

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 March 9, 2022 at 11:15 a.m. in the Oakland County Elections Division, Board of Canvassers/Training Room, 1st floor, West Wing Extension, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hallmark, Brown, Wittenberg. (3)
ABSENT: None. (0)

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Kadulski, Elections Specialist; and Brandon Buck, Corporation Counsel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by **WITTENBERG** seconded by **HALLMARK** to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022 Board of County Election Commissioners Meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF BALLOTS FOR THE MAY 3, 2022 ELECTION.

Discussion followed.

Judge Hallmark stated that sample ballots were submitted to the commissioners for approval.

The commissioners reviewed ballots submitted for Groveland Township, Precinct 2, Independence Township, Precinct 1, Berkley, Precinct 1 and Troy, Precinct 24 & 25. Judge Hallmark asked for a motion to approve the ballots for the May 3, 2022 Election.

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **HALLMARK** that the ballots be approved.

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

The ballots were **APPROVED**.

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2022-01 CONSOLIDATING ALL APPLICABLE PRECINCTS FOR THE MAY 3, 2022 ELECTION.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **BROWN** that the resolution be adopted.

VOTE ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2022-01: AYES: HALLMARK, BROWN, WITTENBERG. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The resolution was **ADOPTED**.

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 Jeff Cushingberry, Trustee, 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

"On December 28, 2020 at the Charter Township of Royal Oak Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Wanda Allen voted to increase Clerk Turner's 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. 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 **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Felicia Royal for Wanda Allen, Trustee, Charter Township of Royal Oak be approved.

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

The petition was **APPROVED**.

B. RECALL OF JEFF CUSHINGBERRY

"On December 28, 2020 at the Charter Township of Royal Oak Board of Trustee meeting, Trustee Jeff Cushingberry voted to increase Clerk Turner's 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. No one spoke as a proponent of the petition.

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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 to the petition.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **HALLMARK** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Felicia Royal for Jeff Cushingberry, Trustee, Charter Township of Royal Oak be approved.

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

The petition was **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Judge Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

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