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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Minutes of September 7, 2022

Commissioner Marquardt called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm on September 7th, 2022.

Commissioner Marquardt stated we only have provisional ballots from wards and precincts 3-3A, 5-3, and 10-2. Commissioner Harris confirms all other precincts envelopes are empty.

Commissioner Marquardt explained there was a ballot placed in the purchasing drop box at City Hall. The ballot was deposited at approximately 5:25 pm. The voter voted provisionally in-person. There is no problem, the vote should count.

Moved: **The provisional vote is unnecessary; the ballot was put in the drop box at approximately 5:25 pm and should be counted**

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ward	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner King	Yes

Passed: **4-0**

Moved: **The provisional ballot 4-2A number 1, should be counted**

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ward	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner King	Yes

Passed: **4-0**

Moved: The provisional ballot 5-3 number 1, should be counted

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ward Yes

Commissioner Harris Yes

Commissioner Marquardt Yes

Commissioner King Yes

Passed: 4-0

Moved: The commissioners vote to authorize the election commission staff to determine the outcome of ballot 10-2 , number 2 pending the receipt of additional information from the RMV or the Secretary of State's Elections Division office by.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner King

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ward Yes

Commissioner Harris Yes

Commissioner Marquardt Yes

Commissioner King Yes

Passed: 4-0

Moved: The commissioners vote to authorize the election commission staff to determine the outcome of ballot 10-2 , number 1 pending the return of additional information from the RMV.

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ward Yes

Commissioner Harris Yes

Commissioner Marquardt Yes

Commissioner King Yes

Passed: 4-0

Executive Director's Report

None

Assistant Director's Report

None

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner King – Conducted warden/clerk with two people and inspector training with one person on September 5th. Met with postal service supervisor regarding picking up ballots on Monday 5th, from the post office and picked up 14 ballot and one request for absentee ballot on September 3rd.

Commissioner Harris – Attended two zooms Q&A sessions on 9/2 and 9/3. Thanked Commissioner King for arranging the Q&A's. Received protocol from Professor Charles Stewart at MIT regarding past used protocols and will reach out to him next week if he has a more succinct version of the protocol we can discuss and get back to him.

Commissioner Marquardt – Conducted sub-precinct zoom training with Commissioner Harris on August 31st and September 1st. Conducted ballot packing with Commissioner Ward on September 2nd. Attended the Q&A's with Commissioners Harris and King. Conducted designated health care facilities at Sancta Maria on September 5th & 6th and conducted designated health care facility at Cambridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center on September 6th.

Commissioner Ward – Conducted warden/clerk and inspector training on September 5th.

II. MINUTES

Motion: Minutes of August 24th accepted with corrections

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ward	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner King	Yes

Passed: 4 —0

Motion: Minutes of August 31st, 2022 accepted with corrections

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner King

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ward	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner King	Yes

Passed: 4 —0

Motion: Minutes of September 6th & 7th, accepted with corrections

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner King

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ward	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner King	Yes

Passed: 4 —0

New Business

Commissioner Harris stated she will ask her workers if they have any comments about how the primary went in case there needs to be adjustments. Commissioner Ward asked how commissioners thought the election went for the workers. Commissioner Harris stated it was a light turnout and for the workers it was not as intense as it could have been. Polling places had good coverage. Took more time because of the sub-precinct procedures. Commissioner Marquardt concurred and added we should consider doing the sub-precinct training in person. He also stated we should do whatever we can to limit the number of ballots delivered to the polls the end of the night. He also suggested to work with the Public Information Office to educate the public on not dropping off their ballots at the last minute. Commission Harris suggested if the state could give more time to process ballots it would make it easier. Commissioner King commented on the number of resources being expended on very few ballots being collected during early voting. Commissioner Marquardt added we must look at our procedures for early voting, particularly since we are going to 14 days vs 7 days. Commissioner Harris suggested we should be guided by what the data says about number of drop boxes needed.

Next meeting

September 28th, 2022 at 5:30 via zoom

Commissioner Harris mentioned discussing staffing issues with Ms. Francis for the next election.

Commissioner Marquardt adjourned the meeting at 4:21 pm on September 7th, 2022.

A True Record

Attested by: _____
Larry Ward, Secretary