



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Draft
MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, July 10, 2007

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103-A (City-County Building)

Roll Call

Enis Ragland was present to represent the Mayor's Office. Roger Goodwin was present to represent Human Resources. Larry O'Brien was present to represent the City Attorney's Office.

Present: Paul R. Malischke, Sybil R. Better, Warren E. Onken, Emanuel Scarbrough, Marlena G. Deutsch and Valerie A. Brown

Excused: Maribeth Witzel-Behl and Bob Ohlsen

Public Comment

Items Referred

1. **06493** Creating Section 3.35(8)(g) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish limitations on political and campaign activities of election employees.

 Appearances: Rosemary Lee, Rolf Rodefeld, Alderperson Zach Brandon.

 A motion was made by Onken, seconded by Scarbrough, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation.

2. **06928** Recommendation that there be no change to current poll worker requirements.

 Appearances: Rosemary Lee, Rolf Rodefeld, Alderperson Zach Brandon.

 A motion was made by Onken, seconded by Deutsch, to recommend that the Common Council make no changes to current poll worker requirements. The motion passed by acclamation.

3. **06929** Proposal that Clerk will review EB-1 filings from candidates for Common Council, Mayor, and School Board. All names (approximately 50 to 100 per year) appearing on the forms will be compared to the pollworker list. Pollworker coordinator will not assign them to work in the specific district of interest; or in the case of a citywide candidate, will not assign them anywhere. This will be in effect only for that election and the primary. In addition, the candidates will receive a notice advising them of the policy. Similar methods can be used for elected officials, referendums, and recalls.

 Appearances: Rosemary Lee, Rolf Rodefeld, Alderperson Zach Brandon.

 No action was taken on this item.

4. **06927** Proposal that only full time workers handle all candidate election issues.
- Appearances: Rosemary Lee, Rolf Rodefelf, Alderperson Zach Brandon.**
- A motion was made by Onken, seconded by Scarbrough, to Approve. The motion passed by the following vote:**
- Aye:** Better, Onken, Scarbrough and Brown
- No:** Malischke and Deutsch
5. **06924** City Clerk's Office Policy regarding an Oath of Office for all Election Workers.
- Appearance: Rosemary Lee, Alderperson Zach Brandon.**
- A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Onken, to Approve. The motion failed by the following vote:**
- Aye:** Brown
- No:** Malischke, Better, Onken, Scarbrough and Deutsch
6. **06926** Proposed policy that full-time City Clerk staff be prohibited from engaging in working on campaigns for city elected officials. If they wished to do so, they could request a leave of absence during the campaign or to be temporarily reassigned to another city agency.
- Appearance: Rosemary Lee, Alderperson Zach Brandon.**
- This item was placed on the table.**
7. **06925** Internal policies instead of ordinance change (assignment of poll workers, full-time employees on candidate election issues).
- Appearance: Rosemary Lee, Alderperson Zach Brandon.**
- No action was taken on this item.**
8. **06923** Committee Report to the Common Council on Ordinance 06493.
- A motion was made by Better, seconded by Onken, to Accept the Report as Amended by the Chair. The motion passed by acclamation.**

Discussion Items

9. **04353** Suggestions for future agenda items.
- Committee members agreed that the Chairperson would select previous agenda items for placement on the next agenda.**
10. **05160** Confirmation of next MEAC meeting.
- The next meeting of the Madison Election Advisory Committee will be held on September 11, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in room 103-A of the City-County Building.**

Adjournment

A motion was made by Better, seconded by Deutsch, to Adjourn at 6:35 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.