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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of August 9, 2023

The Vice-Chair, Commissioner Ward, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM on August 9, 2023. Present were Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Ethridge King, Executive Director Tanya Ford, and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman. Commissioner Victoria Harris was not in attendance.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board placed into the record an email from Mr. James Williamson.

Mr. Gary Mello made a public comment.

Motion: Close public comment.

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner King

Passed: 3—0

II: MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of July 26, 2023.

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner King

Passed: 3—0

III: REPORTS

1. Executive Director's Report

None given.

2. Assistant Director's Report

- The Assistant Director reported 10 SFIs filers remain delinquent—and that all the current School Committee and City Councilor candidates filed their SFIs on time.

3. Commissioners Reports

- Commissioner Marquardt reported that he visited ISD to ask Ms. Pacheco if she could provide him with Ranjit Sinanayaagam's contact information, so that he may reach out to Mr. Sinanayaagam about submitting his SFI.

- Commissioner Marquardt reported that he contacted School Committee member Mr. Fantini in regards to making March 5, 2024 (the day of the Presidential Primary Election) a school professional day. Designating March 5, 2024, as a professional day means that all the schools will be closed on Election Day. As a result of Commissioner Marquardt’s request, Mr. Fantini reached out to Superintendent Greer about the matter of designating March 5, 2024 as a professional day. The Superintendent requested that the Election Commission send her a letter stating our request. A letter was sent from the Chair (Victoria Harris) to Dr. Greer on August 1, 2023.
- Commissioner Ward reported that 215 Harvard Street is not a valid address.
- Commissioner King reported that he and Justine Donovan visited the Designated Healthcare Facility, Cambridge Homes, on July 13, 2023, to help the residents complete their absentee ballot applications.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Municipal Election—Signature Certifications

CITY COUNCIL

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 48 provisionally certified signatures for John Hanratty.

Motion : Officially certify 48 signatures for John Hanratty.

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

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 15 provisionally certified signatures for Ayah Al-Zubi.

Motion : Officially certify 15 signatures for Ayah Al-Zubi.

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

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 17 provisionally certified signatures for Dan Totten.

Motion : Officially certify 17 signatures for Dan Totten.

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

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 46 provisionally certified signatures for Federico Muchnik.

Motion : Officially certify 46 signatures for Federico Muchnik.

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

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 57 provisionally certified signatures for Hao Wang.

Motion : Officially certify 57 signatures for Hao Wang.

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

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 10 provisionally certified signatures for John Hanratty.

Motion : Officially certify 10 signatures for John Hanratty.

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

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 8 provisionally certified signatures for Joe McGuirk.

Motion : Officially certify 8 signatures for Joe McGuirk.

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

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 11 provisionally certified signatures for Ayah Al-Zubi.

Motion : Officially certify 11 signatures for Ayah Al-Zubi.

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

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 13 provisionally certified signatures for Federico Muchnik.

Motion : Officially certify 13 signatures for Federico Muchnik.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 18 provisionally certified signatures for Dan Totten.

Motion : Officially certify 18 signatures for Dan Totten.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 50 provisionally certified signatures for Peter Hsu.

Motion : Officially certify 50 signatures for Peter Hsu.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 12 provisionally certified signatures for Burhan Azeem.

Motion : Officially certify 12 signatures for Burhan Azeem.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 51 provisionally certified signatures for Doug Brown.

Motion : Officially certify 51 signatures for Doug Brown.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 30 provisionally certified signatures for Frantz Pierre.

Motion : Officially certify 30 signatures for Frantz Pierre.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 50 provisionally certified signatures for Peter Hsu.

Motion : Officially certify 50 signatures for Peter Hsu.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 43 provisionally certified signatures for Alborz Bejnoon.

Motion : Officially certify 43 signatures for Alborz Bejnoon.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 54 provisionally certified signatures for Richard Harding.

Motion : Officially certify 54 signatures for Richard Harding.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 5 provisionally certified signatures for Jose Luis Rojas Villarreal.

Motion : Officially certify 5 signatures for Jose Luis Rojas Villarreal.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 12 provisionally certified signatures for Alborz Bejnoon.

Motion : Officially certify 12 signatures for Alborz Bejnoon.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 71 provisionally certified signatures for Caroline Hunter.

Motion : Officially certify 71 signatures for Caroline Hunter.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 21 provisionally certified signatures for Frantz Pierre.

Motion : Officially certify 21 signatures for Frantz Pierre.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

The Board and a member of the public reviewed the folder with the 83 provisionally certified signatures for Elizabeth Hudson.

Motion : Officially certify 83 signatures for Elizabeth Hudson.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Passed: 3—0

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner King

Passed: 3—0

A True Record

Attested by: 
Ethridge A. King, Secretary