

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, ROOM 211
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

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

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 October 22, 2021**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 22, 2021. Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved to approve the minutes of October 22, 2021. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Determination of Clarity – Judy Kennard, 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 Judy Kennard:

“Ms. Kennard has violated her responsibility; she has let her partisanship interest take precedent over the interest of the Romulus Community Schools. She lacks the knowledge of school operations. She is rarely prepared for Board meetings. This is evident when she discusses issues during Board meetings. It is obvious, Ms. Kennard fails to read her Board Packet. She rarely makes comments and always votes with the majority of the Board.”

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 – Susan Evitts, Office of Board Member, Romulus Community Schools**

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-2 for Susan Evitts:

“Violated the Michigan Open Meeting Act (OMA) states in PRCS Bylaws and Policies, under minutes must available for public review within 8d. after the Open meeting. Approved minutes must be made available for public inspection within 5 ds. After the public body’s approval. Ms. Evitts has not placed School Board minutes for Public review since, July 2, 2022 to September 27, 2021 (8 meetings). This behavior promotes, Public distrust and transparency.”

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: **Determination of Clarity – Debi Pyles, Office of Board Member,**

Romulus Community Schools

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-3 Debi Pyles:

“Committed lies of omission and commission to encourage the Superintendent and Board Members to omit discussing parts of a financial audit in a Open Board meeting with the RCS and other stakeholders. My Pyles made this request on 2/22/2021 via email, sent by Board Secretary Susan Evitts. Ms Pyles further stated in this email, that they would discuss this in a close meeting as a personnel issue. (I have all emails referred to in this recall).”

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.