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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of December 20, 2017

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Election Commission Office, 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Commissioner Ethridge King, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, City Solicitor Nancy Glowa, Assistant City Solicitor Megan Bayer and members of the public, John Hawkinson, Robert Winters and Gary Mello.

I: Executive Session

The Chair moves that the Board of Election Commissioners enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy concerning responding to an Open Meeting Law complaint filed by John Hawkinson regarding the Commissioners' November 7, 2017 meeting, as the Commissioners find that discussion of the complaint and response in open session may have a detrimental effect upon the Commissioners' position concerning the complaint/litigation.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Cobb

Roll Call

Commissioner Ward – Yes
Commissioner Cobb – Yes
Commissioner King – Yes
Commissioner Marquardt – Yes

The Commission reconvened from Executive Session at 6:10 p.m..

The Chair moves that the Board of Election Commissioners authorize the City Solicitor to send a response to the Open Meeting Law complaint filed by John Hawkinson regarding the Commissioners' November 7, 2017 meeting, and that the Board of Election Commissioners approve the draft response.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Cobb

Roll Call

Commissioner Ward – Yes
Commissioner Cobb – Yes
Commissioner King – Yes
Commissioner Marquardt – Yes

II: MINUTES

The Minutes of December 6th were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of December 6, 2017 with corrections.
Moved: Commissioner Cobb
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
The Motion passed: 4-0

III: REPORTS

Executive Director's Report - None

Assistant Director's Report

Ms. Waxman requested the Commission approve the disposal of unvoted ballots from the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election pursuant to MGL c. 54, sec. 109

Motion – To authorize the Election Commission staff to dispose of unvoted ballots from the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election pursuant to MGL c. 54, sec. 109

Move – Cobb
Seconded – King
The Motion passed 4-0

Ms. Waxman reported that the SFI delinquency notice and hearing date for Kim Nghiem has been provided to the Constable and sent via USP. The hearing is scheduled for January 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Reports - None

III: PUBLIC COMMENT

John Hawkinson expressed his concerns about not being able to comment before the Commissioners moved to Executive Session. He further reiterated his prior questions regarding the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election.

Robert Winters expressed his gratitude for the work of the Election Commission staff and poll workers for their efforts in the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election. He further thanked the staff for their work in certifying petition signatures immediately after the Municipal Election.

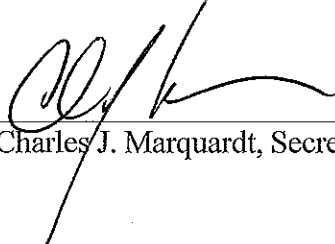
IV: ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.
Moved: Commissioner Ward
Seconded: Commissioner Cobb
The Motion passed: 4-0

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Attested by: _____


Charles J. Marquardt, Secretary