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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Lesley Waxman

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of February 4th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM February 4, 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 November 12th, with corrections.

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

Motion: To accept the minutes of January 22nd, 2025, with corrections.

Moved by Commissioner Stohlman

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

Roll Call:

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

Passed 4-0

III. Reports

1. Executive Director's Report

- Reported attended Charter Review but was not called upon. Commissioner Marquardt noted that the teamwork is good. The memo was well done.

2. Assistant Director's Report

- Year-end 2024 finance Campaign Reports were due yesterday and only five have been returned. This includes people who have ran past campaigns and have not dissolved their committees. Ms. Waxman will follow up with them this week.
- 2024 Statement of Financial Interests that were due June 1st, 2024. Commissioner Marquardt left voice mail and/or email for everyone except for Ms. Greer, Former School Superintendent. Commissioner Ward suggested reaching out to the school department stating to them it is official business, thinking they may be able to correspond with her. Ms. Waxman asked if anyone responded. Commissioner Marquardt stated a couple said they would complete the forms, and the rest did not respond by email or voice mail. Ms. Waxman stated she would follow up with various commissions to solicit their help with getting compliance from former member. Commissioner Marquardt stated he will do personal visits as well. Ms. Waxman asked if commissioners wanted to schedule a meeting. Commissioner Marquardt suggested we schedule the meeting so heads/chairs of commissions will be aware when conversations are held. All commissioners agreed. Ms. Waxman suggested scheduling the meeting on February 26th, 2025. Commissioner Stohlman asked Ms. Waxman what the penalties were for not filing. She stated they would be fined. Commissioner Marquardt added it is \$25 per day. Ms. Waxman agreed to schedule the hearing for March 5th, 2025.

Motion: To schedule a hearing on March 5th, 2025, at our 5:30 election meeting for any delinquent statements of financial interest.

Moved by Commissioner Stohlman

Seconded by Commissioner Marquardt

Roll Call:

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

Passed 3-1

- Ms. Waxman notified commissioners that on January 27th, at 11:00 a.m. there is a special committee public hearing on recommendations from the Charter Review Committee. Ms. Waxman and Ms. Ford are working with the Law Department to address all election related suggestions. Commissioner Stohlman asked if the special committee issued their recommendations. Ms. Waxman said no, and referred him to the city website for the Monday agenda. Commissioner Ward asked if anything was needed from commissioners. She said no, and noted that Commissioner King will attend as the Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Marquardt noted and commended that the coordination between the office and the Law Department has been clearly evident and stated that is a good thing and thanked Ms Waxman and Ms. Ford for making that happen.

Commissioners' Reports

- Commissioner Stohlman attended the Martin L. King Day of Service talked with many but did not register any new voters. He stated he encountered non-citizens who stated that they wished they could register to vote and regreted they could not.

IV. Action Agenda

Old Business

Presidential election

V. New Business

Timeline procedures for Charter change approval.

Next meeting will be March 5th, at 5:30 via zoom.

Motion: To adjourn at 5:43 pm

Moved by Commissioner Stohlman

Seconded by Commissioner King

Roll Call:

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

Passed 3-0

A True Record

Attested by: _____
Larry Ward, Secretary