

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of County Election Commissioners meeting was called to order by Honorable Linda S. Hallmark on July 8, 2024 at 9:35 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: Joseph J. Rozell, Director of Elections; Heather Kadulski, Elections Supervisor and Brandon Buck, Corporation Counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by **WITTENBERG** seconded by **HALLMARK** to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Board of County Election Commissioners Meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR COUNTY ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **HALLMARK** to approve list of inspectors provided and designates Joseph J. Rozell, Director of Elections to make additional appointments as necessary.

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

The appointments were **APPROVED**.

B. SCHEDULING AND DESIGNEE FOR PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR COUNTY ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to appoint Joseph J. Rozell, Director of Elections, Trevor Crank, Elections Specialist and Michael Kernan, Elections Specialist as committee designees to conduct the Public Accuracy Test on July 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with State law.

VOTE ON PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST: AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, HALLMARK. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The committee designees and conduct of the Public Accuracy Test were **APPROVED**.

C. DESIGNATE LOCATION AND START TIME OF COUNTY ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to designate:

AVCB Location 1: Oakland Schools Conference Center, Conference Room A, 2111 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48328 as a location to process absentee ballots. Processing is authorized to begin at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024, and 7:00 a.m. on Election Day.

AVCB Location 2: Oakland Schools Conference Center, Conference Room B, 2111 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48328 as a location to process absentee ballots. Processing is authorized to begin at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024, and 7:00 a.m. on Election Day.

AVCB Location 3: Oakland Schools Conference Center, Conference Room C, 2111 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48328 as a location to process absentee ballots. Processing is authorized to begin at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024, and 7:00 a.m. on Election Day.

AVCB Location 4: Oakland Schools Conference Center, Conference Room D, 2111 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48328 as a location to process absentee ballots. Processing is authorized to begin at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024, and 7:00 a.m. on Election Day.

Also, to designate Oakland County Elections Division, Board of Canvassers/Training Room, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 as an emergency back up location to process absentee ballots.

VOTE ON LOCATION AND START TIME: AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, HALLMARK. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The location and start time were **APPROVED**.

D. APPROVAL OF ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR EARLY VOTING.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to approve list of inspectors provided and designates Joseph J. Rozell, Director of Elections to make additional appointments as necessary. Also, to amend address for Election Inspector Mary Mullison.

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

The appointments were **APPROVED**.

E. SCHEDULING AND DESIGNEE FOR PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR EARLY VOTING.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **HALLMARK** to appoint Joseph J. Rozell, Director of Elections, Trevor Crank, Elections Specialist and Michael Kernan, Election Specialist as committee designees to conduct the Public Accuracy Test for the County Regional and Central Early Voting Sites on July 17, 2024, July 18, 2024 and July 19, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in accordance with State law.

VOTE ON PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST: AYES: BROWN, HALLMARK, WITTENBERG. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The committee designee and conduct of the Public Accuracy Test were **APPROVED**.

F. RECALL LANGUAGE

Judge Hallmark advised that proper notice had been given for today's meeting for the recall of Theresa Rich, Mayor, City of Farmington Hills. 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 petition is factual and of 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.

RECALL OF THERESA RICH

"At the May 13th, 2024, Farmington Hills City Council meeting, Mayor Theresa Rich voted "yes" on the adoption of a resolution amending the rules of the City Council and guidelines of conduct."

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. Mark Brewer spoke as an opponent of the petition.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **BROWN** that the petition submitted by Charles Blackwell for Theresa Rich, Mayor, City of Farmington Hills be disapproved.

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

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Judge Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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