

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE



## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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### COMMISSIONERS

Ethridge A. King, Jr.  
Larry W. Ward  
Charles J. Marquardt  
Thomas Stohlman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Tanya L. Ford

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
Lesley Waxman

## **BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING** **Minutes of October 23rd, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, via Zoom, Present were Commissioner King, Commissioner Marquardt, Commissioner Stohlman, Commissioner Ward, Executive Director Tanya Ford, and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

### **Roll Call:**

Commissioner King	Present
Commissioner Marquardt	Present
Commissioner Stohlman	Present
Commissioner Ward	Present

### **I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Barnes thanked Ms. Waxman for sending the request to meet with the board at a community meeting. She also asked for an explanation of the procedure for replacing a vacancy on the City Council. Commissioner Stohlman provided a brief explanation. Commissioner King suggested we put it on the agenda for a meeting after the election. Ms. Barnes agreed.

### **Motion: To close Public Comment**

Moved by Commissioner King  
Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

### **Roll Call:**

Commissioner King	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner Stohlman	Yes
Commissioner Ward	Yes

Passed 4-0

### **II: MINUTES**

### **Motion: To accept the minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup> with corrections.**

Moved by Commissioner King  
Seconded by Commissioner Stohlman

### **Roll Call:**

Commissioner King	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner Stohlman	Yes

Passed 4-0

### III. Reports

#### 1. Executive Director's Report

- No Report

#### 2. Assistant Director's Report

- No Report

#### Commissioners' Reports

- Commissioner Marquardt reported last Friday along with DPW workers he tested the AutoMark machines and completed the testing with Commissioner King. Ms.
- Commissioner Stohlman attended a voter registration at the Community Charter School of Cambridge and registered 12 students.
- Commissioner King reported he conducted ballot request support at Cambridge Homes. He made sure everyone had completed absentee ballot request so that next Wednesday he can provide ballots for them to vote.
- Commissioner Marquardt reminded commissioners to remind wardens and clerks regarding both tally and sub-precinct training. Commissioner Ward stated to be sure to include Ms. Waxman and Cateira on all correspondences. Commissioner King stated he can be present at both trainings. Commissioner Stohlman asked if he can received the training slides for sub-precinct training to train those who can't make the scheduled trainings.
- Commissioner King asked Ms. Ford if Harvard students can be volunteers if they are not working a full shift. Ms. Ford stated they can only be greeters. Commissioner Stohlman noted only voters and workers can be in the voting area. He asked if volunteers took the oath would they be considered paid employees. Ms. Ford stated it would be up to the board if they want to swear volunteers in. Commissioner King stated he will find out how many people they are referring to. Ms. Ford stated the option is to limit the number of students and only use them as greeters. Commissioner King asked where greeters would stand. Ms. Ford responded they would walk up and down the line and assist people needing help. Cards indicating waiting times were used in 2020. Ms. Ford expressed concerns of liability. Commissioner Stohlman asked if we appoint someone as an officer, are we required to pay them. Ms. Ford stated no. He suggested they be sworn to impart the seriousness of the job. Commissioner Ward asked if they took an oath what are the implications for them and the commission. He asked who is responsible for what happens? He suggested it might be an issue for the law department. Commissioner Marquardt agreed with Commissioner and stated it would be better to consult the legal office. Commissioners agreed it is a good idea to work with students. Ms. Ford pointed out that this issue needs more time to resolve all the questions. Commissioner King noted that many people volunteer in school situations and issues are dealt with as they come up. Commissioner Stohlman stated that he has signed many volunteer forms and there are clauses protecting the agencies.

#### IV. Action Agenda

##### Old Business

##### Presidential Election November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Commissioner King asked if commissioners were ok with signing up poll workers. Commissioner Stohlman stated he would take a few more. He will let send names to commissioners.
- Commissioner Marquardt asked Ms. Ford if she is all set for pre-processing. She stated yes. Ms. Ford reported we had 2000 voters since Saturday.
- **Post-processing** – Has been scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>. Only one commissioner needed onamsite. Commissioners will work out a coverage schedule. It will start at 9:00am in the Windsor Room at the Senior Center, in the basement.

##### V. New Business

- **Motion: To re-open Public Comment**
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- Moved by Commissioner King
- Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt
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- **Roll Call:**
- Commissioner King Yes
- Commissioner Marquardt Yes
- Commissioner Stohlman Yes
- Commissioner Ward Yes

Ms. Barns stated she understand how busy it is due to the election and agreed to be on the agenda after the election.

- Passed 4-0
- **Motion: To close Public Comment**
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- Moved by Commissioner Stohlman
- Seconded by Commissioner Ward
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- **Roll Call:**
- Commissioner King Yes
- Commissioner Marquardt Yes
- Commissioner Stohlman Yes
- Commissioner Ward Yes
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- Passed 4-0
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Next meeting will be October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 via zoom.

**Motion: To adjourn at 4:42 pm**

Moved by Commissioner Marquardt

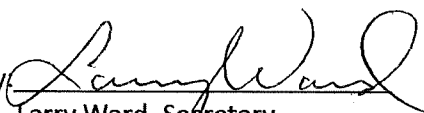
Seconded by Commissioner King

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner King	Yes
Commissioner Marquardt	Yes
Commissioner Stohlman	Yes
Commissioner Ward	Yes

Passed 4-0

A True Record

Attested by   
Larry Ward, Secretary