



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of November 17, 2017

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Election Commission offices at 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Commissioner Ethridge King, Executive Directory Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, Election Consultants Lee Valentine and Caleb, and members of the public Sean Tierney, Robert Winters, John Hawkinson, Brian Tierney, Sean Effel, Matt Tierney, Gary Mello, Pat McCarter, Andrew Smith, Alanna Mallon, and Robert Barnes.

I: MINUTES

Motion – To approve minutes of the November 1st meeting with correction.

Moved – Commissioner King

Second – Commissioner Cobb

Passed 3-0 (Commissioner Ward absent)

Motion – To approve minutes of the November 7th – 8th meeting with correction.

Moved – Commissioner King

Second – Commissioner Cobb

Passed 3-0 (Commissioner Ward absent)

Motion – To approve minutes of the November 8th meeting with corrections.

Moved – Commissioner King

Second – Commissioner Cobb

Passed 3-0 (Commissioner Ward absent)

II: REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

None

Assistant Director's Report

None

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner King reported that he completed his DHCF visit to Cambridge Homes on November 3rd with 15 residents casting absentee ballots.

Commissioner King reported that he conducted a Wardens and Clerks training on November 4th.

Commissioner Marquardt reported that he packed ballots for the Municipal Election on November 3rd.

Commissioner Cobb reported that she conducted an Inspectors training on November 4th.

Commissioner Cobb reported that she met with the Chief of Staff for the Attorney General to discuss Ranked Choice Voting on November 16th.

II: PUBLIC COMMENT

John Hawkinson provided comments regarding an email forwarded to the Commissioners and feedback on Election Night operations.

IV: ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Municipal Election

Provisional Ballots were arranged by Ward/Precinct order. The following Wards/Precincts did not have any provisional ballots:

1-3	4-1	5-2	7-2	9-3
2-1	4-2	6-2	8-1	10-1
2-2	4-3	6-3	8-2	10-3
2-3	5-1	7-1	8-3	11-1
3-1				

The Provisional Ballots from Wards/Precincts with Provisional Ballots were reviewed in full view of the public.

W/P	Ballot #	Disposition
1-1	1	Motion – That the ballot not be accepted based on research provided. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 3-0 (Ward absent)
1-1	2	Motion – That the ballot not be accepted based on research provided. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 3-0 (Ward absent)
1-2	1	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read based on the voter had registered at the RMV but the RMV failed to pass along the voter's information to Cambridge. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 3-0 (Ward absent)

		There was no ballot found in the envelope upon its opening.
1-2	2	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read as the RMV had moved the voter without their permission. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 3-0 (Ward absent)
1-2	3	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read as a data entry issue had inadvertently removed the voter from the rolls. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
3-2	1	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read as the voter had continuously resided in Cambridge. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
3-2A	1	Motion – That the ballot not be accepted as the voter is registered elsewhere. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
3-3	1	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read based on research provided. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
5-3	1	Motion – Research provided shows that the voter is registered in 5-2. Therefore, the ballot be accepted and read in 5-2. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
5-3	2	Motion – Research provided shows that the voter is registered in 6-2. Therefore, the ballot be accepted and read in 6-2. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
6-1	1	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read based on the voter had registered at the RMV but the RMV failed to pass along the voter’s information to Cambridge. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
7-3	1	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read based on the voter was registered to vote. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
9-1	1	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read based on the voter had been moved to a different address in error. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
9-2	1	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read based on the voter was removed as a duplicate

		voter in error. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
10-2	1	Motion – That the ballot not be accepted as the voter is registered elsewhere. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
11-2	1	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read as the voter had been removed from the rolls due to an inaccurate marking on the census form. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0
11-3	1	Motion – That the ballot be accepted and read as the voter had been removed for being inactive for more than four years but has continuously resided in Cambridge. Moved – Cobb Seconded – King Passed 4-0

The Commissioners then reviewed the Overseas Absentee Ballots, of which there was three, in full view of the public.

Overseas Absentee Ballot #1 (identified as being from the Netherlands)

Motion – Moved to accept and read the Overseas Absentee Ballot
Moved – Cobb
Seconded – King
Passed 4-0

Overseas Absentee Ballot #2 (identified as having 10/24 postmark)

Motion – Moved to accept and read the Overseas Absentee Ballot
Moved – Cobb
Seconded – King
Passed 4-0

Overseas Absentee Ballot #3 (identified as having 10/30 postmark)

Motion – Moved to accept and read the Overseas Absentee Ballot
Moved – Cobb
Seconded – King
Passed 4-0

The Election results were then reprocessed including the accepted Provisional and Overseas Absentee Ballots.

City Council Election Results (Attached)

Motion – To accept the Final Results for the Cambridge City Council Election.
Moved – Ward

Seconded – Cobb
Passed 4-0

School Committee Election Results (Attached)

Motion – To accept the Final Results for the Cambridge School Committee Election.

Moved – Ward

Seconded – Cobb

Passed 4-0

The Commission established a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22nd at the Election Commission Offices at 51 Inman Street.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. on November 17th

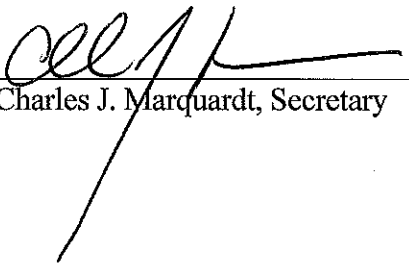
Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Cobb

The Motion passed: 4-0

A True Record

Attested by: _____


Charles J. Marquardt, Secretary