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Minutes of the Election Commissioners Meeting Wednesday, April 29, 2009

A regular meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was held at the Election Commission office on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 3:15PM by Chairman, Commissioner King. In attendance were Commissioners Bonislawski, Cobb, Sheinfeld, Executive Director Marsha Weinerman, and Karen Francis from the Commission Office Staff. Also in attendance were Joseph Shea, City Clerk of Quincy MA, William Campbell, City Clerk of Woburn and Russell Malone, City Clerk of Waltham. Robert Winters was also present as a public observer.

I. Minutes

Commissioner King moved and Commissioner Cobb seconded a motion that the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting be accepted as edited. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

II. Discussion with visiting City Clerks on Election day procedural matters and a host of other election and voter items. This was taken out of order as one of the visiting clerks had time constraints.

City Clerks, Shea, Campbell and Malone shared experiences with the Cambridge Commission encountered over the years by their cities. Joseph Shea described experiences with a recent particularly close mayoral race in Quincy. He pointed out the importance of poll worker training sessions. His office holds a 2 ½ hour session a few days prior to each election. He noted the importance of the accuracy and usability of the voter lists to poll workers.

All three talked on the importance of working communications equipment between polls and the central election office. They indicated that police radios were only used in emergency situations.

Various problems were discussed including occasional difficulties modeming. The clerks were generally positive the Commission's election day procedures and Training manual. Another matter discussed was balancing of check-in/check-out lists after poll close.

They noted that we all faced the same issues and challenges.

III. Reports

1: Executive Director

- A. The representatives from the Mass. Clerks conference conducted a very useful discussion with the Election staff earlier in the meeting.
- B. The Executive Director recommended approval of the 2009 municipal calendar to be reviewed by Arthur Goldberg.

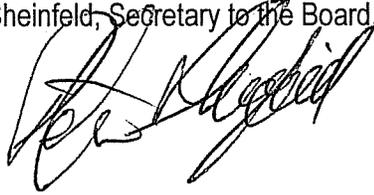
2. Commissioners reports

- A. Commissioner Bonislawski reported that 20 second St. is not a good address
- B. Commissioner Cobb reported that 79 Reservoir St. is a good address

IV. Motion

Commissioner Cobb moved to make the change approved by Arthur Goldberg to the nomination petition by adding the words "This blank form may not be duplicated" This motion passed 4-0.

Attested by Peter Sheinfeld, Secretary to the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Sheinfeld", is written over the printed name of the Secretary to the Board.