



# Village of Oak Park

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## Meeting Minutes

### Municipal Officers Electoral Board of the Village of Oak Park

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Wednesday, January 6, 2021

2:00 PM

Remote Meeting

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#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Abu-Taleb called the meeting to order at 2:03 P.M. He authorized a statement be read providing that this meeting is being held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines and that it is not prudent to have people present in person due to public health concerns related to that pandemic.

#### 2. Roll Call of Electoral Board (Abu-Taleb, Taglia, Scaman)

**Present:** 3 - Chair Anan Abu-Taleb, Member Vicki Scaman, and Member James Taglia

**Absent:** 0

**Also Present:** Board Secretary Christina Waters and Village Attorney Paul Stephanides

#### 3. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Member Taglia, seconded by Member Scaman to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The vote was as follows:

**Ayes:** Chair Abu-Taleb, Member Scaman, Member Taglia

**Nayes:** none

#### 4. Introductory Remarks by Chair Anan Abu-Taleb

Chair Abu-Taleb confirmed that this Electoral Board is meeting in response to two sets of challenges to candidate filings. He further affirmed the statute dictating who makes up the Electoral Board of the Village of Oak Park and identified those serving.

#### 5. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

##### A. [MOT 21-1](#) Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Village Attorney Stephanides reviewed the rules as presented on the agenda for the meeting. He shared that currently the meeting is not being streamed live due to a nation-wide outage of the platform that provides for that service. He

further shared that the meeting is being recorded and will be available on the Village website as well as viewable live on noted cable channels.

**Member Taglia moved to adopt the rules as presented. Member Scaman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was approved. The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Ayes:** Chair Abu-Taleb, Member Scaman, and Member Taglia

**Nayes:** none

## 6. Call of the Docket

### B. [ID 21-1](#)

**Convene hearing in Case No. 2020-1, *Peppard v. Clark***

Village Attorney Stephanides called Case No. 2020-1, *Peppard v. Clark*

Mr. Peppard, objector, and Mr. Mullen, Attorney for the candidate, identified themselves and affirmed that they did receive and understand the rules.

Village Attorney Stephanides entered into the record the following items:

Exhibit 1: Objector Petition

Exhibit 2: Nomination papers for candidate

Exhibit 3: Rules of Procedures

Exhibit 4: Chair Abu-Taleb's receipt of objection

Exhibit 5: Candidate receipt of objection

Exhibit 6: Call for hearing issued by Chair Abu-Taleb

Exhibit 7: Waiver of service for Chair Abu-Taleb

Exhibit 8: Waiver of service for Member Taglia

Exhibit 9: Waiver of service for Member Scaman

Exhibit 10: Waiver of service for individual objector

Exhibit 11: Waiver of service for candidate, including appearance of Mr. Mullen on behalf of candidate

Mr. Peppard, objector, and Mr. Mullen, Attorney for the candidate, affirmed that they do not have an objection to the items being entered into the record.

The objector, Mr. Peppard, stated that he does not intend to present additional evidence or arguments before the Board today.

Members of the Board, objector, and Attorney for the candidate agreed to recess until January 12, 2021 at 2pm.

**Member Taglia moved to recess Case No. 2020-1, *Peppard v Clark*, with the intent of reconvening on January 12, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Member Scaman Seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was approved. The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Ayes:** Chair Abu-Taleb, Member Scaman, and Member Taglia

**Nayes:** none

**C.**      [ID 21-2](#)

**Convene hearing in Case No. 2020-2, *Peppard v. Enyia***

Village Attorney Stephanides called Case No. 2020-2, *Peppard v. Enyia*.

Mr. Peppard, objector, and Mr. Mullen, Attorney for the candidate, identified themselves and affirmed that they did receive and understand the rules.

Village Attorney Stephanides entered into the record the following items:

Exhibit 1: Objector Petition

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Mr. Peppard, objector, and Mr. Mullen, Attorney for the candidate, affirmed that they do not have an objection to the items being entered into the record.

Mr. Mullen responded to a comment from Mr. Peppard by stating that the Electoral Board does not have the legal authority to order the Oak Park Police to further investigate. Mr. Mullen stated that Mr. Peppard will not be able to prove his allegations. The Board will take motions made under advisement.

Members of the Board, objector, and Attorney for the candidate agreed to recess until January 12, 2021 at 2pm.

**Member Taglia moved to recess Case No, 2020-1, *Peppard v Enyia*, with the intent of reconvening on January 12, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Member Scaman Seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was approved. The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Ayes:** Chair Abu-Taleb, Member Scaman, and Member Taglia

**Nayes:** none

## **7. Public Comment**

Public statements of up to three minutes will be read into the record at the meeting. Individuals should email statements to clerk@oak-park.us to be received no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. If email is not an option, you can drop comments off in the Oak Park Payment Drop Box across from the entrance to Village Hall, 123 Madison Street, to be received no later than the day prior to the meeting. Questions regarding public comment, or to request to make a public comment during the meeting, can be directed to 708/358-5670 or email clerk@oak-park.us.

Attorney Stephanides reminded members of the Board that public comment is not testimony or evidence to be considered when making decisions for the hearing.

**Public comment supportive of candidates remaining on the ballot:**

Rev. John Edgerton, Lead Pastor, First United Church of Oak Park; Trisha D'Costa; Anna Brozek; Kate Walz; Ruth Lazarus; Jean Magee; Jenna Leving Jacobson; Alix Strunk; Andrea Kovach; Terry Keleher; Stuart Barnes Jamieson; Jim Schwartz; Kate O'Keefe and Adam Wojtowicz; Dot and Terrance Roche; Teri & Jim Svelha; Susanne Fairfax and Deb Fletcher; Alicia Chastain and Ranga Bodla; Sheila Dougherty; Alison Price Askham; Jim Doyle and Ana Garcia Doyle; Richard Gibbs; Soraya Hall; Steve Krasinsky; Tanya & Courtney White; Jane Lambshead; Katherine and Ryan Liebl; Jenna Holzberg; Laura and Scott Sakiyana; Debbie Hammersley; Julia Howland and Jon Tottleben; Elle Morton; Suzanne and Noel Feeney; Teresa Powell Lisa Pintado-Vertner; Joe and Emily Shepley; Priscilla Mutharasan; Dima Ali; Krissy, Andy, Charlie, and Alida Baker; Kelley Staley and Matt Anderson; Autumn Hamer; Anne McNamee-Keels; Kelly and Jon DeLorica; Kathryn Humphreys; Erin Sowers; Pem Hessing; Eula'lia Puig Abril; Brian Straw; Amy and Brett Butler; Milon Stovall; Mary Anne Mohanraj; James Ratner; Amy & Adam Krefman; Jessica Daly; Stephanie Bailey and Jordan Rash; Libbey Paul Jen Stille; Kelly Benkert; Harmony Hermann and Steve McCanless; Paul Goyette; Carolyn Goldberg; Cassandra West; Yoko Terretta; John Barney; Makesha Flournoy; Stacey Belmont; Cynthia Brito; Molly Sackler Wulkowicz; Jason Wulkowicz; Charity Caldwell; Zerrin Bulut; Sheela Raja; Carrollina Song; Dan Giloth; Sara Giloth; Maya Puentes; Cheree Moore; Wendy Daniels; Members of CEEE (Committee for Equity and Excellence in Education) Mary Bird, John Duffy, and Burcy Hines; Jacquelyn Rodriguez; Rachel & Patrick Aubryn; Sheree Johnson; Erika Washington; and Cate for Community Team.

Bruce Kleinman provided a statement challenging the residency of candidate Anthony Clark.

## **8. Adjournment or Recess of Electoral Board**

**Member Taglia moved to recess and reconvene on January 12, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Member Scaman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The meeting recessed at 3:23 P.M. The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Ayes:** Chair Abu-Taleb, Member Scaman, and Member Taglia

**Nayes:** none