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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of November 18, 2022

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 51 Inman Street. The meeting was delayed to allow the public to transition to the revised location.

Present were: Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Ethridge King, Commissioner Victoria Harris, and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

I: MINUTES

Motion: To approve the Minutes of November 2, 2022, with corrections.
Moved: Commissioner Marquardt
Seconded: Commissioner King
Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent

Motion: To approve the Minutes of November 8-9, 2022 with corrections.
Moved: Commissioner Marquardt
Seconded: Commissioner King
Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent

II. REPORTS

1. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ford was unable to attend the meeting.

2. Assistant Director's Report

Ms. Waxman discussed the upcoming School Committee vacancy recount. Past practice has been to appoint a director of the recount; Ms. Waxman suggested that the commissioners appoint Ms. Ford as the director.

Motion: To appoint Tanya Ford as director of the School Committee vacancy recount on December 1, 2022.
Moved: Commissioner Marquardt
Seconded: Commissioner King
Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent

Ms. Waxman next presented the unofficial results of the November 8th state election as of November 15. Given the multiple processes and segments of tabulation, Ms. Waxman would like to review all numbers before issuing hard copies of official results at the end of this meeting.

3. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Harris reported that 91 Dudley Street is not a valid address. She also stated that she would review the clerk sheets and confirm all CRLS students who worked the election. She said that she would email MIT students for their feedback on their experiences as poll workers. Commissioner Harris worked at the post-processing of ballots at the Senior Center on November 15, and offered her thanks to all who participated.

The commissioners discussed having a virtual and/or in-person debrief with wardens and clerks after the Thanksgiving holiday.

III: ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

2020 State Election, Tuesday, November 3rd

Review of Provisional Ballots

The following polling locations did not have any provisional ballots cast to review: Ward 1 Precinct 1; Ward 1 Precinct 2; Ward 1 Precinct 2A; Ward 1 Precinct 3; Ward 2 Precinct 1; Ward 2 Precinct 3A; Ward 3 Precinct 2; Ward 3 Precinct 3A; Ward 4 Precinct 2A; Ward 5 Precinct 1; Ward 5 Precinct 2; Ward 6 Precinct 1; Ward 6 Precinct 1A; Ward 7 Precinct 2; Ward 7 Precinct 2A; Ward 9 Precinct 2; Ward 9 Precinct 3; Ward 10 Precinct 1A; Ward 10 Precinct 2; Ward 11 Precinct 1; Ward 11 Precinct 2; Ward 11 Precinct 3; and Ward 11 Precinct 3A.

The commissioners reviewed research related to each of the provisional ballots. The following votes were taken on each ballot reviewed. Commission staff tallied all ballots cast on November 8 which were voted to be counted:

Ward/Precinct	Ballot Number	Comment	Disposition
2-2	1	Checked category on confirmation card in error	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
2-2	2	RMV had record of person registering by deadline.	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
2-3	N/A	Early voted ballot which did not arrive at precinct in time for tabulation.	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
2-3	1	Did not receive registration form.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
3-1	1	RMV had record of person registering by deadline.	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent

Ward/Precinct	Ballot Number	Comment	Disposition
3-3	1	Not registered in Cambridge.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
4-1	1	RMV had record of person registering by deadline.	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
4-1	2	No record of registration.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
4-1	3	Not registered in Cambridge.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
4-2	1	No record of registration.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
4-3	1	RMV records do not show registration.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
4-3	2	Registration form received on-time but had problem. Error fixed and processed.	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
5-3	1	Registration not received by deadline.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
5-3	2	Not registered.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
5-3	3	Answered census but did not register to vote.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner Ward Passed: 4-0

Ward/Precinct	Ballot Number	Comment	Disposition
6-2	1	RMV inquiry - not registered.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
6-3	1	Did not receive registration form.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
6-3	2	Did not receive registration form.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
7-1	1	Not registered in Cambridge.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
7-1	2	Voted at incorrect polling location after being informed ballot would not count.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
7-3	1	Deleted in error from voter registration database. Voter restored to roll.	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
7-3	2	Unable to register online; not a Cambridge resident.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
8-1	1	Not registered in Cambridge.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
8-2	1	Registration changed inadvertently.	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
8-2	2	Registration received 11/8/22.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent

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8-3	1	Registration form not received.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
9-1	1	From early voting, Not 18 years of age. Now pre-registered.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
10-1	1	Did not receive registration form.	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
10-3	1	RMV inquiry - not registered	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
11-1A	1	RMV inquiry - not registered	Motion: To not count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent

Review of Overseas Ballots

The Commissioners reviewed overseas ballots for postmarks. The following were the disposition of the ballots reviewed:

Ward/Precinct	Ballot Number	Disposition
7-3	1	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
9-1	1	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
7-2	1	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
9-2	3	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent

Ward/Precinct	Ballot Number	Disposition
10-2	1	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent
10-3	1	Motion: To count the ballot Moved: Commissioner Marquardt Seconded: Commissioner King Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent

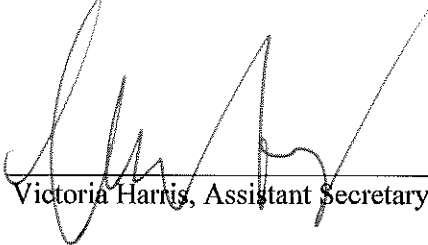
The Commissioners and Commission staff tallied all overseas ballots.

Per Ms. Waxman's previous presentation, no official, final results would be announced at the meeting in order for her to review and confirm numbers. Official, final results will be posted on Monday, November 21, 2022.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for December 1, 2022 at 5:30 pm at 344 Broadway, 2nd Floor Conference Room for the purposes of conducting the vacancy recount for School Committee.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm
Moved: Commissioner Marquardt
Seconded: Commissioner King
Passed: 3-0 with 1 member absent

A True Record

Attested by: 
Victoria Harris, Assistant Secretary