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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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Larry W. Ward
Charles J. Marquardt
Thomas Stohlman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tanya L. Ford

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Lesley Waxman

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of June 26th, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on June 26th, 2024, via Zoom, by the Chair, Commissioner King. Present were Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Ethridge King, Commissioner Thomas Stohlman, Executive Director Tanya Ford, and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Larry Ward:	Present
Commissioner Charles Marquardt:	Present
Commissioner Ethridge King:	Present
Commissioner Thomas Stohlman	Present

Commissioner King noted that Commissioner Stohlman will fulfill the remainder of Commissioner Harris term.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None given

Motion: To close Public Comment.

Moved by Commissioner King

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

Roll Call:

Commissioner Thomas Stohlman:	Yes
Commissioner Larry Ward:	Yes
Commissioner Charles Marquardt:	Yes
Commissioner Ethridge King:	Yes

Passed 4-0

II: MINUTES

No minutes from June 5th, meeting were available

Commissioners agreed to send the meeting minutes by noon day of the meeting to The Assistant Director.

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Ward to be the Secretary.

Moved by Commissioner King

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

Roll Call:

Commissioner Thomas Stohlman: Yes
Commissioner Larry Ward: Yes
Commissioner Charles Marquardt: Yes
Commissioner Ethridge King: Yes

Passed 4-0

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Stohlman to be the Vice-Secretary.

Moved by Commissioner King
Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

Roll Call:

Commissioner Thomas Stohlman: Yes
Commissioner Larry Ward: Yes
Commissioner Charles Marquardt: Yes
Commissioner Ethridge King: Yes

Passed 4-0

III. Reports

1. Executive Director's Report

Requested commissioners to provide signature for creating new stamp including Commissioner Stohlman.

Commissioner Marquardt asked Ms. Ford for a report on the Government Operations meeting held on June 25th. Election Commission was represented by Ms. Ford and Ms. Waxman. Making a recommendation to the Mayor to have a special committee meeting with all the city councilors with a goal to wrap up by the middle of next year. Ms. Ford reported that the law department and the Elections Commission were in congruence with each other.

Ms. Ford reminded commissioners regarding submitting poll worker lists.

Commissioner King noted meeting with former Commissioner Harris to review poll worker list.

Commissioner Stohlman is in the process of talking with his poll workers individually.

2. Assistant Director's Report

Reported there are two voter registration drives coming up. Commissioner Ward agreed to participate in the July 9th drive at Walden Square Apartments. Commissioner King will participate in the July 28th voter registration drive. Ms. Waxman will check if the dates are flexible and them in touch with the Commissioners.

Ms. Ford reported there are over 40 poll workers applicants. Suggested the office get them back and be added to the list of possible tally workers.

3. Commissioners' Reports

- Commissioner King reached out to key school individuals regarding moving 7-3 to CRLS as a temporary voting site for September 3rd primary and has not heard from anyone. Ms. Waxman has not heard back from school officials.
- Ms. Waxman reported there are some concerns with MIT. She will forward emails to Commissioner Ward, and he will follow up.
- **Motion: To move Gund Hall voting site to CRLS for the state primary of September 3rd only.**
- Moved by Commissioner King
- Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt
- **Roll Call:**
- Commissioner Thomas Stohlman: Yes
- Commissioner Larry Ward: Yes
- Commissioner Charles Marquardt: Yes
- Commissioner Ethridge King: Yes
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- Passed 4-0

Commissioners King and Marquardt will coordinate transporting materials to the site.

IV. Action Agenda

Old Business

Statement of Financial Interest

Sixty-six out of 230 people have not returned their Statement of Financial Interest forms. Ms. Waxman will send reminder letters tomorrow. Commissioner Stohlman will go file this week.

Commissioner Marquardt asked if commissioners can start sending notices. Ms. Waxman suggested we wait 10 days before the next action.

Commissioner King asked when will the vote by mail ballots be received. Ms. Waxman stated the date is not in our control.

V. New Business

Commissioner Marquardt asked if there are any directions from the Secretary of States Office on how to poll watchers. Ms. Ford has not received any info to date.

Commissioner Marquardt asked since there are quite a few new police officers, if additional training is needed from the Election Commission. Ms. Ford will reach out to Police Commissioner Elow to determine if her officers will need training.

Commissioner Stohlman mentioned providing training for police officers.

Commissioner King asked if we should reach out to schools regarding a police plan. Ms. Ford noted that officers are sometimes hard to get. She also stated for most polling sites we will probably go back to two officers at each site. She will reach out to the police concerning these issues.

Ms. Ford asked Commissioner Stohlman to come to the office to set up his email.

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:13 PM.

Moved by Commissioner King
Seconded by Commissioner Stohlman

Roll Call:

Commissioner Larry Ward: Yes
Commissioner Charles Marquardt: Yes
Commissioner Ethridge King: Yes
Commissioner Thomas Stohlman Yes

Passed: 4-0

A True Record



Attested by:

Larry Ward, Secretary