

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of County Election Commissioners meeting was called to order by the Honorable Linda S. Hallmark on May 31, 2023 at 2:05 p.m. in the Oakland County Elections Division, Board of Canvassers/Training Room, 1st floor, West Wing Extension, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hallmark, Brown, Wittenberg. (3)

ABSENT: None. (0)

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph J. Rozell, Director of Elections; Heather Kadulski, Elections Specialist; Ashley Golden, Summer Business Assistant; and Brandon Buck, Corporation Counsel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Board of County Election Commissioners Meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF BALLOTS FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2023 ELECTION.

Discussion followed.

Judge Hallmark stated that sample ballots were submitted to the commissioners for approval.

The commissioners reviewed ballots submitted for Berkley, Precinct 1, Clawson, Precinct 1, Novi, Precinct 1 and Southfield, Precinct 1 & 6. Judge Hallmark asked for a motion to approve the ballots for the August 8, 2023 Election.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **HALLMARK** that the ballots be approved.

VOTE ON APPROVAL OF BALLOTS:

AYES: BROWN, HALLMARK, WITTENBERG. (3)

NAYS: NONE. (0)

The ballots were **APPROVED**.

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2023-01 CONSOLIDATING ALL APPLICABLE PRECINCTS FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2023 ELECTION.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **HALLMARK** that the resolution be adopted.

VOTE ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2023-01: AYES: BROWN, HALLMARK, WITTENBERG. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The resolution was **ADOPTED**.

C. RECALL LANGUAGE

Judge Hallmark advised that proper notice had been given for today's meeting for the recall of Patrick Feeney, Park Commissioner, Township of Holly, Gary Hauff, Board Member, Troy School District, Nancy Philippart, Board Member, Troy School District, Karl Schmidt, Board Member, Troy School District and Nicole L. Wilson, Board Member, Troy School District. She also advised that the purpose of today's meeting according to MCL 168.952 of Michigan Election Law, is that the Commission shall meet and determine whether each reason for the recall stated in the petitions is of factual and sufficient clarity to enable the officer(s) whose recall is being sought and the electors to identify the course of conduct which is the basis of the recall.

I. RECALL OF PATRICK FEENEY

“4-27-23 Called Citizen Pig and Asshole at Holly Township Parks Meeting
4-15-23 Shouted at Constituents on Public Sidewalks and inside business
11-07-22 Grabbed Constituents outside Village Council Meeting”

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Kristin Watt, Angela Wallace and Joanna Barnes spoke in support of the petition.

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. No one spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Angela M. Wallace for Patrick Feeney, Park Commissioner, Township of Holly be approved.

VOTE ON PATRICK FEENEY PETITION: **AYES: HALLMARK, WITTENBERG, BROWN.**
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **APPROVED**.

II. RECALL OF GARY HAUFF

"Gary Hauff's decision to eliminate the following Honors courses: 9 Honors English Literature/Composition 1, 9 Honors English Literature/Composition 2, Mathematics 6/7 Honors, and Mathematics 7/8 Honors by voting to adopt replacement curriculum in School Board Meeting votes held on February 14th, 2023 and May 16th, 2023."

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Yawen Li, Suril Patel, Ruihua Han, Mei Fent, Jinsong Tang, Jianping Zhang, Huiping Wang and Bo Sun spoke in support of the petition.

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. Karl Schmidt, Fabrice Smieliauskas and Nicole Wilson spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **BROWN** that the petition submitted by Alexander Karpowitsch for Gary Hauff, Board Member, Troy School District be disapproved.

VOTE ON GARY HAUFF PETITION: **AYES: HALLMARK, BROWN, WITTENBERG.**
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

III. RECALL OF NANCY PHILIPPART

“Nancy Philippart’s decision to eliminate the following Honors courses: 9 Honors English Literature/Composition 1, 9 Honors English Literature/Composition 2, Mathematics 6/7 Honors, and Mathematics 7/8 Honors by voting to adopt replacement curriculum in School Board Meeting votes held on February 14th, 2023 and May 16th, 2023.”

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Suril Patel and Alex Karpowitsch spoke in support of the petition.

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. No one spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Alexander Karpowitsch for Nancy Philippart, Board Member, Troy School District be disapproved.

VOTE ON NANCY PHILIPPART PETITION: **AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, HALLMARK.**
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

IV. RECALL OF KARL SCHMIDT

"Karl Schmidt's decision to eliminate the following Honors courses: 9 Honors English Literature/Composition 1, 9 Honors English Literature/Composition 2, Mathematics 6/7 Honors, and Mathematics 7/8 Honors by voting to adopt replacement curriculum in School Board Meeting votes held on February 14th, 2023 and May 16th, 2023."

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. No one spoke in support of the petition.

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Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **BROWN** that the petition submitted by Alexander Karpowitsch for Karl Schmidt, Board Member, Troy School District be disapproved.

VOTE ON KARL SCHMIDT PETITION: **AYES: HALLMARK, BROWN, WITTENBERG.**
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

V. RECALL OF NICOLE L. WILSON

"Nicole L. Wilson's decision to eliminate the following Honors courses: 9 Honors English Literature/Composition 1, 9 Honors English Literature/Composition 2, Mathematics 6/7 Honors, and Mathematics 7/8 Honors by voting to adopt replacement curriculum in School Board Meeting votes held on February 14th, 2023 and May 16th, 2023."

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. No one spoke in support of the petition.

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. No one spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Alexander Karpowitsch for Nicole L. Wilson, Board Member, Troy School District be disapproved.

VOTE ON NICOLE L. WILSON PETITION:

AYES: HALLMARK, WITTENBERG, BROWN
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nicole Wilson and Alex Karpowitsch addressed the Election Commission.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Judge Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Lisa Brown
Clerk/Register of Deeds and
Secretary to the Board of County Election Commissioners