



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
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Tuesday, March 13, 2007

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mr. Enis Ragland was present to represent the Mayor's Office.

Present: Paul R. Malischke, Sybil R. Better, Warren E. Onken, Marlena G. Deutsch, Valerie A. Brown and Maribeth Witzel-Behl

Excused: Emanuel Scarbrough and Bob Ohlsen

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Bean spoke to the committee about the AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Better, seconded by Deutsch, to Approve the Minutes of February 13, 2007. The motion passed by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **05819** Discussion of whether the committee will have a permanent chairperson.

Mr. Onken said he thinks the committee should have a permanent chair, like all other City of Madison committees. Ms. Better said she agreed with Mr. Onken.

2. **05820** Election of Officers

By unanimous consent, committee members appointed Ms. Better as Committee Chair and Ms. Deutsch as Committee Vice Chair.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. **05824** Spring Primary Debriefing

Ms. Witzel-Behl distributed the attached report. Mr. Malischke suggested that the City Clerk's Office create videos on voter registration and absentee ballots.

Mr. Malischke inquired about the procedures that are used when a tabulator breaks down. Ms. Witzel-Behl responded that ballots are inserted into an emergency bin until someone from the City Clerk's Office arrives to replace the tabulator. City Clerk staff remains at the polling place until the ballots have been inserted into the tabulator.

Mr. Onken said he would like to see the Certification of the Board of Canvassers.

Mr. Malischke said he would like to see data on the number of rejected absentee ballots, undervotes, and provisional ballots. Mr. Onken suggested that this proposal be an agenda item in May.

4. 05141 Establishment of additional polling places

Mr. Onken requested that this item be referred to the May agenda.

5. 05148 Elimination of Common Council meetings on nights of General Elections

Mr. Ragland said the Mayor would most likely be the lead sponsor of this Ordinance.

Mr. Onken requested that this item be referred to the May agenda.

6. 05155 Annual Report to the Common Council, Mayor, and City Clerk

Mr. Onken said the committee might not want to limit itself to one report per year.

Ms. Better said the committee should make sure the report is focused and not too long.

Mr. Onken suggested that the report mention the extra help the City Clerk's Office received from Local 60 employees in processing Election Day Voter Registration Applications from last November.

Mr. Malischke suggested that the committee's report begin with an executive summary.

7. 05160 Confirmation of next MEAC meeting

The next meeting of the Madison Election Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 4:30 p.m. in room 103-A of the City-County Building.

8. 04353 Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Committee members agreed that the May 8 agenda should include a post election report, the establishment of additional polling places, the elimination of Common Council meetings on election nights, and the committee's annual report.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m. by consensus.