



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL at 4:30 p.m. with Andrea R. Kaminski in the Chair

Present: 4 -

Paul R. Malischke; Sybil R. Better; Nicole (Nicci) Fite and Andrea R. Kaminski

Excused: 4 -

Rosa J. Garner; Jennifer Rubin; Mark Borns and Maribeth Witzel-Behl

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

REPORTS

1. [24792](#) 2011 Madison Election Advisory Committee report to the Common Council

A motion was made by Malischke, seconded by Better, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ACCEPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Reported was accepted by the Committee with minor edits.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [23514](#) Voter Education on the New Voting Laws

Malischke made a suggestion for the City Clerk to create a brochure on the subject of absentee voting. He noted that the information put out by the Government Accountability Board was twelve pages long and would like to see something more concise put out by the City of Madison Clerk's office.

3. [24418](#) Legislative Update

Malischke discussed online registration and the fact that the G.A.B. wrote a fiscal note that made it sound like it would be more expensive in Wisconsin than it has been in other states.

Malischke also discussed a bill going from the Senate Committee to the Senate Floor that would allow election officials from outside our municipality but still in our county to work at our polling locations. He did not know the specific bill number.

4. [24998](#) 2012 Priorities

Fite went over what was determined by the committee to be their priorities for 2012. They were:

- Quality Control at Polling Locations
 - * No broken ballot bags was mentioned as one measure of success
- Appreciation of election officials
- Diversity of election officials
 - * Not only to under-represented population groups, but to diversified age demographics
- Diversity of the Madison Election Advisory Committee
- Monitor legislation at the state level that may affect local election processes
- Track the effects of the new state election laws

5. [24999](#) 2012 Summer Elections

Malischke discussed that it will be important to have absentee voting information available and to be prepared for all the absentee voting that will probably take place this summer. He also mentioned that he heard the G.A.B. report that some municipalities may not be able to use their election machines for every election due to prom pack time retention issues and the number of prom packs available for use.

6. [25000](#) Student Voting

Kaminski discussed students' ability to vote absentee over the summer when they are on summer break from school. Malischke said he would like a comment from the City Attorney on this issue.

7. [25001](#) New Ballot Bags

The committee members were able to view the new ballot bags.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

8. [04353](#) Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- Summer Elections
- Student Voting
- Voter Education
- Recap of February election
- Legislative Update
- Madison Metropolitan School District guidelines

ADJOURNMENT at 5:24 p.m.

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