

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 June 27, 2022, at 9:37 a.m. in the Oakland County Elections Division, Board of Canvassers/Training Room, 1st floor, West Wing Extension, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None. (0)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ella Mills, Election Specialist; and Brandon Buck, Corporation Counsel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 Board of County Election Commissioners Meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judge Hallmark advised that proper notice had been given for today's meeting for the recall of Dianne Scheib-Snider, Supervisor, Township of Rose; and Paul Gambka, Treasurer, Township of Rose. 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.

A. RECALL OF DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER

DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #1

"AT THE ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER VOTED "YES" ON THE MOTION "TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR AND/OR TREASURER TO OBTAIN A LABOR ATTORNEY OR CONSULTANT THAT SPECIALIZES IN LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000".

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Donald Speace and Julius Stern spoke as proponents of the petition.

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. Dan Wholihan, Peter Stouffer and Dianne Scheib-Snider spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **BROWN** that the petition submitted by Donald Speace for Dianne Scheib-Snider be approved.

VOTE ON DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #1: **AYES: HALLMARK, BROWN, WITTENBERG.**
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **APPROVED**.

DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #2

“AT THE ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER VOTED “YES” ON THE MOTION “TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR AND OR TREASURER TO OBTAIN A LABOR ATTORNEY OR CONSULTANT THAT SPECIALIZES IN LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000”. ROSE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNION EMPLOYEES.”

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

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. Dan Wholihan spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **BROWN** that the petition submitted by Donald Speace for Dianne Scheib-Snyder be disapproved.

VOTE ON DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #2: **AYES: HALLMARK, BROWN, WITTENBERG.**
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #3

"AT THE ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 13, 2022 DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER VOTED "YES" ON THE MOTION "TO PAY THE TWO ATTORNEY BILLS FOR \$2,625.50 AND \$162.25".

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Donald Speace and Julius Stern spoke as proponents of the petition.

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. Dan Wholihan spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **HALLMARK** that the petition submitted by Donald Speace for Dianne Scheib-Snyder be disapproved.

VOTE ON DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #3: **AYES: BROWN, HALLMARK, WITTENBERG.**
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #4

“AT THE ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 13, 2022 DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER VOTED “YES” ON THE MOTION “TO PAY THE TWO ATTORNEY BILLS FOR \$2,625.50 AND \$162.25”. A LINE ITEM ON THE BILLS INCLUDED A “TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER REGARDING FIRE CHIEF ISSUE”.”

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

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. Dan Wholihan spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Donald Speace for Dianne Scheib-Snyder be disapproved.

VOTE ON DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #4: **AYES: HALLMARK, WITTENBERG, BROWN.**
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #5-#10:

“SEE ATTACHED”

Petitioner agreed to vote on petitions #5-#10 in one motion.

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. No one spoke as a proponent 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 **BROWN** that the petitions submitted by Julius Stern for Dianne Scheib-Snyder be disapproved.

**VOTE ON DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER, PETITION #5-#10: AYES: HALLMARK, BROWN, WITTENBERG. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)**

The petitions were **DISAPPROVED**.

B. RECALL OF PAUL GAMBKA

PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #1:

“AT THE ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 PAUL GAMBKA VOTED “YES” ON THE MOTION “TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR AND/OR TREASURER TO OBTAIN A LABOR ATTORNEY OR CONSULTANT THAT SPECIALIZES IN LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000”.”

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

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. Dan Wholihan spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Donald Speace for Paul Gambka be approved.

VOTE ON PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #1: **AYES: HALLMARK, WITTENBERG, BROWN. (3)**
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **APPROVED**.

PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #2

“AT THE ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 PAUL GAMBKA VOTED “YES” ON THE MOTION “TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR AND OR TREASURER TO OBTAIN A LABOR ATTORNEY OR CONSULTANT THAT SPECIALIZES IN LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000”. ROSE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNION EMPLOYEES.”

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Donald Speace asked to withdraw the petition.

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. Dan Wholihan agreed with the request.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Donald Speace for Paul Gambka be disapproved.

VOTE ON PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #2: **AYES: HALLMARK, WITTENBERG, BROWN. (3)**
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #3

“AT THE ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 13, 2022 PAUL GAMBKA VOTED “YES” ON THE MOTION “TO PAY THE TWO ATTORNEY BILLS FOR \$2,625.50 AND \$162.25”.”

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. No one spoke as a proponent 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 **WITTENBERG** seconded by **BROWN** that the petition submitted by Donald Speace for Paul Gambka be disapproved.

VOTE ON PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #3: AYES: WITTENBERG, BROWN, HALLMARK. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #4

“AT THE ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 13, 2022 PAUL GAMBKA VOTED “YES” ON THE MOTION “TO PAY THE TWO ATTORNEY BILLS FOR \$2,625.50 AND \$162.25”. A LINE ITEM ON THE BILLS WAS FOR A “TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER REGARDING FIRE CHIEF ISSUE”.”

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. No one spoke as a proponent 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 **WITTENBERG** seconded by **HALLMARK** that the petition submitted by Donald Speace for Paul Gambka be disapproved.

VOTE ON PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #4: **AYES: WITTENBERG, HALLMARK BROWN. (3)**
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #5

“SEE ATTACHED”

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

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

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **BROWN** that the petition submitted by Julius Stern for Paul Gambka be disapproved.

VOTE ON PAUL GAMBKA, PETITION #5: **AYES: HALLMARK, BROWN, WITTENBERG. (3)**
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Wholihan addressed the Election Commission.

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

Judge Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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