

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 6, 2022 at 1:00 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 Rozell, Director of Elections; Heather Kadulski, Elections Specialist; Zinnia Kallabat, Deputy Treasurer; and Brandon Buck, Corporation Counsel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by **WITTENBERG** seconded by **BROWN** to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022 Board of County Election Commissioners Meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE AUGUST 2, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to receive and file the list of certified candidates. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF BALLOTS FOR THE AUGUST 2, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION.

Discussion followed.

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

The commissioners reviewed ballots submitted for Brandon Township, Precinct 1, Oxford Township, Precinct 1, Bloomfield Hills, Precinct 1 and Pontiac, Precinct 1. Judge Hallmark asked for a motion to approve the ballots for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election.

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

VOTE ON APPROVAL OF BALLOTS: **AYES: WITTENBERG, HALLMARK, BROWN. (3)**
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The ballots were **APPROVED**.

C. RECEIVE AND FILE CLARIFYING DESIGNATION

Discussion followed.

The Board of County Election Commissioners agreed with the decision made by Joseph J. Rozell, Director of Elections.

Judge Hallmark stated the correspondence was received and filed.

D. RECALL LANGUAGE

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.

I. RECALL OF DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER

"AS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, DIANNE SCHEIB-SNIDER VOTED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 TO APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FIREFIGHTERS UNION. ON MARCH 9, 2022, IT WAS REVEALED THAT SHE CAUSED \$2,625 OF THOSE FUNDS TO BE SPENT TO PURSUE THE TERMINATION OF THE FIRE CHIEF, A NON-UNION POSITION."

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Don Speace, Julius Stern, Warren Hardie, John Lauve and Dan Johnson 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. Bob Hoffman and 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-Snider, Supervisor, Township of Rose be disapproved.

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

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

II. RECALL OF PAUL GAMBKA

"AS TOWNSHIP TREASURER, PAUL GAMBKA VOTED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 TO APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FIREFIGHTERS UNION. ON APRIL 13, 2022 HE VOTED TO CAUSE \$2,625 OF THOSE FUNDS TO BE SPENT TO PURSUE THE TERMINATION OF THE FIRE CHIEF, A NON-UNION EMPLOYEE."

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 to the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Donald Speace for Paul Gambka, Treasurer, Township of Rose be disapproved.

VOTE ON PAUL GAMBKA PETITION:

AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, HALLMARK.

(3)

NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Lauve, Bob Hoffman, Don Speace and Julius Stern addressed the board during public comment.

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

Judge Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

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