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Minutes of the Cambridge Election Commissioners meeting Tuesday, September 29, 2009

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Board of Election Commissioners was held at the Election Commission Office on Tuesday, September 29, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Commissioner King. Commissioners Bonislawski, Cobb, and Sheinfeld were also in attendance. Executive Director Marsha Weinerman, Karen Francis and Leslie Waxman from the Election Commission and were present. Boston University journalism students Marion Geiger and Patricia Vega were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Cobb to accept the minutes, as edited, of the September 22, 2009 commissioners meeting. It was passed by a 4-0 vote.

The Executive Director gave a report based on the attached agenda.

Executive Director Weinerman announced with pleasure that all the SFIs had been filed. She also noted that voter notification cards would be mailed on or near Oct. 20. Commissioner Cobb called attention to a detailed package of changes in Warden and clerk training. She asked the other commissioners to review it for later discussion.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Cobb reported she had designed a card:

- How to vote for someone not listed on the ballot

She also redesigned the following:

-How to handle ejected or jammed ballots

-Instruction cards for voters on ejected ballots

--Do Not Override signs to be placed by the scanners

She also provided a sample laminated card set.

Commissioner King noted both the dates of and high turnout at the two poll worker recruitment sessions which were held on Wed. Sept. 9 and Tue. Sept. 15.

Commissioner Bonislawski indicated some changes to the Warden/Clerk poll worker manual.

Commissioner Cobb moved that

"Our system for this election will be that all ejected ballots be placed in new auxiliary containers"
Commissioners Cobb, King and Sheinfeld voted yes; Commissioner Bonislowski voted no. The motion passed 3 to 1.

Executive Director Weirnerman stressed that any changes to the Poll Worker manual must reach her by 5PM Thurs., Sept 8.

There was then consensus by the 4 commissioners to Commissioner King's suggestion of time for ballot packing for the 2009 municipal election. Ballot packing will be from 9:15 to noon Friday, Oct 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Attested by Peter Sheinfeld, Secretary to the Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Sheinfeld", is written over a horizontal line.