MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 700A
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

Call to Order: Chair Krista Haroutunian, Wayne County Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 10:14 A.M.

Members present: Krista Haroutunian, Chair
Jonathan Kinloch, Vice Chair
Betty Smith, Member
William Hartmann, Alternate Member

Members absent: Joseph Xuereb, Member (excused)

Also present: Delphine Oden, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Assistant Director, Wayne County Elections
Janet Anderson-Davis, Asst. Wayne County Corporation Counsel
Cathy Garrett, Wayne County Clerk
Rendell Wooden
Lisa Williams-Jackson

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

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

Agenda item: **Approval of Minutes of July 5, 2017**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Haroutunian requested a motion to approve the minutes of meeting conducted July 5, 2017. Alternate Member Hartmann, stated that he wasn't at that meeting and requested the vote be postponed until the arrival of Vice-Chair Kinloch.

Chair Haroutunian inquired when the closed session minutes from the City of Taylor Recount would be available, Delphine Oden, Director, Wayne County Elections, stated that it would be a year and a day before they could be approved. Discussion ensued and resolved that it would be brought up at the next meeting.

Chair Haroutunian, stated that if Mr. Kinloch gets here shortly that they would deal with the minutes of July 5, 2017, however if not, they would postpone them until the next meeting.

Agenda Item: **Closed Session: Miller v. Meyers**

Chair Haroutunian, requested a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing Miller v. Meyers litigation settlement. Member Smith, duly supported by Alternate Member Hartmann, moved to go into closed session to discuss Litigation Settlement. Ayes: Haroutunian, Kinloch, Smith. Nays: None

10:21 a.m. ***Closed Session***

10:51 a.m. ***Open Session***

Members present: Krista Haroutunian, Chair
Jonathan Kinloch, Vice Chair
Betty Smith, Member
William Hartmann, Alternate Member

Agenda Item: **Approval of Minutes of July 5, 2017**

Chair Haroutunian, indicated that Vice-Chair Kinloch had arrived earlier and she would like to proceed with item #4, the approval of minutes of the meeting conducted on July 5, 2017.

Chair Haroutunian, requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on July 5, 2017. Vice-Chair Kinloch, duly supported by Member Smith, moved to approve the minutes of July 5, 2017. Ayes: Haroutunian, Kinloch, Smith. Nays: None. Abstentions: Hartmann. The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business.**

Board action of agenda item: Chair Haroutunian asked if there was any new business. Vice-Chair Kinloch stated that he was in receipt of a communication from Detroit City Clerk regarding assistance for the August 8, 2017 Primary Election, and made a suggestion based on reviewing the letter that we conduct the canvass at the International Marketplace. He indicated that we had used the room prior and with the City offering 50 additional workers the space we currently use wouldn't be applicable.

Janet Anderson-Davis, Counsel, addressed her concerns, the first being that the International Marketplace is not free and there would be additional cost to the Board, but more importantly, the statute says that this Board can compel local clerks to come in and work with their records and not necessarily do the portion of the canvass. Assuming that this Board accepts the City of Detroit's invitation to use some of her staff, those staff would not be performing the type of activity that led to the litigation.

Vice-Chair Kinloch, asked for the record, will it fix the problem with the precincts not being recounted? Anderson-Davis replied, maybe so, maybe no, if the number of ballots doesn't match, it's not going to be recounted.

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** None

Agenda item: **Adjournment.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

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