

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 May 12, 2025 at 2:00 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 **CALLAGHAN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to approve the minutes of the April 22, 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

"On January 27, 2025, Beverly Hinton voted to place the Superintendent on paid leave without public notice. She did not appoint an interim Superintendent until 11:40 AM the next day, leaving the district without an identified leader. On February 3, she voted to hire an outside interim Superintendent at \$800 per day adding significant costs which 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. Jennifer Jackson 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. Deborah Laframboise spoke in opposition of the petition.

Discussion followed.

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Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **CALLAGHAN** 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: **AYES: BROWN, CALLAGHAN, WITTENBERG. (3)**
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

II. RECALL OF DEBORAH LAFRAMBOISE

“On January 27, 2025 Deborah LaFramboise voted to place the Superintendent on paid leave without public notice. On February 3rd, she voted to hire an outside interim Superintendent at \$800 per day resulting in significant costs, violating 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 **WITTENBERG** seconded by **BROWN** 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: AYES: WITTENBERG, BROWN, CALLAGHAN. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)**

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joseph Rozell, Director of Elections addressed the Election Commission.

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

Judge Callaghan adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

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