



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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### COMMISSIONERS

Ethridge A. King, Jr.  
Larry W. Ward  
Charles J. Marquardt  
Victoria A. Harris

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Tanya L. Ford

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
Lesley Waxman

### BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

#### Minutes of April 12th 2023

Commissioner Marquardt called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### **Present:**

Commissioner King	Present
Commissioner Marquardt	Present
Commissioner Harris	Present
Commissioner Ward	Present

Also present was Executive Director Tanya Ford and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

#### I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**Motion:** To close public comment  
**Moved:** Commissioner Marquardt  
**Seconded:** Commissioner Ward

Commissioner King	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Ward	Yes

**Passed:** 4-0

#### II. MINUTES

**Motion:** Minutes of Voter Registration Challenge Hearing March 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, accepted with correction.

**Moved:** Commissioner Marquardt  
**Seconded:** Commissioner King

Commissioner King	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Ward	Yes

**Passed:** 4-0

### **III: REPORTS**

#### **1. Executive Director's Report**

None

#### **2. Assistant Director's Report**

Ruth Allen submitted her campaign finance report. Ms. Waxman will resend to others via certified mail.

#### **3. Commissioners' Report**

Commissioner Harris reported George Varghese was elected Chair of the Democratic City Committee.

Commissioner Harris and Ms. Waxman will meet with Graduate students from Professor's Stewart for a report on 2022 voting results.

Commissioner Ward reported 8 Education Street is not a valid address.

Commissioner Marquardt 363 Green Street not a valid address. Also, 52D Windsor Street is not a valid address.

He reported a policy ordered passed in City Council asking how quick a ballot question can get on the ballot.

Commissioner will send a letter to the City Solicitor to remind them we already have three elections in 2024 and it would be a hardship on the election office.

### **IV: Action Agenda**

#### **Old Business**

##### **2023 Annual City Census**

Ms. Waxman stated Postage amount is \$9,592 for 20,000 pieces.

##### **2023 Early Voting Planning**

Ms. Waxman emailed library and Ms. Ford emailed the Water Department. Stated the Water Department is fine with the dates?

Ms. Ford asked Commissioner Ward which facility will be used the Charter School versus the library. Commissioner Ward stated he would like to stay where we are at the library and Truman Apartments.

Ms. Waxman will put polling locations on the next agenda.

Commissioner Harris will communicate with the Arminian Church on expected elections.

Commissioner King will reach out to the schools regarding the upcoming elections.

#### **New Business**

##### **New voter registrations**

Potential voter registration challenges of voter properties.

Ms. Waxman stated it is approximately 20 houses affects.

Commissioner King will come with draft suggestions to make the paperwork more efficient. Ms. Ford will review before forwarding to personnel.

Commissioners King and Ward stated they are not comfortable going after individuals based on, they law stating we “may” go after people. Commissioner Harris suggested if an election is challenged it might cause problems.

Ms. Waxman will get an updated list of how many people are affected for the next meeting.

Commissioner Harris will email Ms. Ford Regarding summer schedules being on the next agenda.

**Next Meetings:** Election Commissioners meeting April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:30 format TBD

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner King

Commissioner King Yes

Commissioner Marquardt Yes

Commissioner Harris Yes

Commissioner Ward Yes

**Passed: 4-0**

A True Record

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Ward, Secretary