

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022 – 2:00 P.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 2:01 p.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 A. 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
Edward McRae, Administrative Assistant, Wayne County Elections
Sao Hang, Director of IT, Wayne County Clerk
Rita Hampton
Judy Kennard

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 27, 2022**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 27, 2022. Member Sabree, duly supported by Chair Burton, moved to approve the minutes of September 27, 2022.

Ayes: Burton, Jr., Sabree **Nays:** None **Abstained:** Garrett

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 code of ethics described in the R.C.S. Board Bylaws & Policies. She failed to honor majority decisions by openly accusing Board Members of dishonesty and deceit. Her behavior has caused the School Board to become dysfunctional and ineffective in serving the needs of the School District and its students.”

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 – Judy Kennard, Office of Board Member, Romulus Community 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 Judy Kennard:

“Ms. Kennard failed to deliver Board Packets to Board Members (the Thursday before Mondays Board Meeting). Board Packets are missing crucial documents or documents are being intentionally withheld. Board Members are not prepared to deliver factual information to the citizens of Romulus Community Schools, therefore they are misinformed or not informed at all.”

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved that item 5A-2 be denied 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**

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 Deborah Pyles:

“Ms. Pyles has failed to serve the interest of the School District and the entire school community. She contacted District Lawyers and Contractors without permission by the majority of the Board. When given legal advice she failed to share with the entire School Board Her actions has compromised the School Board and School District.”

Board action on agenda item: Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved that item 5A-3 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 Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.