



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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### COMMISSIONERS

Ethridge A. King, Jr.  
Polyxane S. Cobb  
Larry W. Ward  
Charles J. Marquardt

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tanya L. Ford

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Lesley Waxman

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

### Minutes of August 2, 2017

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Election Commission office at 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Ethridge King, Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, and members of the public, Ethan Cobb, Gary Mello, Robert Winters, Sean Fleffel, Ms. Cederberg, Juh Bay and Allana DiBiase.

### I: MINUTES

The Minutes of July 20<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of July 20, 2017 with corrections.

Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

The Motion passed: 4-0

The Minutes of July 26<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of July 26, 2017 with corrections.

Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Seconded: Commissioner King

The Motion passed: 4-0

### II: REPORTS

#### Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ford reported that the printing of the Marksense Paper Ballots for the 2017 Municipal Election was awarded to LHS for a bid of \$41,680.

Ms. Ford reported that the Non-Binding Public Opinion Advisory Question will be presented to the City Council at their next meeting on Monday August 7, 2017. Ms. Ford and Ms. Waxman will attend from the Commission. Commissioners Ward and King said that they too would attend the City Council meeting.

#### Assistant Director's Report

Statements of Financial Interest – The list of delinquent filers is down to 3 members of Commissions/Boards and 8 City Council/School Committee candidates who have yet to file. Formal notice of failure to file will be sent on August 3, 2017.

Municipal Election Voter Guide – Ms. Waxman reported that she had received comments from Commissioners Cobb and Marquardt. She will provide a next draft when she receives additional feedback/comments.

The Election Worker Recruitment Session is Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Citywide Senior Center.

#### Commissioner Reports

None

#### III: PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Winters informed the Commissioners that 2003 was the last time there was a ballot question on the Municipal Election which negatively impacted the capacity of the memory cards.

Mr. Mello provided the attached testimony, which conveys his concerns regarding the review of petition signatures and the use of a signature stamp containing all 4 Commissioners' signatures when one Commissioner was absent.

#### IV: ACTION AGENDA

##### Old Business

Municipal Election, November 7<sup>th</sup>

The Commissioners reviewed signatures and nomination papers submitted by those seeking to become a candidate for City Council.

Motion: To certify the signatures on the attached City Council listing.  
Moved: Commissioner Ward  
Seconded: Commissioner Cobb  
The Motion passed: 4-0

The Commissioners reviewed signatures and nomination papers submitted by those seeking to become a candidate for School Committee.

Motion: To certify the signatures on the attached School Committee listing.  
Moved: Commissioner Ward  
Seconded: Commissioner King  
The Motion passed: 4-0

The Commissioners and Ms. Ford discussed the use of the signature stamp to certify signatures on petitions during the July 12, 2017 meeting from which Commissioner King was absent for a death in the family. It was determined that Commissioner King's name would be struck out and the remaining three Commissioners would initial each petition to signify their approval.

Motion: Revise the clerical issue on July 12 to remove Commissioner King's name and have the three Commissioners present initial the petitions.  
Moved: Commissioner Ward  
Seconded: Commissioner Cobb  
The Motion passed: 4-0

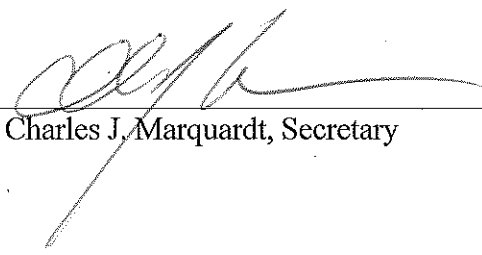
Ms. Ford then asked Mr. Mello if he was filling an objection to the nomination papers. Mr. Mello responded that he was not and that he believes that the petitions are still valid.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Citywide Senior Center, 806 Mass Ave.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.  
Moved: Commissioner Ward  
Seconded: Commissioner King  
The Motion passed: 4-0

A True Record

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Charles J. Marquardt, Secretary