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Minutes of the Board of Election Commissioners Meeting Thursday, January 29, 2009

A regular meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was held at the Election Commission Office on Thursday, January 29, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Commissioners King, Bonislowski, and Cobb, the Executive Director, Jeff Amero and Cliff Cook of the city's Geographic Information System office, and Ethan Philip Cobb, voter, were present. Commissioner Spears, given the very icy conditions prevailing, did not attend.

III: New Business [*taken out of order*]

1: 2010 Federal Census

Jeff Amero and Cliff Cook discussed the preparation planning for managing the Federal Census in Cambridge. The City of Cambridge's Geographic Information System office is confirming boundaries and updating LUCA (Local Update of Current Addresses) for the Federal Census office. Much new construction since 2000, the year of the last Federal Census, is underway or completed. The Executive Director reported that Norman Eng, the liaison for the Census, has contacted her to discuss hiring temporary workers and to update residency lists.

I: Minutes - The minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting was reviewed and accepted with edits by consensus.

II: Reports

1: Executive Director Report - [see attached]

- a: Campaign Finance Reports - The Executive Director reported that 2 have arrived so far.
- b: SFI reports - The Executive Director reported that Mr. Peters has filed the report. Commissioner Cobb moved that the \$50.00 fine be waived. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.
- c: The Executive Director reported that the process of purging names of approximately 6,300 people for whom no census forms were filed for the past two years, and who had not voted (or otherwise qualified) for two state elections.
- d: The Executive Director reported that the Election Commission is responsible for programming the AutoMark machines for the upcoming

municipal election. She is researching vendors to handle this task and will report back on her endeavors.

- e: The Executive Director reported that maintenance for the Accu-Vote scanners will increase from \$7,000 to \$10,000 per year.
- f: The Executive Director supplied the Commissioners with a revised draft of a letter to Russ Malone, the President of the Massachusetts City Clerk Association. The Commissioners reviewed the draft. Commissioner Bonislawski requested that this process be decelerated and that we meet in a week to devote sufficient time to the matter to achieve consensus. It was agreed by consensus to postpone further discussion of this matter.

2: Commissioners Reports

- a: Commissioner Bonislawski reported that 5 Gore Street is a valid address, 20 Second Street does not exist, and 141 Hampshire Street is not a valid residential address (it is the Marabou Beauty Salon).
- b: Other reports are postponed

III: Action Agenda - Old Business

- 1: 2009 Census forms have been mailed and a few have already been completed and returned.

New Business

- 2: Vault Documents - postponed

Commissioner Cobb moved and Commissioner King seconded a motion that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attested by: Polyxane S. Cobb, *Secretary to the Board*