

Election Commission

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~



Wednesday, April 14, 2021

11:00 AM

Remote Meeting

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sergio Cornelio	Chair/Clerk	Present	
Brian McCarthy	Commissioner	Present	
Patricia Cheever	Commissioner	Present	
Maria Pineda	Commissioner	Present	

II. New Business

1. Order (ID # 3506)

I move that the Election Commission vote, pursuant to the provisions of 950 CMR 55.12, to authorize the employees of the City Clerk's office and Elections Commission office, including the City Clerk, to perform all the actions required by 950 CMR 55.02 and by G.L. c.53, §7; and, further, that such vote shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded.

Clerk Cornelio explained that this would continue to allow the Clerk's staff and Elections staff to check nomination papers and stamp the Elections Commission members name on the nomination papers on their behalf to certify the papers. This acceptance of the law would be in effect until it is rescinded by the Elections Commission.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brian McCarthy, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Patricia Cheever, Commissioner
AYES:	Sergio Cornelio, Brian McCarthy, Patricia Cheever, Maria Pineda

2. Order (ID # 3554)

To review and accept the 2021 Election Calendar and discuss of the 2021 Election

Clerk Cornelio stated that the Calendar presented to the Commission had been drafted in conjunction with KP Law and reviewed by the Secretary of State's office. The Calendar was complete except the Secretary of State's office recommended one minor change to the final date to have a candidate present the 8 words or less to the City Clerk. Clerk Cornelio stated he would check with KP Law if the date should be changed or stay as presented. The Commission accepted the Calendar with the condition to have the Clerk work with KP Law and to have outside Counsel decide if the change should be made and once the decision was made that the Clerk make the Calendar available to the public and the Commission.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brian McCarthy, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Patricia Cheever, Commissioner
AYES:	Sergio Cornelio, Brian McCarthy, Patricia Cheever, Maria Pineda

3. Order (ID # 3553)

To discuss the potential polling locations for 2021 election cycle

Clerk Cornelio informed the Commission that this was before them to discuss because the 6 locations used last year which the Commission had planned to request to be used again may not be available since Pope John High School has been used as a COVID-19 vaccination site and the Wellness Center located in the Old Everett High School is going to be used as a gym again in the coming months which would pose issues to holding the elections in those locations. Commissioner Cheever stated that everyone is optimistic that the pandemic will continue to see a trending downward of cases and vaccinations will help with the spread but can't be certain of that and we need to be prepared for a potential change in locations if things get worse closer to the Election. Commissioner McCarthy agreed and stated that it may be best to go forward with recommending the original 10 locations that the city has been using for elections over the past decade and if we need to shift a location or 2 then we can do so by using a building already on the list and that would make it easier since we would have more options for locations that were already being utilized for the election. Clerk Cornelio agreed and Commissioner McCarthy motioned to accept the original 10 locations for the 2021 election cycle which was seconded by Commissioner and passed unanimously.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brian McCarthy, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Patricia Cheever, Commissioner
AYES:	Sergio Cornelio, Brian McCarthy, Patricia Cheever, Maria Pineda

4. Order (ID # 3555)

To discuss the Charter Legislation that is before the Legislature and what the changes are in regards to upcoming elections.

Clerk Cornelio placed this on the agenda to let the Commission and the public know that the Charter change to make the ward seats voted only in the ward was in committee in the Legislature and that the Charter amendment should be passed and finalized in the coming weeks so that the Commission had time to inform the residents and candidates of the process and to prepare the nomination packets for the 2021 election cycle.

RESULT:	NO ACTION NECESSARY
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A True Copy Attest



School Finance Commission Clerk