

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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Tanya L. Ford

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Lesley Waxman

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of July 26, 2017

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Election Commission office at 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Ethridge King, Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, and members of the public, Ethan Cobb, John Hawkinson and Robert Winters.

I: MINUTES

The Minutes of July 20th were reviewed. There being a version control issue reported by Commissioner Marquardt, the Commissioners decided to review corrected Minutes for July 20th at the August 2nd meeting.

II: REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ford again stressed that nomination papers will be accepted until 5:00pm on July 31st. As the 31st is a Monday the office will be open until 8:00pm, but no nomination papers will be accepted after 5:00pm regardless.

Ms. Ford informed the Commissioners that a proposal from the Municipal Election Consultants regarding the Election Night / The Count has been received and provided to EGOV for review. Ms. Ford will provide an update when EGOV responds.

Ms. Ford informed the Commissioners that the current 20 Day Voter Registration Deadline was declared unconstitutional by a Superior Court judge. The Sec. of State intends to appeal the ruling. Currently there is no change to the voter registration deadline.

There will be a Voter Registration Outreach Session at the Cambridge Jazz Festival on Sunday, July 30th noon to 6p.m. at Danehy Park. Commissioner Ward has arranged for a location and DPW will provide a table.

Ms. Ford informed the Commissioners that the bid for printing the ballots for the Municipal Election is due July 27th. An update will be provided next week.

The Commissioners then reviewed signatures and nomination papers submitted by those seeking to become a candidate for City Council.

Motion:

To certify the signatures on the attached City Council listing.

Moved:

Commissioner Cobb

Seconded:

Commissioner Ward

The Motion passed: 4–0

The Commissioners then reviewed signatures and nomination papers submitted by those seeking to become a candidate for School Committee.

Motion:

To certify the signatures on the attached School Committee listing.

Moved: Seconded: Commissioner Ward Commissioner Cobb

The Motion passed: 4-0

Assistant Director's Report

Statements of Financial Interest – The list of delinquent filers is down to 4. A memo was sent to the City Manager on July 25th informing him of the people who have yet to file. Candidates are required to file by July 31st so we will wait until then to send letters and set hearing dates.

Municipal Election Voter Guide – A draft of the Municipal Election Voter Guide was provided. Ms. Waxman requested that the Commissioners, individually, review the guide and provide comments to her with copies to Ms. Ford prior to the next meeting.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cobb reported that 44 Clay Street is a valid address.

III: PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Winters informed the Commissioners that Michelle Lessly had informed him that she would not be running for City Council.

IV: ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Municipal Election, November 7th

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at 51 Inman Street.

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Moved:

Commissioner Ward

Seconded:

Commissioner Cobb

The Motion passed: 4–0

A True Record

Attested by:

Charles J. Marquardt, Secretary