MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023 – 10:00 A.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 10:04 A.M.

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

Members absent: Erin Y. Keith, Member (Excused)

Also present: Gregory Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director, Wayne County Elections
Rebecca A. Camargo, Principal Attorney, Wayne County Corp. Counsel
En'Joli Conley, Administrative Asst., Wayne County Elections
Edward McRae, Administrative Asst., Wayne County Elections
Charmaine Kennedy

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 November 17, 2023**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting held November 17, 2023. Member Riley, duly supported by Vice-Chair Boyd, moved for approval of the minutes of the meeting held November 17, 2023. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Consideration of Petition and Amended Petition for Recount – City Council District #2, City of Inkster**

Chair Preuss requested a staff report. Jennifer Redmond, Deputy

Director of Elections, stated that on November 20, 2023, a Petition and an Amended Petition for Recount along with the requisite deposit, was filed and paid by Charmaine Kennedy, candidate for City Council District #2, City of Inkster. Ms. Redmond indicated that she noticed the Amended Petition for Recount did not state which City Council district. She deferred to Corporation Counsel regarding the petitions meeting the statutory requirements. Corporation Counsel Rebecca Camargo indicated that the petitions were properly filed, the deposits were submitted at the time of filing, and the petition meets the requirements. Member Riley stated that she has concerns about the Board being consistent when considering the petitions. Counsel Camargo indicated that as long as there wasn't an objection filed, her recommendation is to approve the petitions.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Preuss requested a motion regarding the agenda item. Vice-Chair Boyd, duly supported by Member Riley, moved to approve the Petition and Amended Petition for recount, for the Office of City Council District #2, City of Inkster. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business**

The recount was scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Redmond indicated that notice along with details of how the recount will be conducted, will be sent to the petitioner, candidates, and the City Clerk.

Gregory Mahar informed the Board that there was a special election called by the Governor to fill the vacancy for State House District #13 and #25. Discussion ensued regarding early voting, canvassing requirements, and ballot container certifications. Director Mahar stated that there may be a need for the Board to send a letter to the local clerks in Wayne County. He indicated that some clerks were considering programming a single precinct on multiple tabulators at an early voting site. Discussion ensued. He indicated that a letter stating that Board of Canvassers does not recommend or support a single precinct being tabulated on more than one tabulator at an early voting site.

Canvass of the January 30, 2024 Special Primary Election was scheduled for January 31, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Canvass of the April 16, 2024 Special General Election was scheduled for April 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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 10:34 a.m.

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