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Lesley A. Waxman

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of June 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM June 17, 2026, via Zoom. Present were Commissioner King, Commissioner Marquardt, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Rivera, Director Ford, and Assistant Director Waxman.

Roll Call

Commissioner Marquardt – Present
Commissioner Ward – Present
Commissioner Rivera – Present
Commissioner King – Present

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Smith (technical difficulties)

Mr. Hawkinson noted the minutes from the June 3, 2026, meeting did not reflect his public comments.

Motion: To Close Public Comment

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt
Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Commissioner Marquardt – Yes
Commissioner Ward – Yes
Commissioner Rivera – Yes
Commissioner King – Yes

Passes 4-0

II: MINUTES

The Board discussed Mr. Hawkinson's public comments from the previous meeting and agreed to summarize his June 3, 2026, comments. The Secretary will amend the June 3, 2026, Minutes to include a more comprehensive summary of Mr. Hawkinson's remarks.

Motion: Approve the minutes of June 3, 2026, as corrected

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Rivera

Commissioner Marquardt – Yes

Commissioner Ward – Yes

Commissioner Rivera – Yes

Commissioner King – Yes

Passes 4-0

Motion: To re-open Public Comment

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Rivera

Commissioner Marquardt – Yes

Commissioner Ward – Yes

Commissioner Rivera – Yes

Commissioner King – Yes

Passes 4-0

Motion: To close the second Public Comment

Moved: Commissioner Marquardt

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

Commissioner Marquardt – Yes

Commissioner Ward – Yes

Commissioner Rivera – Yes

Commissioner King – Yes

Passes 4-0

III. Reports

1. Executive Director's Report

- Reported that she has submitted the use of Poll Pads request for the September 1, 2026, Primary Election to be placed on Monday's City Council agenda.
- Ms. Ford also congratulated the **New York Knicks** for winning the 2026 NBA Championship.
- Commissioner King inquired about the possibility of having one of the municipalities that currently uses the Poll Pads for regular elections join one of our meetings to share their experiences. No decision was made.

2. Assistant Director's Report

- Reported that yesterday (June 2) the office mailed 84 SFIs formal notices of failure to file. One package was return by the post office and was resent to a different address.
- Commissioner Marquardt discussed with the Assistant Director the possibility of tracking SFI repeat delinquent fillers.
- Forty-five (45) out of 106 of the SFI filers used the online option.

Action Agenda Old Business

There was a lengthy discussion about scheduling Poll Pad Training. One suggestion was to hold three 90-minute trainings on one Saturday. Director Ford and Assistant Director Waxman will look into securing the space for Poll Pad Training. The proposed dates for Poll Pad training are August 1, 2026, and August 5, 2026, subject to the availability of the senior center.

Director Ford will speak with Raecia Catchings and Claire Spinner about joining our next meeting to discuss employment paperwork.

New Business

No new business.

The next meeting was scheduled to be held via Zoom on July 8, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

Motion: To adjourn at 5:45 pm

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner King

Commissioner Marquardt – Yes

Commissioner Ward – Yes

Commissioner Rivera –Yes

Commissioner King - Yes

Passes 4-0

A True Record

Attested by: Ethridge King
Ethridge King, Secretary