



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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### COMMISSIONERS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Tanya L. Ford-Crump

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
Lesley Waxman

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of March 10, 2021

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm on March 10, 2021 via Zoom.

### Roll Call:

Commissioner Ethridge King	Present
Commissioner Charles Marquardt	Present
Commissioner Larry Ward	Present
Commissioner Victoria Harris	Present

Also present were Executive Director Tanya Ford-Crump and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

### I: MINUTES

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of February 24, 2021.  
**Moved:** Commissioner King  
**Seconded:** Commissioner Ward

### Roll Call

Commissioner King	Yea
Commissioner Marquardt	Yea
Commissioner Ward	Yea
Commissioner Harris	Yea
<b>Passed:</b>	<b>4—0</b>

### II: Reports

- Executive Director's Report**  
Ms. Ford-Crump had no updates at this time.
- Assistant Director's Report (R1)**  
*Year-End Campaign Finance Reports*  
Ms. Waxman reviewed the attached summary of School Committee candidate reports.

#### *2021 Municipal Election Calendar*

Ms. Waxman discussed the calendar for the 2021 election year. She noted that July 31, 2021, the usual end date for filing candidate nomination papers, falls on a Saturday this year. Therefore, the likely filing deadline may be moved to Monday, August 2, 2021.

The group discussed the impact on operations if City offices remain closed, and what additional procedures may need to be in place to accommodate candidates and campaigns. They also talked about setting the calendar without legislation being finalized regarding deadlines for mail-in ballots and voter registration. The group also brought up design issues with ballots.

Advocacy efforts to encourage the State legislature to make changes that would allow adequate planning

**III. Public Comment**

John Hawkinson stated that there was a process for advocacy regarding pending legislation at the State House, which includes lobbying members of the General Court. This could be done through a policy order submitted by the City Council.

**Motion:** To close public comment.  
**Moved:** Commissioner King  
**Seconded:** Commissioner Ward

**Roll Call**

Commissioner King Yea  
Commissioner Marquardt Yea  
Commissioner Ward Yea  
Commissioner Harris Yea  
**Passed:** 4—0

**IV. Action Agenda**

*Old Business*

Commissioner Harris asked if anyone present would like to participate in a potential Zoom presentation offered by Harvard Law School/Equal Democracy Project. Commissioners King and Ward stated that they would be available to attend.

*New Business*

Commissioner Marquardt stated that with new leadership changes in the upcoming school year with the Superintendent's position that it would be important to meet with the School Committee as soon as possible to ask about using schools as polling locations. Commissioner King stated that he would follow up with the School Committee to schedule a meeting. Ms. Ford-Crump stated that Michelle Tassinari from the Secretary of State's office had recommended local commissions revisit using school locations as polling sites.

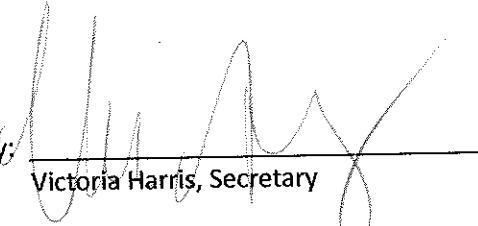
The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 24, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm  
**Moved:** Commissioner King  
**Seconded:** Commissioner Ward

**Roll Call**

Commissioner Marquardt Yea  
Commissioner Harris Yea  
Commissioner Ward Yea  
Commissioner King Yea  
**Passed:** 4—0

A True Record

Attested by:   
Victoria Harris, Secretary