



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Monday, March 15, 2010

4:30 PM

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

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### DRAFT MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Adam Gallagher and Jean Tretow-Schmitz were present to represent the City Clerk's office. Janet Piraino was present to represent the Mayor's office.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kaminski, seconded by Malischke, to Approve the Minutes from December 14, 2009. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2010 priorities for MEAC.  
  
First priority: Voter education to reduce the number of rejected absentee ballots, to provide greater transparency, and to ensure successful voting.  
  
Second priority: Strategies for diversifying pollworker ranks, focusing on college communities and organizations representing people of color.  
  
Third priority: Pollworker appreciation.
2. Reconsideration of 2010 meeting schedule.  
  
Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month through August, 2010. These dates are: April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, and August 11.
3. Debriefing on the February 16 Primary.  
  
The 2010 Spring Primary Debriefing report prepared by Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk was well-received. Discussion covered methods of follow-up with absentee voters whose absentee certificates (envelopes) returned to the Clerk's office were insufficiently completed resulting in possible rejection of their ballots at the polls on election day. Another topic, having agencies and companies adopt a polling place and be responsible for recruiting pollworkers, was also mentioned.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

4. Update on recent legislative activity related to elections.

**Gallagher provided an update on the status of several bills.**

5. Online Voter Registration Bill (LRB 2824-3).

**Malischke provided an update on the status of this bill.**

#### NEXT MEETING

6. Suggestions for future agenda items.

1. **Voter education.**
2. **Recruiting pollworkers.**
3. **Debriefing report from April election, if available, at April meeting.**
4. **Early voting, to be discussed at May meeting.**

7. Confirmation of next MEAC meeting.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Clerk's office.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Malischke, seconded by Kaminski, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**