MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 – 9:30 A.M.
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER, ROOM 705
2 WOODWARD AVE., DETROIT, MI 48226

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Larde, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 9:42 A.M.

Members present: Leatha Larde, Vice-Chair
Joseph Xuereb, Member
Terry Susan Nichols, Alternate Member

Members absent: Krista Haroutunian, Chair (Excused)
John Knappmann, Member (Excused)

Also present: Delphine G. Oden, Director, Wayne County Elections
Kevin Kavanagh, Assistant Wayne County Corp. Counsel
Melanie D. Ryska, Assistant Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond
Jamille Edwards
Derotha Parker
Bruce Sullivan Feaster
Dorian Ballard
Brenda Green
Theresa Cummings
Dorris Harris

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

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

Agenda item: **Approval of Minutes of September 1, 2015**

Board action on agenda item: Vice-Chair Larde requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted September 1, 2015. Member Xuereb duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols moved to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted September 1, 2015. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Review of Challenges – Mayor, City of Highland Park**

Vice- Chair Larde asked Director Oden to provide a brief report to the Board regarding the recount. Director Oden explained that the recount was conducted in Highland Park on September 2, 2015 as requested by Jemille Edwards. It began after 9:00 a.m. and was completed around 10:30 a.m. Precincts 14 and 20 were unable to be recounted; therefore, the election night results stand.

Assistant Corp. Counsel Kavanagh presented the challenges from the recount:

- Challenge #1, Precinct 12 - Jemille Edwards challenged a ballot for precinct 12 because she lost a vote in that precinct. She requested the board to open the spoiled ballot envelope to verify if the ballot contained a vote for Edwards.

Director Oden and Assistant Director Ryska provided an explanation of what possibly occurred in the precinct based on the remarks in the pollbook. The board decided to open the spoiled ballot envelope to review the ballot.

Board action of agenda item: Member Xuereb duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols moved to reject the challenge based on the remarks in the pollbook. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

- Challenge #2, Precinct 18 - Dorian Ballard made a challenge regarding precinct 18 because he believed errors had been made. One ballot that was counted at the recount contained no votes and he suspected that a ballot that had been cast for Edwards was in the spoiled ballot envelope.

The Board of Canvassers examined the pollbook for precinct 18 and explained that ballot #128 was spoiled and re-issued #130 and ballot #191 was spoiled and re-issued #192.

Board action of agenda item: Member Xuereb duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols moved to reject the challenge for precinct 18 based on the information in the pollbook. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Certification of Recount – Office of Mayor, City of Highland Park**

The recount results for the Office of Mayor, City of Highland Park are:

	Recount Results
Jemille Edwards	239
Mamie Posey Moore	89
Elen Robinson	29
DeAndre Windom	**267**
Hubert Yopp	**368**

Board action of agenda item: Vice-Chair Larde requested a motion to certify the recount. Alternate Member Nichols duly supported by Member Xuereb moved for certification of the recount results read into the record for the Office of Mayor, City of Highland Park. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Member Xuereb duly supported by Alternate Member Nichols moved to amend the earlier certification results. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business**

Board action of agenda item: Vice-Chair Larde asked if there was any new business. There was no new business.

Agenda item: **Public Comment.**

Board action on agenda item: Vice-Chair Larde asked if there was any public comment.

Jemille Edwards stated that she will pursue this matter further because she didn't believe it was accurate.

Dorian Ballard expressed his concerns with the provisional ballot process and voters being turned away.

Member Xuereb stated that the Board of Canvassers duty was to address the challenges.

Agenda item: **Adjournment.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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