

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 December 13, 2021 at 9:33 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: Heather Kadulski, Election Specialist; 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 November 10, 2021 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 Louis Samson, Council Member, City of Clawson. 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 LOUIS SAMSON (LAURA KRUSE PETITION)

"Louis Samson nominated an individual to the Board of Ethics prior to consulting the nominated individual."

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Susan Moffitt 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. Louis Samson spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Laura Kruse for Louis Samson, Council Member, City of Clawson be approved.

VOTE ON LOUIS SAMSON PETITION: AYES: HALLMARK, WITTENBERG, BROWN. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **APPROVED**.

B. RECALL OF LOUIS SAMSON (SUSAN MOFFITT PETITION)

“After DPW Director Matt Hodges was terminated by the City Manager, Louis Samson voted to instruct the Interim City Manager to “reinstate DPW Director Matt Hodges effective immediately.””

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Susan Moffitt 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. Louis Samson spoke in opposition to the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Susan Moffitt for Louis Samson, Council Member, City of Clawson be disapproved.

VOTE ON LOUIS SAMSON PETITION: AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, HALLMARK. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

C. RECALL OF LOUIS SAMSON (MATTHEW ULBRICH PETITION)

“Louis Samson voted to appoint George Georges to Clawson City Council during the November 3, 2021, City Council Meeting.”

Judge Hallmark asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Susan Moffitt read a statement on Matthew Ulbrich’s behalf 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. Louis Samson spoke in opposition to the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Matthew Ulbrich for Louis Samson, Council Member, City of Clawson be approved.

VOTE ON LOUIS SAMSON PETITION: AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, HALLMARK. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **APPROVED**.

D. RECALL OF LOUIS SAMSON (DEBORAH L. WOOLEY PETITION)

“For the November 3, 2021, regular City Council meeting, Louis Samson directed the City Manager to include items on the agenda that proposed to terminate all part-time employees, to extend a hiring freeze, and to investigate that outsourcing of certain Department of Public Works functions.”

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. Louis Samson spoke in opposition to the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **WITTENBERG** seconded by **HALLMARK** that the petition submitted by Deborah L. Wooley for Louis Samson, Council Member, City of Clawson be disapproved.

VOTE ON LOUIS SAMSON PETITION: AYES: WITTENBERG, HALLMARK, BROWN. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

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 9:55 a.m.

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