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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of January 4th, 2023

Commissioner Marquardt called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm on January 4th, 2023, by zoom. Also present was Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

Roll Call:

Commissioner King	Present
Commissioner Marquardt	Present
Commissioner Harris	Present
Commissioner Ward	Present

I. Public Comment:

Mr. Mello asked if tonight's meeting include a discussion of an address challenge. Commissioner Marquardt clarified that the commission would review the challenge to determine if there is enough evidence to hold a hearing. Mr. Mello asked that public comment be reopened after the discussion and Commissioner Marquardt agreed to his request.

Mr. Hawkinson asked it to be noted for the record that the referred to item by Mr. Mello did not appear on the city calendar published agenda.

Motion: To close public comment

Move: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Roll Call:

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

Passed 4-0

II. **Motion:** To accept the December 1st, 2022, minutes with corrections

Move: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner King

Roll Call:

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

Passed 4-0

III. Reports:

- 1. Executive's Director Report** – No report, Executive Director Ms. Ford was absent.
- 2. Assistant Director's Report**

Assistant Director Waxman provided the following report as requested by Commissioner Harris.

1. November 8, 2022 State Election Statistics
 - a. Turnout was 52% (36,897 voters out of 70,657 registered)
 - b. 3,182 voted early in person (9% of voters)
 - c. 15,617 voted by mail (42% of voters)
 - d. 18,098 voted in person at the polls (49% of voters)

Commissioner Harris thanked Ms. Waxman and stated it should inform our decisions for the upcoming municipal election.

Commissioner King also thank Ms. Waxman and asked if the data includes drop box? Ms. Waxman replied yes and added it included email also.

Update on delinquent SFI

Commissioner Marquardt will reach out to former Police Commissioner Bard

Commissioner Harris will reach out to Anthony Wilson.

Commissioner Marquardt suggested we schedule a hearing date. He suggested we schedule a meeting for February 1st, at 5:30 prior to the Scheduled Election meeting.

Ms. Waxman reported she received a voter registration Challenge complaint received it 1/3/23. She stated the commissioners' roll is to determine if there is sufficient evidence to schedule a hearing.

Commissioner Harris commented she was the aide to Sam Seidel, who the complaint was filed against. She stated she will consult with the law department if she should recuse herself.

Commissioner Marquardt suggested we should schedule a hearing. Commissioner Ward agreed.

Commissioner Marquardt re-opened public comment.

Motion: To open public comment

Move: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner King

Roll Call:

Commissioner King	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner Harris	Yes

Commissioner Ward

Yes

Passed 4-0

Mr. Mello stated he was glad to hear Commissioner Harris would recuse herself. Commissioner Marquardt set a February 15th, 5:30 hearing date.

Motion: To open close comment

Move: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner King

Roll Call:

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

Passed 4-0

Motion: There is sufficient grounds to schedule a hearing regarding the voter registration complaint against Mr. Sam Seidel and he will be summoned to a hearing on February 15th, at 5:30 pm, to review and decide on said complaint.

Move: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Roll Call:

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

Passed 3-0-1 recused

3. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Harris - Commented that MA will automatically register people to vote through the RMV . Ms. Waxman stated she will share any information she gets. Commissioner King asked is this happen when people register at the RMV. Ms. Waxman stated she is not sure. Commissioner Ward stated it has the potential to raise the number of registered voters but not necessarily the number of people who vote.

Commissioner Marquardt – Reported 59 Fayette Street is not a valid address. He also reported the commissioners have been invited to the meet with charter review committee.

IV. Action Agenda

Old Business -SFI Report

New Business- Budget talk will be deferred until the Executive Director is back.

2022 Election debrief: Commissioner Harris Asked commissioners to send any comment to her by January 12th, 2023.

Ms. Waxman expressed concern about how we did sub-precinct training. There were problems with double precincts. Commissioner Harris mentioned we should ask for more feedback from Wardens and Clerks. on what is the best setup. Commissioner King– suggest barriers to separate the precincts.

Next meeting January 18th, 5:30, via zoom.

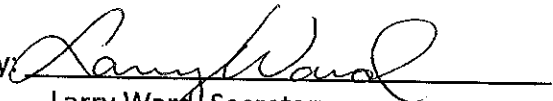
Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm
Moved: Commissioner Marquardt
Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call:

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

Passed: 4-0

A True Record

Attested by: 
Larry Ward, Secretary