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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of October 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on October 25, 2023, by the Chair, Commissioner Harris. Present were the Chair, Commissioner Victoria Harris, Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Ethridge King, Executive Director Tanya Ford, and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Victoria Harris: Present
Commissioner Larry Ward: Present
Commissioner Charles Marquardt: Present
Commissioner Ethridge King: Present

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gary Mello made a public comment.

Motion: To close Public Comment.

Moved by Commissioner Harris Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

Roll Call:

Commissioner Victoria Harris: Yes
Commissioner Larry Ward: Yes
Commissioner Charles Marquardt: Yes
Commissioner Ethridge King: Yes

Passed 4-0

II: MINUTES

Motion: To approve the Minutes of October 18, 2023 with corrections.

Moved by Commissioner Harris Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

Roll Call:

Commissioner Victoria Harris: Yes
Commissioner Larry Ward: Yes
Commissioner Charles Marquardt: Yes
Commissioner Ethridge King: Yes

Passed 4-0

III. Reports

1. Executive Director's Report

None given.

2. Assistant Director's Report

None given

3. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Marquardt reported that 286 Franklin Street is a valid residential address.

Commissioner Ward reported that 444 Cambridge Street is not a residential address.

IV. Action Agenda

Old Business

Municipal Election

The Board discussed extensively the ballots that will be delivered by the United States Postal Service as well as those deposited in the dropbox located at 51 Inman Street on Election Day—with the ultimate aim of ensuring that said ballots are expeditious delivered to the designated precinct locations. After a thorough discussion, the consensus among board members coalesced around the imperative that the final delivery of these ballots to the precinct locations should be done no later than 5 PM.

Commissioner Harris asked the Board if they still need workers; the Commissioners gave a qualified no but suggested a few workers in the pipeline would be prudent.

Commissioners' Marquardt and Harris will conduct the Inspector Training at 5 PM and the Ballot box/Scanner training at 6:30 PM, Thursday October 26.

Commissioners' King and Ward will conduct the Inspector Training at 10am and the Ballot box/Scanner Training at 11:30 on Saturday, October 28.

Commissioner King will schedule the two Zoom Q & A sessions for Saturday, November 4 at 10 AM and Sunday, November 5 at 2 PM.

New Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 3 PM.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Moved by Commissioner Harris Seconded by Commissioner Ward

Roll Call:

Commissioner Victoria Harris: Yes
Commissioner Larry Ward: Yes
Commissioner Charles Marquardt: Yes
Commissioner Ethridge King: Yes

Passed: 4-0

A True Record

Attested by: <u>Thridge King</u> Ethridge A. King, Secretary