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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of July 21, 2021

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm on July 21, 2021 in the second floor conference room at 51 Inman Street. Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Victoria Harris, Commissioner Ethridge King and Commissioner Charles Marquardt were all present. Also, present was Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment.

Robert Winters commented that he was happy to see everyone in person.

There being no additional public comment the Chair closed public comment.

II: MINUTES

Motion: To approve the Minutes of June 30, 2021 with corrections.

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner King

Passed: 4—0

III: REPORTS

1. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ford-Crump provided the following update to her report of June 30, 2021:

- a. Potential Charter Change Questions on Municipal Ballot Home Rule Method
Copies of the proposed amendment were sent to the Dept. of Housing and Community Development and the Attorney General on 6/30/21.
Attorney General must render an opinion in 4 weeks. (Amended from 6/30/21 agenda)
 - If AG renders a favorable opinion, then the proposed amendment becomes final 4 weeks after the submission by the Attorney General. The AG must respond by 7/28/21 and then 4 weeks later the proposed amendment becomes effective and then it must be submitted to the voters at the next Municipal Election. The City Council does not need to vote again after receiving a favorable opinion from AG.

2. Assistant Director's Report

Ms. Waxman made the following report:

- a. Statements of Financial Interests
Email reminders were sent out on July 19th; there are still 12 outstanding SFIs.
- b.

Pollworker Training

Scytl has offered an amended contract similar to last year using powerpoints. Commissioners expressed that the on-line training was welcomed last year and a hybrid model with on-line and in-person for topics requiring hands-on instruction would appear to be best. Adding videos to the training would also have additional value.

c. Pollworker Applications

Applications are beginning to arrive. Ms. Waxman and the Commissioners discussed the approach to handling the applications. It was determined that Commissioner Harris would review the applications and sort them to the other Commissioners.

d. Re-precincting Update

The State Senate is considering a bill that would have the state re-district before re-precincting, but there has been no vote held yet. Additional details at R4.

e. Early Voting Update

The legislature has reached an agreement on extending early and mail voting until December 15th. Additional details at R5.

f. Polling Location Change Approvals

The change in state law requiring City Council approval of polling location changes did not have an expiration. Therefore, any polling location changes will require City Council approval along with a report regarding any disparate impact. Additional details at R6.

In light of the guidance from the Secretary of the Commonwealth the Commissioners reached consensus that the votes to change the polling location for 10-3 to Cadbury Commons and 11-3 to the Burns Apartments at the June 16th Board of Election Commissioners are rescinded and these location changes will be included with any others and presented to the City Council.

3. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Harris reported that:

- West Cambridge Youth Center is set as a polling location.
- 45 Richdale Ave is a valid address.
- She attended a Voter ID Verification webinar put on by the University of MN.
- She attended the Election Sciences Reform Conference. There is a link to the conference on the MIT Elections website.

Commissioner Ward reported that:

- He and Paul Paravano from MIT have been discussing parking and logistics for 2-2 and 2-3 in light of construction in the area..

Commissioner Marquardt reported that:

- He attended a Voter ID Verification webinar put on by the University of MN and that there is a recording of the webinar that he would forward after the meeting.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Review and Certification of *Nomination Papers*

City Council

Motion: To certify 46 signatures for City Council candidate Joe McGuirk.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 41 signatures for City Council candidate Sumbul Siddiqui.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 44 signatures for City Council candidate Frantz Pierre.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 43 signatures for City Council candidate Sumbul Siddiqui.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 42 signatures for City Council candidate Theodora Theo Skeadas.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 44 signatures for City Council candidate Patricia Nolan.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 96 signatures for City Council candidate Paul Toner.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To not certify 16 signatures for City Council candidate Sumbul Siddiqui.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 24 signatures for City Council candidate Frantz Pierre.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 14 signatures for City Council candidate Patricia Nolan.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 95 signatures for City Council candidate Allana Mallon.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 48 signatures for City Council candidate Nicola Williams.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 44 signatures for City Council candidate Theodora Theo Skeadas.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 39 signatures for City Council candidate Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 25 signatures for City Council candidate Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 83 signatures for City Council candidate Denise Simmons.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 80 signatures for City Council candidate Marc McGovern.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 42 signatures for City Council candidate Gregg J. Moree.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

School Committee

Motion: To certify 43 signatures for School Committee candidate Ayesha Wilson.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 40 signatures for School Committee candidate Christopher Lim.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 38 signatures for School Committee candidate Ayesha Wilson.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 15 signatures for School Committee candidate Christopher Lim.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 91 signatures for School Committee candidate Akriti Bhambi.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 48 signatures for School Committee candidate Alfred Fantini.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 50 signatures for School Committee candidate Alfred Fantini.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 2 signatures for School Committee candidate Alfred Fantini.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 50 signatures for School Committee candidate David Weinstein.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

Motion: To certify 61 signatures for School Committee candidate Rachel Weinstein.

Moved: Commissioner Harris

Seconded: Commissioner King

Motion passed 4-0

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for August 4, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm

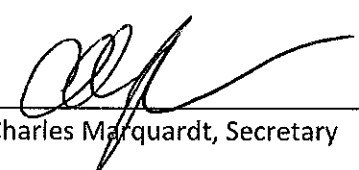
Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Motion passed 4-0

A True Record

Attested by: _____


Charles Marquardt, Secretary