

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of November 8, 2017

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Citywide Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue. Present were Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Commissioner Ethridge King, Executive Directory Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, and many members of the public, including City Staff, Candidates and their supporters.

I: MINUTES

Motion - To skip over Minutes and Reports and proceed to Old Business (Municipal Election).

Moved – Commissioner Cobb

Second - Commissioner Ward

Passed 4-0

II: REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

None

Assistant Director's Report

None

Commissioner Reports

None

II: PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV: ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Municipal Election

Auxiliary Ballot Boxes were arranged in Ward and Precinct order to facilitate the review of the Auxiliary `allots.

The Commissioners reviewed the Auxiliary Ballots in full view of the Public. Blank Ballots and write-ins were processed through the scanner. Ballots where the Commissioners could interpret the voter's intent were transcribed to the Hand Count Voter Tabulation Form following a vote of the Commission:

Motion – To mark the Hand Count Voter Tabulation Form to reflect voter intent.

Moved – Commissioner King

Seconded – Commissioner Cobb

The results of each individual Ballot are recorded on the respective Hand Count Voter Tabulation Form. The results of each Vote was unanimous except for a Ballot in Ward 2, Precinct 1 where the Commissioners voted 3-1 (Cobb) to override to process the Ballot.

There was also one City Council Ballot in Ward 9, Precinct 2 (Hand Count Voter Tabulation Form #8) where the Commissioners were unable to discern voter intent:

Motion – To mark the Hand Count Voter Tabulation Form to as Blank as the Commissioners are unable to discern voter intent.

Moved - Commissioner King

Seconded – Commissioner Cobb

Passed 4-0

There was also one School Committee Ballot in Ward 9, Precinct 2 (Hand Count Voter Tabulation Form #5) where the Commissioners were unable to discern voter intent:

Motion – To mark the Hand Count Voter Tabulation Form to as Blank as the Commissioners are unable to discern oter intent.

Moved - Commissioner King

Seconded - Commissioner Cobb

Passed 4-0

Upon completion of the review and processing of the Auxiliary Ballots the Unofficial Election Results were read to those in attendance and paper copies provided in addition to the results being posted on-line. All present were reminded that these results were Unofficial results, which could change with the processing of the Overseas Absentee and Provisional Ballots on November 17th.

The Commission established a meeting to review Provisional Ballots at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17th at the Election Commission Offices at 51 Inman Street.

The Commission established a meeting to review Overseas Absentee Ballots at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17th at the Election Commission Offices at 51 Inman Street.

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. on November 8th

Moved:

Commissioner Cobb

Seconded:

Commissioner Ward

The Motion passed: 4–0

\ True Record

Attested by:

Charles J. Marquardt, Secretary