

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 – 11:00 A.M.
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, ROOM 211
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

****Meeting held in-person & via Zoom Video Conferencing****

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:04 A.M.

Members present: Honorable Freddie G. Burton, Jr., Chief Judge, Probate Court
Honorable Eric Sabree – Wayne County Treasurer
Dwayne Seals - Chief Deputy County Clerk

Members absent: Honorable Cathy M. Garrett, Secretary – Wayne County Clerk (excused)

Also present: Rebecca Camargo, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Gregory P. Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director, Wayne County Elections
En’Joli Conley, Administrative Assistant, Wayne County Elections
Sao Hang AJB
Kallela Martin Theresa Johnson
Justin Petty Sharmaine Robinson
Lisa Stolarski Marcelus Brice
Alexis Ramsey Doris Harris
Lucy Frye Ku
Khursheed Ash-Shafii Michael
Bert Johnson B. Green
Derrick Armstrong

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 Alternate Member Seals, moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2023

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 20, 2023. Member Sabree, duly supported by Alternate Member Seals, moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Determination of Clarity – Khursheed Ash-Shafii, Office of City Council, Highland Park

Chair Burton asked Assistant Corporation Counsel to remind the commission of its role in making a determination of clarity. Assistant Corporation Counsel Rebecca Camargo reminded the commission of its role and duties for a determination of clarity. Ms. Camargo summarized the section of Michigan Election law regarding the role of the Election Commission and the basis for a determination of clarity.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion for determination of clarity on item 5A-1.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-1 for Khursheed Ash-Shafii:

“Councilman Khursheed Ash-Shafii submitted a falsified election Affidavit and Receipt of Filing for election. Additionally, he has walked out of council meetings unexcused and refused to vote on pertinent matters crucial to the welfare and progress of the city of Highland Park.”

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton, duly supported by Alternate Member Seals, moved that item 5A-1 be rejected for lack of clarity. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Determination of Clarity – Sharmaine Robinson, Office of City Council, Highland Park

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion for determination of clarity on item 5A-2.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-2 for Sharmaine Robinson:

“Violation of the Residency Rule as commanded by the city charter and Michigan Election Law sec. 4-10 vacancies in office, Act 116 of 1954 168.11”

Board action on agenda item Chair Burton, duly supported by Alternate Member Seals, moved that item 5A-2 be approved. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Determination of Clarity – Kallela Martin, Office of City Council, Highland Park**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion for determination of clarity on item 5A-3.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-3 for Kallela Martin:

“Specifically, Kallela Martin, City Council member for 2nd District acquired \$5,000 from the city for materials, equipment, and supplies to do a clean up in her district and has no accounting for the property location or an itemization for the use of city funds. No report was filed to provide a record to the city of Highland Park.”

Board action on agenda item: Member Sabree, duly supported by Alternate Member Seals, moved that item 5A-3 be rejected for lack of clarity. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Determination of Clarity – Kallela Martin, Office of City Council, Highland Park**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion for determination of clarity on item 5A-4.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-4 for Kallela Martin:

“sec. 5-4(e) Voting. Except as otherwise provided by state law, no member of the City Council shall abstain from voting upon an issue after having had a reasonable opportunity to inform himself upon the particulars and merits thereof unless excused by a majority of the other members of the City Council present”

Board action on agenda item: Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved that item 5A-4 be rejected for lack of clarity. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business.** None.

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** Doris Harris, Lisa Stolarski, Sharmaine Robinson and Khursheed Ash-Safii spoke.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 A.M.