

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 February 16, 2022 at 3:07 p.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: Joseph J. Rozell, Director of Elections; Heather Kadulski, Election Specialist; Ross Gavin, Deputy Treasurer for Public Policy and Outreach; 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 **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to approve the minutes of the January 25, 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 Wanda Allen, Trustee, Charter Township of Royal Oak and Gwendolyn Turner, Clerk, Charter Township of Royal Oak. 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 WANDA ALLEN

WANDA ALLEN, PETITION #1

"At the December 9, 2021 meeting of the Royal Oak Township Board of Trustees, Township Trustee Wanda Allen voted no to refunding property taxes that were over collected."

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 **BROWN** seconded by **HALLMARK** that the petition submitted by Felicia Royal for Wanda Allen, Trustee, Charter Township of Royal Oak be disapproved.

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

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

B. RECALL OF GWENDOLYN TURNER

GWENDOLYN TURNER, PETITION #1

“At the December 9, 2021 meeting of the Royal Oak Township Board of Trustees, Township Clerk Gwendolyn Turner voted no to refunding property taxes that were over collected.”

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Felicia Royal 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. Gwendolyn Turner spoke in opposition to the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **HALLMARK** that the petition submitted by Felicia Royal for Gwendolyn Turner, Clerk, Charter Township of Royal Oak be disapproved.

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

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

GWENDOLYN TURNER, PETITION #2

“At the December 28, 2020 meeting of the Royal Oak Township Board of Trustees, Township Clerk Gwendolyn Turner voted yes to approve the resolution to authorize a 36 percent increase in the Township Clerk’s salary.”

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Felicia Royal 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. Gwendolyn Turner spoke in opposition to the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** that the petition submitted by Felicia Royal for Gwendolyn Turner, Clerk, Charter Township of Royal Oak be disapproved. No one seconded the motion, therefore the motion failed.

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Discussion followed.

No action was taken on this petition.

GWENDOLYN TURNER, PETITION #3

“On December 28, 2020 at the Charter Township of Royal Oak Board of Trustees meeting, Clerk Turner voted to increase her salary by 36 percent.”

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Felicia Royal 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. Gwendolyn Turner spoke in opposition to the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Felicia Royal for Gwendolyn Turner, Clerk, Charter Township of Royal Oak be approved.

VOTE ON GWENDOLYN TURNER, PETITION #3: **AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, HALLMARK.**
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one spoke during Public Comment.

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

Judge Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

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