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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Tanya L. Ford-Crump

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
Lesley Waxman

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of April 13, 2022

Commissioner Ward called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm on April 13, 2022 via Zoom.

Roll Call:

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

Also present was Executive Director Tanya Ford-Crump.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

Motion: To close Public Comment.

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

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

Passed: 4—0

II. MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of March 30, 2022 with corrections.

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner King

Roll Call:

Commissioner Larry Ward	Yes
Commissioner Victoria Harris	Yes
Commissioner Ethridge King	Yes
Commissioner Charles Marquardt	Yes
Passed:	4—0

III: REPORTS

1. Executive Director's Report

There was no Executive Director's report.

Ms. Ford-Crump commented that she had spoken with the City Manager regarding the use of the schools as polling locations and that a meeting has been set for Thursday, April 14th. The meeting will include Ms. Ford-Crump, City Solicitor Glowa and School Chief Operating Officer Maloney.

Ms. Ford-Crump expressed that she was not comfortable with the meeting as previous meetings had not gone well over the course of her tenure.

Commissioner Ward commented that he was not comfortable with this approach and that he would prefer that the Mayor call the meeting as discussed in December.

Ms. Ford-Crump commented that the City Council is still required to approve any polling location changes pursuant to the pandemic related election laws.

Commissioner Harris commented that Ms. Ford-Crump should express to Mr. Maloney the ways in which the Election Commission and the School Department can partner in bringing civic education to the classroom. She also commented that there was significant interest in elections by students.

Commissioner Marquardt asked Ms. Ford-Crump to keep the commissioners informed of the results of the meeting and, if necessary, the commissioners could write a letter to the Mayor.

Ms. Ford-Crump then reminded the commissioners of the upcoming budget hearings. The Election Commission is scheduled for May 10th.

Commissioner Harris asked if a copy of the budget materials could be provided.

Ms. Ford-Crump said she would see what she could do to get a copy.

2. Assistant Director's Report

No Assistant Director's report.

3 Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Harris reported:

- The Cambridge Democratic City Committee is interested in the changes to wards and precincts. She said that she would keep them apprised of changes.
- The Election Commission agreed to attend a meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. She agreed to reach out to Rachel Tanenhaus to schedule.

Commissioner Marquardt reported:

- He forwarded a potential grant opportunity to Ms. Ford-Crump and Ms. Waxman from the Center for Technology in Civic Life.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Polling Locations

Commissioner Harris reported that she had received an enthusiastic response from Reservoir Church regarding hosting multiple precincts. She also reported that Cadbury Commons has expressed their desire to have their location be used as a polling location again.

Commissioner Marquardt commented that he had scheduled a meeting with the Rector of St. Peters.

Discussion about the possible use of the YWCA resulted in Commissioner Marquardt agreeing to reach out to their Board.

Communication Plan / Public Outreach

Ms. Ford-Crump commented that Mr. Gianetti will attend the May 11th meeting.

Commissioner Harris commented that everyone should review the communications timeline and provide any comments to Ms. Ford-Crump and Ms. Waxman in advance of the April 27th meeting.

Ms. Ford-Crump indicated that we could use the April 27th meeting to come up with a list of topics for Mr. Gianetti to consider in advance of the May 11th meeting.

Commissioner Marquardt commented that the approach was good to keep the conversation focused.

Commissioner Harris noted that not all items on the timeline need to be sent to Mr. Gianetti. Rather we can provide more focused topics.

Upcoming meetings of the Election Commission:

April 27 – Annual Organizational Meeting

May 11 – Meeting

May 25 - Meeting

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:11 pm.

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

Commissioner Larry Ward Yes

Commissioner Victoria Harris Yes

Commissioner Ethridge King Yes

Commissioner Charles Marquardt Yes

Passed: 4—0

A True Record

Attested by: 
Charles Marquardt, Secretary