



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of August 1, 2019

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on August 1, 2019 at 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Victoria Harris, Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Larry Ward, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman and members of the public.

I: MINUTES

The minutes of July 18, 2019 were reviewed and accepted with corrections.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of July 18, 2019 with corrections.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3-0

II: REPORTS

Executive Director's Report – R1

The Executive Director provided a reminder to all in attendance that the Election Worker Recruitment Session is scheduled for August 7th at 6 p.m. at the Citywide Senior Center (806 Mass Ave).

The Executive Director informed the Commissioners that Parking Day for the City of Cambridge is scheduled for September 20th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Election Commission location will be in Harvard Square. As in prior years, the Election Commission will hold a voter registration event. Last year there was an interactive feature to vote for your favorite candy. Ideas for this year's interactive component are welcome.

The Election Worker Training scheduled for October 16th will need to be rescheduled as that is the last day to register to vote for the Municipal Election. After discussion, the date was rescheduled to October 23rd.

The Bid requests for the ballots for the Municipal Election have been delivered and once Purchasing has selected the vendor, the Commissioners will be notified.

The Commissioners and Executive Director discussed the possibility of enlarging the ovals on the ballot as had been suggested during a recent City Council Government Operations Committee meeting. The Executive Director reported that she has been in communication with the vendor for the scanners and was informed that the oval size is not adjustable.

Assistant Director's Report – R2

The Assistant Director reported that as of August 1st, 3 Statements of Financial Interests had not been filed, 2 for Municipal Officials and 1 for a Municipal Candidate. The Assistant Director will contact each to have them file their reports and, if not, the Commission will schedule a hearing on the matter.

The Assistant Director reported that fliers for the Election Worker Recruitment Session have been posted at City Hall, Senior Center, Libraries and CHA buildings. Information is also available on the Election Commission website and have been posted to the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The Powerpoint presentation for the Recruitment Session is at R3. Commissioner Harris will make the presentation at the Recruitment Session.

The Assistant Director Reported that Ward Committee Nomination Papers are now available and are due November 8th.

III COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioners Harris and Marquardt reported that they had distributed fliers for the Election Worker Recruitment Session in locations around the City.

IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

In attendance: Robert Winters, Gary Mello, Jeffery McNary and Ilan Levy

Mr. McNary expressed his sincere thanks to the Election Commission Staff for the crispness of the petition process. He thanked them for their empathy and helpfulness in working with candidates to resolve issues.

Mr. Levy commented that magnifying glasses should be available to help with the reading of the ovals on the ballot for those who wish to use them. He was informed that magnifiers and magnifying rulers are available at the polls.

Mr. Winters commented that the issue at the polls that has impacted him is less than adequate lighting.

V: ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

New Business

Municipal Candidates Nomination Papers

City Council

| 2019 City Council Nomination Paper Log | | | | |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Date Received | Name | Num of Papers | Num of Signatures | Num Certified |
| 7/22/2019 | Craig Kelley | 2 | 60 | 57 |
| 7/22/2019 | Jeffery McNary | 1 | 26 | 21 |
| 7/22/2019 | Derek Andrew Kopon | 1 | 48 | 46 |
| 7/22/2019 | Quinton Zondervan | 1 | 43 | 31 |
| 7/23/2019 | Marc McGovern | 1 | 42 | 38 |
| 7/23/2019 | Nicola A. Williams | 1 | 46 | 42 |
| 7/24/2019 | Derek Andrew Kopon | 2 | 35 | 33 |
| 7/24/2019 | Ben Simon | 1 | 40 | 38 |
| 7/24/2019 | Timothy Toomey | 3 | 100 | 97 |
| 7/25/2019 | Patricia M. Nolan | 1 | 17 | 17 |
| 7/25/2019 | Jeffery McNary | 1 | 19 | 13 |
| 7/26/2019 | Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler | 1 | 34 | 32 |
| 7/29/2019 | Marc McGovern | 2 | 58 | 53 |

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|-----------|------------------------|---|----|----|
| 7/29/2019 | Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler | 1 | 36 | 31 |
| 7/29/2019 | Dennis J. Carlone | 2 | 64 | 62 |
| 7/29/2019 | Burhan Azeem | 1 | 50 | 35 |
| 7/29/2019 | Burhan Azeem | 1 | 14 | 10 |
| 7/29/2019 | Nicola A. Williams | 2 | 54 | 47 |
| 7/30/2019 | Gregg J. Moree | 1 | 42 | 35 |
| 7/30/2019 | Jamake Pascual-Navarro | 1 | 50 | 25 |
| 7/30/2019 | Risa Mednick | 1 | 50 | 45 |
| 7/30/2019 | Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler | 1 | 20 | 15 |
| 7/30/2019 | John Pitkin | 1 | 47 | 45 |
| 7/30/2019 | Ben Simon | 1 | 28 | 23 |
| 7/31/2019 | Burhan Azeem | 1 | 19 | 12 |
| 7/31/2019 | John Pitkin | 1 | 26 | 25 |
| 7/31/2019 | Jeffery McNary | 1 | 31 | 26 |
| 7/31/2019 | Jamake Pascual-Navarro | 1 | 27 | 21 |
| 7/31/2019 | Risa Mednick | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| 7/31/2019 | Craig Kelley | 1 | 21 | 16 |
| 7/31/2019 | Deonna Desir | 1 | 58 | 45 |
| 7/31/2019 | Ilan Levy | 2 | 76 | 58 |
| 7/31/2019 | Sumbul Siddiqui | 1 | 22 | 21 |

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 57 signatures for Craig Kelley

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 21 signatures for Jeffery McNary

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 46 signatures for Derek Andrew Kopon

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 31 signatures for Quinton Zondervan

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 38 signatures for Marc McGovern

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 42 signatures for Nicola A. Williams

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 33 signatures for Derek Andrew Kopon

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 38 signatures for Ben Simon

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 97 signatures for Timothy Toomey

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 17 signatures for Patricia M. Nolan

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 13 signatures for Jeffery McNary

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 32 signatures for Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 53 signatures for Marc McGovern

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 31 signatures for Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 62 signatures for Dennis J. Carlone

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 35 signatures for Burhan Azeem

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 10 signatures for Burhan Azeem

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 47 signatures for Nicola A. Williams

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 35 signatures for Gregg J. Moree

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 25 signatures for Jamake Pascual-Navarro

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 45 signatures for Risa Mednick

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 15 signatures for Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 45 signatures for John Pitkin

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 23 signatures for Ben Simon

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 12 signatures for Burhan Azeem

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 25 signatures for John Pitkin

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 26 signatures for Jeffery McNary

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 21 signatures for Jamake Pascual-Navarro

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 14 signatures for Risa Mednick

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 16 signatures for Craig Kelley

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 45 signatures for Deonna Desir

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 58 signatures for Ilan Levy

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Candidate Levy had placed a "6" where a "5" should have been on the date of the election on the nomination papers. The Election Commission received an opinion from the City Solicitor that this was acceptable.

Motion: Certify the City Council Nomination Paper with 21 signatures for Sumbul Siddiqui

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

School Committee

2019 School Committee Nomination Paper Log

| Date Received | Name | Num of Papers | Num of Signatures | Num Certified |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 7/22/2019 | David Weinstein | 1 | 48 | 46 |
| 7/23/2019 | Emily Dexter | 1 | 31 | 29 |
| 7/24/2019 | David Weinstein | 1 | 19 | 14 |
| 7/24/2019 | Emily Dexter | 1 | 33 | 33 |
| 7/26/2019 | Jose Luis Rojas Villarreal | 1 | 25 | 23 |
| 7/29/2019 | Jose Luis Rojas Villarreal | 1 | 33 | 32 |
| 7/29/2019 | Christopher Lim | 1 | 50 | 48 |
| 7/29/2019 | Christopher Lim | 1 | 22 | 19 |
| 7/29/2019 | Rachel Weinstein | 3 | 100 | 94 |
| 7/31/2019 | Jose Luis Rojas Villarreal | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| 7/31/2019 | Emily Dexter | 1 | 32 | 31 |
| 7/31/2019 | Ruth Ryan Allen | 3 | 91 | 85 |

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 46 Signatures for David Weinstein

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 29 signatures for Emily Dexter

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 14 signatures for David Weinstein

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 33 signatures for Emily Dexter

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 23 signatures for Jose Luis Rojas Villarreal

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 32 signatures for Jose Luis Rojas Villarreal

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 48 signatures for Christopher Lim

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 19 signatures for Christopher Lim

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 94 signatures for Rachel Weinstein

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 15 signatures for Jose Luis Rojas Villarreal

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 31 signatures for Emily Dexter

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

Motion: Certify the School Committee Nomination Paper with 85 signatures for Ruth Ryan Allen

Moved: Commissioner Harris
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
Passed: 3—0

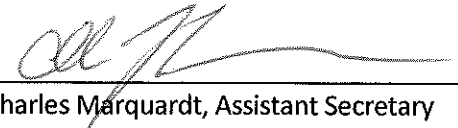
Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3-0

A True Record

Attested by: 

Charles Marquardt, Assistant Secretary