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MINUTES of the CAMBRIDGE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009

The meeting of the Cambridge Election was called to order by Commissioner Bonislawski at 10:00 AM Monday, November 30, 2009 at the Commission Offices. Chairman King, Commissioners Cobb and Sheinfeld were also present. Executive Director Marsha Weierman, Karen Francis, Ginnie Kelley, and Lesley Waxman Esq., from the Commission staff were on hand.

The Executive Director presented a detailed and thorough 5-page instruction package, which spelled out the duties and responsibilities of workers at the count. The intent here is for the board to review it, make changes where needed and approve it before the start of the count on Tuesday morning.

There was then consensus among the commissioners to recess the meeting and reconvene at the West Cambridge Youth Center at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 AM.

MEETING RE-CONVENES for SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOUNT At WEST CAMBRIDGE YOUTH CENTER

TUESDAY DEC. 1, at 10:00 AM

The following were on hand for at least significant parts of the entire count; All four Election Commissioners, Executive Director Marsha Weierman, and Lesley Waxman, Esq. from the Commission staff. Don Drisdell, City Solicitor, Nancy Glowa, Deputy City Solicitor, George Goverman, Election Auditor, Caleb Kleppner and Lee Valentine. In addition there was a staff of over 20 temporary workers hired by the Election Commission for at least one whole day up to the entire duration of the count. Many candidates including Joseph Grassi, Patricia Nolan, Alfred Fantini, Tim Toomey, Tom Stohlman, Marc McGovern, Richard Harding, and Sylvia Glick attended the count. Many people from the public were on hand. Media representation was Robert Winters, Cambridge Civic Journal and Gila Babich, Cambridge Chronicle.

Commissioner Bonislawski reconvened the Election Commission meeting at 10:00 AM.

Before beginning the recount, the procedures for workers presented by Executive Director Weinerman were considered.

Commissioner Bonislawski moved that item 13 on page 2 of the instructions be changed to insert the phrase "and the board" following the phrase "Director of the Count" in the third line of that section. The phrase "Who decides" which immediately follows the previously noted phrase would be changed to "who decide". The last sentence of item 13 would have the phrase "and the board" added at its end following "Director of the count" so that item 13 would read as follows...Any discrepancies will be reported to the director of the count and the board who decide how the discrepancy should be addressed. The ward will not proceed to the next precinct until the discrepancy is resolved to the satisfaction of the director of the count and the board.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheinfeld and passed 4-0.

Commissioner King moved to accept the instructions as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonislawski and passed 4-0.

The Executive Director addressed the workers giving instructions for beginning the first step.

Work began and continued through 5:00 PM when both recount work and the Commission meeting recessed until 9:00 AM, Wednesday, Dec 2.

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WEDNESDAY DEC. 2, at 9:00 AM

Commissioner Bonislawski reconvened the Election Commission meeting at 9:00 AM. The staff continued its work on the School Committee recount. The Commission reviewed the 9 identified challenged voters. They are:

Gregory B. Woodward	216 Columbia St.
Brian Allen Schwartztrauber	379 Columbia St.
David Brandao	269 Elm St.
Maria Perez	230 Prospect St.
David Hough	126 Hancock St.
Abdulmalik D. Ismalia	872 Mass. Av.
Jon M. Aanestad	423 Franklin St.
Laurie Ann Clark	19 Hubbard Av
Marie Nellie Michel	362 Rindge AV. Apt 10C

Following discussion, Commissioner Bonislawski moved to accept all 9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cobb and passed 4-0.

The Commission then reviewed the 11 provisional ballots from the Nov. 3, 2009 municipal election. They were cast by:

<u>#</u>	<u>W/P</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1	2-2	Julia Yu	410 Memorial Dr.
2	4-3	John Lee	5 Riverside Pl.
3	5-3	Betta Pantoja	133 Chestnut St.
4	6-2	Nikki Landsman	15 Ellery St.
5	9-3	Paricia J. O'connor	700 Huron Av. Apt. 16k
6	5-3	Robin Reames-Henry	227 Hurley St #3
7	9-1	Mari Jane Jensen	270 Huron Av.
8	9-3	Michael Davis	39 St. Saveur Ct.
9	10-3	Samira Moree	231 Sherman St. #2
10	11-2	Thomas R. Norton	56 Rice St.
11	11-3	Apet Torisian	2353 Mass. Av. #55

Commissioner Cobb moved that the 5 provisional ballots (numbered 1 through 5 in the list above) which had been accepted as valid on Nov. 13th be electronically cast and added to the appropriate piles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheinfeld and passed 4-0.

The remaining 6 provisional ballots were disposed of as follows. The ballot numbers used here correspond with the ballot numbers in the provisional ballot chart above.

#6 Reames-Henry-Ballot was cast outside of precinct where voter is registered. Commissioner Cobb moved and Commissioner Bonislawski seconded the motion to sustain the original motion to not count the ballot. The motion passed 4-0 and was protested by Joseph Grassi.

#7 Jensen-Commissioner Cobb moved and Commissioner Sheinfeld seconded to sustain the determination that it is an invalid ballot. The motion passed 4-0 and the ballot was not counted.

#8 Davis-Commissioner Cobb moved and Commissioner Bonislawski seconded to sustain the determination that it is an invalid ballot. The motion passed 4-0 and the ballot was not counted.

#9 Moree- Comm. Cobb moved and Comm. Bonislawski seconded to sustain the determination that it is an invalid ballot. The motion passed 4-0 and was protested by Joseph Grassi.

#10 Norton- Comm. Cobb moved and Comm. Sheinfeld seconded to sustain the determination that it is an invalid ballot. The motion passed 4-0 and was protested by Joseph Grassi.

#11 Torosian- Commissioner Cobb moved and Commissioner Sheinfeld seconded to sustain the determination that it is an invalid ballot. The motion passed 4-0 and the ballot was not counted

The Commission then reviewed and voted on absentee ballots: six of which originated domestically and one came from overseas. They are:

<u>#</u>	<u>W/P</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1	10-1	Kates, Robert	47 Coggswell Av. Apt 25
2	11-2	Cran, Liam D.	29 Norris St.
3	9-1	Yogman, Alexandra	14 Wyman St.
4	3-1	Elvira C. Martins	5 ½ Palermo St.
5	11-3	Ausrotas, Raymond	32 Gold Star Rd.
6	5-3	Healy, Irene	152 Brookline St.

Commissioner Cobb moved that the six domestic absentee ballots be accepted . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonislowski and passed 4-0.

The sole overseas absentee ballot is:

7	3-3	Benjamin Phillips	4 Ashburton Pl.
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Commissioner King moved that the overseas absentee ballot be accepted . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cobb and passed 4-0.

The Commission then voted on 4 absentee ballots which were received by the commission on time.

The last names of the voters for each ballot were Serrano, Serrano, Newton and Orme-Johnson. Commissioner King moved to accept them. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheinfeld and passed 4-0.

The Commission voted on one ballot which is an absentee with an overseas point of origin but had arrived late. The last name of the voter is Nueno. Commissioner Cobb moved, with a second from Commissioner Sheinfeld to sustain the earlier determination that the ballot was not to be counted. The motion passed 4-9.

The Commission recessed at 7:20 PM.

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THURSDAY DEC. 3, at 9:00 AM

Hearing on protested ballot #149 in the Joseph Grassi pile.

Commissioner Cobb moved to accept it. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonislowski and passed 4-0.

The meeting was recessed at 7:00PM.

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FRIDAY DEC. 4, at 9:00 AM

Commissioner Cobb moved with Commissioner King seconding a motion to direct Caleb Kleppner to create a replica of ballot from write-in pile which was not read by a scanner. The replica will then be placed at the end of the non-Decker write-in ballots. In subsequent round, that ballot will transfer to exhausted. Motion passed 4-0

By consensus, the board voted 4-0 for ballot 37W1 P2 W/Is would be replicated to transfer to invalid.

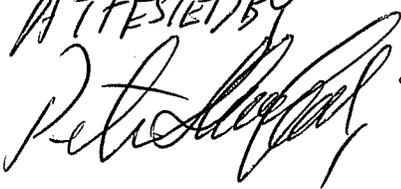
The meeting recessed at 7:30PM

**MEETING RE-CONVENES for SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOUNT
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SATURDAY DEC. 5, at 9:00 AM

There was board consensus to authorize Executive Director Weinerman to destroy ballots from the February, 2008 Presidential primary.

The re-count work had been completed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM

ATTESTED BY
 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD