

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.  
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER  
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, ROOM 211  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

**\*\*Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing\*\***

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

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

**Also present:** Rebecca Camargo, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Libby Busdicker, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Gregory P. Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections  
Jennifer Redmond, Deputy Director  
En’Joli Conley, Administrative Assistant  
Edward McRae, Administrative Assistant  
Susan Evitts  
Deborah Pyles  
Rita Hampton

**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 1, 2021**

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 1, 2021. Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved to approve the minutes of September 1, 2021. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Agenda item:** **Determination of Clarity – Susan Evitts, Office of Board Member, Romulus Community Schools**

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 Susan Evitts:

“Ms. Evitts has violated the open meeting act (oma). She has failed to post board minutes since July 28, 2021. On 9/27/2021 a vote was called to place supt. Edmondson on administrative leave. Ms. Evitts called board members attending virtually via her cell phone. The citizens in attendance did not hear who Ms. Evitts was speaking to, nor was the results of the vote announced publicly.”

**Board action on agenda item:** Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, 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 – Deborah Pyles, Office of Board Member, Romulus Community Schools**

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-2 for Deborah Pyles:

“Debi Pyles has refused to listen to the citizens, teachers, bus drivers, custodians, and stakeholders of the Romulus Community School District, to allow the Superintendent Dr. Benjamin P. Edmondson to do his job. Ms. Pyles has questioned, controlled, circumvented Dr. Edmondson authority; micromanaging his daily duties and interfered with his decision-making.”

**Board action on agenda item:** Member Garrett, 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.**   None

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.