MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016 – 1:00 P.M.
RALPH VIGLIOTTI BLDG.
1900 E. JEFFERSON, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48207

Call to Order: Chair Krista Haroutunian, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 1:06 P.M.

Members present: Krista Haroutunian, Chair
Jonathan Kinloch, Vice Chair
Betty Smith, Member
Joseph Xuereb, Member

Members absent: None.

Also present: Melanie D. Ryska, Assistant Director, Wayne County Elections
Janet Anderson-Davis, Assistant Wayne County Corp. Counsel
Vince Bobrowicz
Sandra Hutson
Jina Sawani
Greg P. Mahar
Sao Hang
Jenneatta Mitchell
Jennifer Redmond

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

Board action on agenda item: Chair Haroutunian requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Xuereb, duly supported by Vice Chair Kinloch, moved to adopt the agenda as submitted. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2016**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Haroutunian requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted January 28, 2016. Vice Chair Kinloch, duly supported by Member Xuereb, moved to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted January 28, 2016. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval to conduct the canvass of the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election**

Assistant Director Ryska gave a report regarding the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. She indicated there was 31% voter turnout and that returns were delivered on Election Day. There were 3 Election Day precinct cards and 5 AVCB cards for the City of Detroit that reported "zero" turnout. There may have been an issue with the cards or they may have been inadvertently erased. Inventory was conducted and it was determined that 100% of communities outside of Detroit are returned. Detroit is missing 11 poll books and 8 Board of Canvasser envelopes. Detroit delivered all 100 AV poll books that were missing at approximately 11:30 a.m.

She indicated that the Board of Canvassers must report results by congressional districts. In the City of Detroit, there were 24 AVCB's that assigned precincts of different congressional districts to the same counting board. As a result, we are unable to isolate specific district results; the State of Michigan Bureau of Elections is working on a solution. She also informed the board that many of the Detroit envelopes/returns were delivered damaged or unsealed and that it presented a security issue. Member Xuereb suggested that a letter be sent to the Detroit City Clerk informing them of the issue and requesting action.

Board action on agenda item: Member Xuereb, duly supported by Vice Chair Kinloch, moved that legal counsel draft a letter, with pictures attached, to the Detroit City Clerk and request action regarding the unsecure poll books. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Vice Chair Kinloch requested that a copy of the letter be provided to the board members. Assistant Director Ryska also informed the board that her last day as an employee of Wayne County is March 10, 2016. Vice Chair Kinloch asked Assistant Director Ryska to explain the canvass process.

Board action on agenda item: Member Xuereb, duly supported by Vice Chair Kinloch, moved to authorize the initiation of the canvass of the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Elections. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. to certify the results of the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election.

Agenda item: **New Business**

Board action of agenda item: Chair Haroutunian asked if there was any new business. Vice Chair Kinloch stated that if someone petitions the board, all members should convene and meet to determine the action taken. Attorney Anderson-Davis informed the board that no letter was sent regarding the petitions for the Wayne County Charter Revision. Vice Chair Kinloch also requested that legal counsel research who is able to request/call a special meeting. He also requested that the chair honor any requests for special meetings.

Agenda item: **Public Comment.**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Haroutunian asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Agenda item: **Adjournment.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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