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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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Larry W. Ward
Charles J. Marquardt
Thomas Stohlman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tanya L. Ford

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Lesley Waxman

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of April 30th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM April 30nd, 2025, 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

No public Comment

Motion: To close Public Comment

Moved by Commissioner King

Seconded by Commissioner Stohlman

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 March 12th, 2025, with corrections.

Moved by Commissioner King

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

Roll Call:

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

Passed 4-0

Motion: To accept the minutes of March 28th, 2025, with corrections.

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

Motion: To accept the minutes of April 2nd, 2025.

Moved by Commissioner Stohlman

Seconded by Commissioner King

Roll Call:

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

Passed 4-0

Officer Selection

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Ward to serve for the Chair.

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

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Stohlman for the Vice-Chair.

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

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Marquardt for the Secretary.

Moved by Commissioner Stohlman

Seconded by Commissioner King

Roll Call:

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

Passed 4-0

Motion: To nominate Commissioner King for the Vice-Secretary.

Moved by Commissioner Stohlman

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

Roll Call:

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

Passed 4-0

III. Reports

1. Executive Director's Report

- Ms. Ford reported the date of the move will be in June.
Commissioner Ward asked who's doing the move. Ms. Ford responded and outside company. She also stated we will outgrow this space quickly.
Commissioner Marquardt asked if there will be any basement space available? Ms. Ford is exploring the possibility.
Commissioner King asked if the AutoMarks will be stored in the office. Ms. Ford said yes. In addition, with the unvoted ballots, tabulators, poll pads, and tables as well. There will be an outside seating office. She also stated we will use the dock to load up on election day.
Commissioner Ward asked if there was parking and the answer is no.

Assistant Director's Report

- Ms. Waxman reported receiving the Campaign Finance Report for Ruth Ryan Allen.

Commissioners' Reports

- Commissioner Marquardt reported that apparently the City Council of New Bedford voted against both the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the New Bedford Election Commission that had asked to move their primary election from the first Tuesday in October to the second Tuesday in September to grant them time to do proper mail-in balloting. They voted to keep it in October. Therefore, there is four weeks between the primary and the general election.
Commissioner Stohlman commented on an article focused on laws being considered by the federal legislature that might impact our budget. He asked if this would be talked about in the budget hearing

and Ms. Ford responded no. Stating the budget that was approved by the City Manager is what will be discussed.

Commissioner Marquardt noted that similar things have come up in the past and Ms. Ford has been good at handling those issues. Ms. Ford noted that she has received permission from the City Manager to put additional monies in the budget for ballot questions.

Commissioner Stohlman expressed concern that if law passed it would affect the Commission's budget. Commissioner Marquardt suggested holding off on discussion due to the political spectrum level opposing the law.

Commission King reported that he talked with Vallerie Bond and he will be attending the next meeting of the Cambridgeport group to talk about the election commission and voter turnout.

IV. Action Agenda

Old Business

Ms. Ford asked if the Board is going to conduct in-person training, if so, she needs to find available space and if the Board is going to do recruitment. Commissioners all stated yes. Ms. Ford stated we must pick dates at the next meeting.

Commissioner Marquardt asked if we have received the list from the solicitor on who's included in SFI's? Ms. Waxman responded they have 60 days from when she sent the request, and they still have a couple of days left.

V. New Business

Next meetings will be May 14th, at 5:30 pm via zoom.

Motion: To adjourn at 6:08 pm

Moved by Commissioner King

Seconded by Commissioner Stohlman

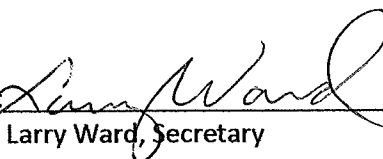
Roll Call:

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

Passed 4-0

A True Record

Attested by:


Larry Ward, Secretary