice Demone Baker Sr., write-in candidate for City Council # 4 in Inkster.

1. PRENTICE BARKER
2. PREN 2 WIN
3. PARKER
4. BARDTLEY

Vice Chair Hartmann, duly supported by Member Smith, moved to accept variation #1 as a vote for Prentice Demone Baker Sr. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice Chair Hartmann, duly supported by Chair Kinloch, moved to not accept variations # 2, 3 and 4 as a vote for Prentice Demone Baker Sr. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Certification of the August 6, 2019 Primary Election**

Chair Kinloch asked for a staff report. Director Gregory Mahar stated that there were 11 communities, two school districts and one intermediate school district. A report was provided of when the canvass began, all the precincts and AV boards that were included in the canvass, which precincts balanced to zero, any precincts out of balance, and what was done to explain any differences and there were no provisional ballots.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to certify the August 6, 2019 Primary Election. Vice-Chair Hartmann, duly supported by Chair Kinloch, moved to certify the August 6, 2019 Primary Election.

Ayes: Kinloch, Hartmann, Palmer **Nays:** Smith

Agenda item: **Consideration of Petition for Recount – City Council, City of Dearborn Heights**

Chair Kinloch recognized Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel Kevin Kavanagh. Mr. Kavanagh stated that a petition for recount concerning the City Council race in Dearborn Heights was received from Jamal Bazzi and that all of the requirements were met and the petition is compliant with all of the statutory requirements.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to approve the petition for recount of City Council, City of Dearborn Heights. Member Smith duly supported by, Vice-Chair Hartmann moved to approve the petition for recount of City Council, City of Dearborn Heights. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business.**

Chair Kinloch read a resolution that he proposed in the record that stated “Now, therefore be it resolved that the Wayne County Board of Canvassers call on the Michigan Legislature and the Governor to amend the Michigan election law to allow for the tabulation of absentee ballots to begin 72 hours before an election. Be it further resolved, that any such legislation should prohibit the generating of absentee voter ballot totals until after the closing of the polls on Election Day.”

Chair Kinloch indicated that a copy of the resolution should be sent to the Speaker of the House, the majority and minority leaders in the Senate, the Governor, and Secretary of State and to the Wayne County House, Senate delegation, the Wayne County board members and the Wayne County Clerk.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to approve the resolution. Vice-Chair Hartmann duly supported by, Member Smith moved to approve the resolution. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Public Comment.**

Chair Kinloch asked for a resolution to recognize the service, dedication and the contribution that Betty Smith has given to the Wayne County Board of Canvassers as a Democratic member.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to support the resolution of Member Betty Smith. Chair Kinloch, duly supported by Vice-Chair Hartmann, moved to support the resolution for Member Betty Smith. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Adjournment.**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Kinloch requested a motion to adjourn. Chair Kinloch, duly supported by Vice-Chair Hartmann, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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