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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of May 15, 2019

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 15, at 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Ethridge King, Commissioner Victoria Harris, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, and members of the public.

I: MINUTES

The minutes of April 30th, 2019 were reviewed and accepted with corrections.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of April 30th, 2019 with corrections
Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner King
The Motion passed: 4-0

II: REPORTS

Executive Director's Report – R1

The Executive Director reported that former State Representative Alice Wolf emailed and published concerns regarding proposed changes to the Municipal Ballot (the letter was received via email on Sunday, May 12, 2019). Email is attached – R3

The Executive Director reported that the City Council Policy Order 2019#175 and Public Hearing Invite – That the City Manager is requested to direct the Executive Director of the Election Commission and the City Solicitor to report back to the City Council on potential ballot changes at a public hearing of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee on May 28, 2019. (City Council meeting May 13, 2019) - R4

Commissioners' Harris and King will attend the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee meeting on May 28.

Assistant Director's Report -R4

1. Statement of Financial Interests were mailed on Monday, May 7, 2019 to 165 Municipal Officials. As of May 15, approximately 15 responses were received.
2. OPCF seminar is scheduled for Thursday, July 18 at 6pm at 344 Broadway, 2nd floor conference room.
3. The Assistant Director reported that she met with staff from the Kennedy School, Institute of Politics to discuss the "Harvard Votes Challenge".

III COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Marquardt reported that he attended the Budget Hearing on May 1.

Commissioner Marquardt reported that following two addresses are valid:

- 143 Columbia Street
- 186 ½ Hampshire Street

IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

In attendance

Gary Mello

Robert Winters

Mr. Mello suggested that the Commission include in the Municipal Candidates Packet rules about candidates holding events at CHA properties. He stated that incumbents have an unfair advantage gaining access to these properties to hold political events

V: ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Proposed Ballot Change: Commissioners King and Harris will reach out to the City Manager and the City Solicitor to schedule a meeting to request an expedited opinion from the City Solicitor on the Election Commission's authority to vote on reducing the number of ovals on municipal ballots to 15.

New Business

Next meeting will be held on May 22, 2019 at 5:30

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:42p.m.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

The Motion passed: 4-0

A True Record

Attested by: 
Ethridge A. King, Secretary