

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 Kathleen A. Ryan on September 15, 2021 at 1:12 p.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: Ryan, Brown, Wittenberg. (3)

ABSENT: None. (0)

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph J. Rozell, Director of Elections; Heather Kadulski, Election Specialist; Brandon Buck, Corporation Counsel and Ross Gavin, Deputy Treasurer for Public Policy & Outreach.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2021 Board of County Election Commissioners Meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judge Ryan advised that proper notice had been given for today's meeting for the recall of Barbara Anness, Board Member, Rochester Community School District, Michelle Bueltel, Board Member, Rochester Community School District and Michael Zabat, Board Member, Rochester Community School District. 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 are 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.

A. RECALL OF BARBARA ANNESS

"On June 21, 2021, Barbara Anness Trustee Voted "Yes" to adopt a budget amendment that calls for appropriating \$1,840.229 million of the District's general funds to expenditures not related to K-12 instruction."

Judge Ryan asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak as a proponent of the petition. Andrew Weaver spoke as a proponent of the petition.

Judge Ryan asked if there was anyone present who wished to come forward to speak in opposition to the petition. Barbara Anness spoke in opposition of the petition for all individuals subject to the recall. Michelle Bueltel and Michael Zabat agreed with the statement read by Barbara Anness.

Discussion followed.

Moved by **RYAN** seconded by **BROWN** that the petition submitted by Andrew Weaver for Barbara Anness, Board Member, Rochester Community School District be disapproved.

VOTE ON BARBARA ANNESS PETITION: AYES: RYAN, BROWN, WITTENBERG. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

B. RECALL OF MICHELLE BUELTEL

“On June 21, 2021 Michelle Bueltel Trustee Voted “Yes” to adopt a budget amendment that calls for appropriating \$1,840,229 million of the District’s general Funds to expenditures not related to K-12 instruction.”

Judge Ryan 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 Ryan 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 **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Andrew Weaver for Michelle Bueltel, Board Member, Rochester Community School District be disapproved.

VOTE ON MICHELLE BUELTEL PETITION: AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, RYAN. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

C. RECALL OF MICHAEL ZABAT

“On June 21, 2021, Michael Zabat Trustee Voted “Yes” to adopt a budget amendment that calls for appropriating \$1,840,229 million of the District’s general funds to expenditures not related to K-12 instruction.”

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Judge Ryan 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 **BROWN** seconded by **WITTENBERG** that the petition submitted by Andrew Weaver for Michael Zabat, Board Member, Rochester Community School District be disapproved.

VOTE ON MICHAEL ZABAT PETITION: AYES: BROWN, WITTENBERG, RYAN. (3)
NAYS: NONE. (0)

The petition was **DISAPPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Judge Ryan adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

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