

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 – 2:00 P.M.
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL BUILDING - ROOM 700A
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Members present: Honorable Freddie G. Burton, Jr., Chief Judge, Probate Court
Honorable Eric Sabree, Member – Wayne County Treasurer
Honorable Cathy M. Garrett, Secretary – Wayne County Clerk

Members absent: None.

Also present: Janet Anderson-Davis, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Gregory P. Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Assistant Director
En’joli Conley
John Knappmann
Joe Matney
Shayne Sisco
Barbara Matney
JoAnna Underwood
Ramon Jackson
Lisa Williams-Jackson
Arthur Woodson
Tenay Hankins
Joe Griffin

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

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2018**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2018. Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2018. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Determination of Clarity – Gabe Leland, City Council District 7, City of Detroit

Chair Burton asked Assistant Corporation Counsel Janet Anderson-Davis to remind the commission of its role in making a determination of clarity. Assistant Corporation Counsel Anderson-Davis reminded the commission of its role and duties for a determination of clarity. Ms. Anderson-Davis read the statute regarding the role of the Election Commission in regards to recall petitions and stated that there was litigation before Judge Levy in Federal Court in which she issued an opinion regarding recall petitions.

Ms. Anderson-Davis summarized the opinion and advised the commission on what should be considered when reviewing the petition.

Chair Burton inquired about the timing of the filing and the requirements on when to bring a recall petition. Ms. Anderson-Davis indicated that a petition would have to be filed after the first six months of the term and not during the last six months of the term but she believed for this petition it would be a year.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion regarding item 5A-1. Member Garrett asked what portion of the term was Mr. Leland in. Ms. Jennifer Redmond indicated that Gabe Leland was re-elected in November 2017, and his term of office began on January 1, 2018 and that the first year of his term had lapsed.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-1 for Gabe Leland:

“District 7 city council member Gabe Leland shall be recalled based on him being indicted for Federal Corruption and Bribery Charges.”

Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved to approve the petition as sufficiently clear. Chair Burton asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. John Knappmann, attorney for Gabe Leland, spoke in opposition to the recall petition. He indicated that the language did not identify an action alleged by the office holder and that the actions alleged in the petition took place before the election.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton asked if there was any further discussion. Member Garrett, duly supported by Member

Sabree, moved to approve the petition as sufficiently clear. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business.** None

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** Joana Underwood, Shayne Sisco, Joe Griffin, and Arthur Woodson made public comments.

Agenda item: **Adjournment.** Chair Burton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.