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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING 25th MIDDLESEX DISTRICT RECOUNT Minutes of September 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:53AM on September 12, 2024 at the Russell Youth and Community Center. Present were Commissioner King, Commissioner Marquardt, Commissioner Stohlman, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, City Solicitor Megan Bayer, and Assistant City Solicitor Elliott Veloso.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None solicited.

II: MINUTES

None considered.

III. Reports

None delivered.

IV. Action Agenda

The recount for Office of Representative in General Court, 25th Middlesex District, in the Democratic Primary held on September 3, 2024 for the following Cambridge, MA precincts: (Ward-Precinct): 3-3a, 4-2, 4-2a, 4-3, 6-2, 6-3, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, 10-1a, and 10-2 commenced.

1. Motion: To appoint Tanya Ford the Director of the Count.

Moved by Commissioner King.

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt.

Passed: 3-0.

The poll workers were sworn in by Elliott Veloso, Assistant City Solicitor.

Ward 3, Precinct 3a was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

Ward 4, Precinct 2 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. One provisional ballot was reviewed. The following objections were noted and presented to the Commission:

2. Motion: To reject a ballot jurat from Ward 4, Precinct 2 for arriving after the deadline.

Moved by Commissioner King.

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt.

Passed: 3-0.

This decision was protested by the MacKay campaign, noted by the Commission, and placed in a Protested Ballot envelope for Ward 4, Precinct 2 (see Appendix to Minutes).

3. Motion: To reject a provisional ballot jurat from Ward 4, Precinct 2 for lack of voter registration.

Moved by Commissioner King.

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt.

Passed: 3-0.

This decision was protested by the MacKay campaign, noted by the Commission, and placed in a Protested Ballot envelope for Ward 4, Precinct 2 (see Appendix to Minutes).

It was noted that 2 fewer ballots for Ward 4, Precinct 2 were recounted than the number of ballots indicated on the sealed voted ballot carrier. Assistant City Solicitor Elliott Veloso acknowledged an objection from the MacKay campaign to reserve their rights to a recount based on this issue.

Ward 4, Precinct 2a was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

Ward 4, Precinct 3 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

Ward 6, Precinct 2 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

Ward 6, Precinct 3 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. The following objections were noted and presented to the Commission:

4. Motion: To accept a ballot for Marjorie Decker.

Moved by Commissioner King.

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt.

Passed: 3-0.

Ward 7, Precinct 1 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. The following objections were noted and presented to the Commission:

5. Motion: To accept a ballot for Marjorie Decker.

Moved by Commissioner King.

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt.

Passed: 3-0.

This decision was protested by the MacKay campaign, noted by the Commission, and placed in a Protested Ballot envelope for Ward 7, Precinct 1 (see Appendix to Minutes).

Ward 7, Precinct 2 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

Ward 7, Precinct 2a was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

Ward 7, Precinct 3 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

Ward 8, Precinct 1 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

Ward 8, Precinct 2 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

Ward 8, Precinct 3 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted. It was noted that 1 fewer ballot for Ward 8, Precinct 3 were recounted than the number of ballots indicated on the sealed voted ballot carrier.

Ward 10, Precinct 1a was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. No objections were noted.

6. Motion: To authorize the examination of emptied jurats, envelopes, and other materials related to the September 3, 2024 Primary.

Moved by Commissioner King.
Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt.
Passed: 3-0.

Assistant City Solicitor Elliott Veloso acknowledged an objection from the Decker campaign to reserve their rights to a recount based on this issue.

Ward 10, Precinct 2 was recounted. Rejected ballot jurats were reviewed. Two provisional ballots were reviewed. The following objections were noted and presented to the Commission:

7. Motion: To accept a ballot for Marjorie Decker.

Moved by Commissioner King.
Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt.
Passed: 3-0.

The recount was concluded at 5:30 pm.

8. Motion: To accept the results of the September 12, 2012 Recount.

Moved by Commissioner King.
Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt.
Passed: 3-0.
See Appendix to minutes for results.

V. New Business

None considered.

Next meeting September 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

9. Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm.

Moved by Commissioner King.
Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt.
Passed: 3-0.

A True Record

Attested by:



Thomas J. Stohlman Jr. Stohlman, Acting Secretary

APPENDIX:

3 Protested Ballots
Recount Results

STATE PRIMARY RECOUNT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

PROTESTED


W/P 4/2 BLOCK# REJECTED EV
~~REJECTED~~
COUNTED FOR _____

PROTESTED BY EVAN MACKAY

BOARD VOTE 3-0

TIME 10:33

COMMENTS EV JURAT, REVIEWED,
BOTH CAMPAIGNS PROTESTED,
ARGUMENTS MADE,
EC ~~NOTED~~ NOTED TO NOT COUNT BALLOT
AS UNTIMELY, ~~RECEIVED~~ RECEIVED
BY MALDEN, NOT CAMBRIDGE



THOMAS STOLTMAN

EC

STATE PRIMARY RECOUNT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

PROTESTED

W/P 4/2 BLOCK# REJECTED PROVISIONAL
REJECTED, NOT
COUNTED FOR REGISTERED

PROTESTED BY EVAN MACKAY

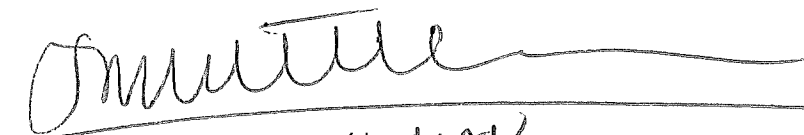
BOARD VOTE 3-0

TIME 10:45

COMMENTS PROVISIONAL BALLOT

REJECTED, VOTER NOT REGISTERED

AFTER REVIEW, COMMISSION DETERMINED
THAT REGISTRATION CHECKED TWICE
BEFORE VOTE ON DAY AFTER ELECTION.



THOMAS STOHRMAN

EC

STATE PRIMARY RECOUNT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

PROTESTED

W/P 7-1 BLOCK# 2 TABLE 6

COUNTED FOR DECKER

PROTESTED BY EVAN MACKAY

BOARD VOTE 3-0

TIME 1:53P

COMMENTS VOTER MARKED BALLOT
WITH SLIGHT EXTRANEIOUS LINES.

EC RULED CLEARLY FOR DECKER 3-0



THOMAS STOHLMAN
SIGNED 19 SEPT 2024

EC

DEM			Rep. in Gen. Court Twenty-Fifth Middlesex				
Ward	Precinct	Block Count	Marjorie C. Decker	Evan MacKay	All Other Write-Ins	Blank / Invalid	Total
3	3A	7	101	105	0	6	212
4	2	15	243	310	0	12	565
4	2A	5	46	41	0	3	90
4	3	17	374	325	0	12	711
6	2	11	167	203	0	8	378
6	3	20	373	450	1	15	839
7	1	17	341	348	1	11	701
7	2	12	214	223	0	11	448
7	2A	2	13	7	0	1	21
7	3	6	71	85	0	0	156
8	1	17	324	321	0	7	652
8	2	17	367	251	0	20	638
8	3	6	70	64	0	3	137
10	1A	10	167	225	1	9	402
10	2	26	600	472	0	12	1084
Total			3471	3430	3	130	7034