

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019 – 12:30 P.M.
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL BUILDING - ROOM 705
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:36 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: Harnetha Jarrett, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Elizabeth Busdicker, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director
Delphine G. Oden, Elections Consultant
Chris Profeta George McMullen
Maria Simon Gary P. Gordon
Mary Anne Brush Tom Bruetsch
Lisa Williams

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 July 18, 2019

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2019. Chair Burton, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 18, 2019. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Determination of Clarity – Christopher Profeta, Office of Board Member, Grosse Pointe Public School System

Chair Burton asked Assistant Corporation Counsel Elizabeth Busdicker to remind the commission of its role in making a determination of clarity. Assistant Corporation Counsel Busdicker reminded the commission that their role is to determine whether each

reason as stated on the recall petition is factual and of sufficient clarity to enable the officer whose recall is sought and the electors to identify the course of conduct that is the basis for the recall. She also summarized an opinion issued by Judge Levy regarding a determination of clarity in the case of White vs. Wayne County Election Commission.

Gary P. Gordon, attorney for the petitioner Genevieve Tusa, offered statements in support of the recall petition and requested the Commission make a determination and approve the petition as to clarity.

Thomas Bruetsch, attorney for Christopher Profeta, objected to the language and requested that the petition be rejected as unclear.

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 Christopher Profeta:

“At the June 24, 2019 Grosse Pointe Public School System (“GPPSS”) School Board meeting, Christopher Profeta voted in favor of a Resolution entitled “Resolution Directing Administration to Reconfigure Middle and Elementary Schools” that directs the GPPSS administration to reconfigure middle and elementary schools in the GPPSS so that students in grades 5 through 8 attend middle school and students in grades K through 4 attend elementary school.”

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved to approve item 5A-1 as sufficiently clear. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **New Business.** None

Agenda item: **Public Comment.** None

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.