

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 – 11:30 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 11:31 a.m.

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

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

Also present: Rebecca Camargo, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Gregory Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director, Wayne County Elections
En’Joli Conley, Administrative Assistant, Wayne County Elections
Edward McRae, Administrative Assistant, Wayne County Elections
Linda Wheeler
Janet Spight-White
Famika Roberts
John Smith
Isaiah Pettway
Sapphire Jewell
Angela Lugo-Thomas
Cassandra Walker

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 June 10, 2024 & June 11, 2024

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 10, 2024 and June 11, 2024. Member Sabree, duly supported by Alternate Member Seals, moved to approve the minutes of June 10th and June 11th, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Determination of Clarity – Janet Spight White, Office of School Board Member, Highland Park Schools

Chair Burton asked Corporation Counsel to remind the commission of its role in making a determination of clarity. 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 Janet Spight-White:

“1. Failure to submit oath of office within 10 days of election 2. Conspired to cover up sexual harassment by the board member. 3. Retaliated against women who reported the sexual harassment by board member 8) civil conspiracy and collusion 4. Fraudulent use of credit card. Mismagement (sic) of district funds. In violation of district deficit elimination plan. Violation of fer PA (sic).”

Petitioner Yolanda Harrison spoke in favor of the petition being approved.

Board action on agenda item: Member Sabree, 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 – Linda G. Wheeler, Office of School Board Member, Highland Park Schools**

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 Linda G. Wheeler:

“1. Failure to submit oath within 10 days of election 2. Civil conspiracy and collusion to cancel(sic) sexual harassment allegations against a fellow board member. Failure to carry out responsibilities of office of BOE, Failure to carry out responsibilities at office BOE Secaretery (sic) by refusing to call the vote & instances where she did not... (remaining quote illegible).”

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved that item 5A-2 be rejected for lack of clarity. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

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

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** Ms. Harris, Famika Roberts, and Cassandra Walker made public comments.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.