

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 Jennifer Callaghan on April 22, 2025 at 2:01 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: Callaghan, 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 AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by **WITTENBERG** seconded by **CALLAGHAN** to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025 Board of County Election Commissioners Meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judge Callaghan advised that proper notice had been given for today's meeting for the recall of Beverly Hinton, Board Member, School District of the City of Hazel Park and Deborah LaFramboise, Board Member, School District of the City of Hazel Park. 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 BEVERLY HINTON

BEVERLY HINTON, PETITION #1

"On January 27, 2025, Beverly Hinton directed a district employee to forward emails intended for the superintendent to Beverly's email account. This action was taken without prior approval from the Board of Education and is a violation of Board Policy 1.7.2 or Article 1, Section 1 of the Board Bylaws, which stipulate that board members must act as authorized by the board."

Judge Callaghan 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 Callaghan asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. Beverly Hinton spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **WITTENBERG** seconded by **BROWN** that the petition submitted by Ryann Voss for Beverly Hinton, Board Member, School District of the City of Hazel Park be disapproved.

VOTE ON BEVERLY HINTON, PETITION #1: AYES: WITTENBERG, BROWN, CALLAGHAN. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

BEVERLY HINTON, PETITION #2

“On January 27, 2025, Beverly Hinton voted to place the Superintendent on paid administrative leave without public notice or input. On February 3, 2025, she voted to hire an outside interim at \$800.00 per day through June 30, 2025, instead of considering the assistant Superintendent. These actions resulted in significant added costs and violated the board’s duty to ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility”

Judge Callaghan 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 Callaghan 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.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Jennifer Jackson for Beverly Hinton, Board Member, School District of the City of Hazel Park be disapproved.

VOTE ON BEVERLY HINTON, PETITION #2: AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, CALLAGHAN. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

II. RECALL OF DEBORAH LAFRAMBOISE

DEBORAH LAFRAMBOISE, PETITION #1

“On January 28, 2025, Deborah LaFramboise accessed confidential emails intended for the superintendent and entered the superintendent’s office without prior approval from the Board of Education. These actions violate Board Policy 1.7.2 or Article 1, Section 1 of the Board Bylaws, which stipulate that board members must act as authorized by the board.”

Judge Callaghan asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Ryann Voss spoke as a proponent of the petition.

Judge Callaghan 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 Ryann Voss for Deborah LaFramboise, Board Member, School District of the City of Hazel Park be disapproved.

**VOTE ON DEBORAH LAFRAMBOISE, PETITION #1: AYES: WITTENBERG, BROWN, CALLAGHAN.
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)**

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

DEBORAH LAFRAMBOISE, PETITION #2

“On January 27, 2025, Deborah LaFramboise voted to place the Superintendent on paid administrative leave without public notice or input. On February 3, 2025, she voted to hire an outside interim at \$800.00 per day through June 30, 2025, instead of considering the Assistant Superintendent. These actions resulted in significant added costs and violated the board’s duty to ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility”

Judge Callaghan 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 Callaghan 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 **CALLAGHAN** that the petition submitted by Jennier Jackson for Deborah LaFramboise, Board Member, School District of the City of Hazel Park be disapproved.

**VOTE ON DEBORAH LAFRAMBOISE, PETITION #2: AYES: BROWN, CALLAGHAN, WITTENBERG.
(3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)**

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Judge Callaghan adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

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