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Minutes of the Cambridge Election Commissioners meeting Friday, November 13, 2009

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order by Commissioner Bonislawski at 4:00 PM Friday, November 13, 2009 at the commission offices. The purpose of this meeting, in addition to conducting regular business, was for the commissioners to review and decide whether or not the overseas absentee and provisional ballots from the November 3 municipal election would be read and counted. Each ballot is reviewed on an individual basis with the commissioners voting on a grand total of 16 ballots.

Before this matter was addressed, there were several matters requiring Commission attention. That began with the commission unanimously approving a motion by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Sheinfeld to accept the minutes of the meeting of Nov 3, 4 and 5. It passed 4-0.

The Executive Director suggested that the board conduct its next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 at 5:00 PM at the Commission offices. That time was agreed upon through board consensus.

Commissioner Cobb moved to schedule the test deck reading for the November 8th election at noon on Tuesday, December 1st. It was seconded by Commissioner Bonislawski and passed 4-0.

Commissioner Cobb moved to approve the list of Designated Health Care Facilities. It was seconded by Commissioner Bonislawski and passed 4-0.

Commissioner King then moved to accept the times recommended by the Executive Director for the Poll Worker Training sessions, They will be held as follows:

Warden and Clerk: Tuesday, Dec 1, 7:00 to 9:30 PM
 Saturday, Dec 5, 2:00 to 4:30 PM

Inspector: Tuesday, Dec 1, 6:00 to 7:00 PM
 Saturday, Dec 5, 1:00 to 2:00 PM

A motion was made by Commissioner Bonislawski and seconded by Commissioner Sheinfeld to approve the minutes of October 28th and 30th. It passed 4-0.

The Executive Director the presented an overview of the procedures to be followed during the board evaluation of both overseas absentee and provisional ballots.

There is a total of 5 overseas absentee ballots from the Nov. 3, 2009 city election. As soon as the legally established deadline for their receipt by the commission had passed, they were individually evaluated.. The commission voted whether or not to read and count each ballot.

Of the 5 overseas absentee ballots, one was deemed not qualified for reading as it was postmarked the day after the election was held.

The board voted 4-0 on separate votes for each of the 5 overseas absentee ballots. The first one considered was, as noted above, not read. The following 4 were approved and incorporated into the final vote totals for the Nov. 3, 2009 municipal election.

Of the 11 provisional ballots, the board voted to read 5 ballots and disqualify 6. The board made separate motions on each ballot. The grounds for the board decision was clear in every case. There was no occasion for controversy and each vote was a 4-0 in favor of the recommended action.

Election Auditor George Goverman and his staff then produced the final results of the election which included the overseas absentee and provisional ballots which had been approved by the Commission. Commission Chairman King moved to accept them. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheinfeld and was adopted 4-0.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Attested by Peter Sheinfeld, Secretary to the Board.


