



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, June 9, 2010

4:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 - Paul R. Malischke; Sybil R. Better; Rosa J. Garner; Maribeth Witzel-Behl and Andrea R. Kaminski
- Absent:** 1 - Christian L. Odom
- Excused:** 2 - Marilyn E. Williams and Marlena G. Deutsch

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Better, seconded by Ms. Kaminski, to Approve the Minutes of May 12, 2010. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 18090** Providing voters with education on the election process.  
  
Witzel-Behl distributed the attached voter notice regarding the Partisan Primary, drafted by the County Clerk, and the attached absentee voter reminder, drafted by Kaminski. Malischke suggested showing these documents to individuals who are not familiar with the election process. Better suggested changing the Partisan Primary document to explain what happens if the voter does not mark a party preference, but votes within one party. Garner suggested adding, "This isn't about your political affiliation; it's about the party in which you wish to vote." Better suggested amending that to read, "This isn't about your political affiliation; it's about the party in which you wish to vote in this election." Malischke suggested that the County Clerk remove the words "party preference" from the ballot.  
  
Witzel-Behl reported that the Clerk's Office is working on a presentation on the election process to offer to voters this August.
- 18727** Inventory of polling places with accessibility issues.  
  
Witzel-Behl reported that the Parks Division is installing an accessible ramp at Gates of Heaven this summer. Malischke said he would like to see statistics

on the percentage of Chief Inspectors who use the accessibility surveys provided by the Clerk's Office. Kaminski suggested that all Chief Inspectors be required to complete the surveys this September.

3. [18725](#) Diversifying poll worker recruitment.

Malischke said that he would like to see the city recruit more young people and Spanish speaking individuals to work at the polls. Kaminski said the Urban League is interested in helping recruit poll workers, and that the Clerk's Office should let her know when it is ready to begin recruitment. Garner said she would check around campus for more recruitment opportunities. Malischke said he has sent e-mail messages to Political Science professors at UW-Madison and Madison College regarding the recruitment of election officials.

4. [18726](#) Making it more attractive to work as an Election Official.

Garner said that split shifts have helped make it more attractive to work at the polls, but breaking the day into more than two shifts creates a lot of extra work for Chief Inspectors checking volunteers in and out of the polling place during very busy elections. She said she would like to see more Election Officials volunteer to work without pay. Better responded that the working conditions are not wonderful, and that Election Officials should be paid. Chief Inspector Doug Klitzie, who was attending the meeting, suggested running an ad in the newspaper to thank Election Officials for their work. Kaminski said that an ad, e-mail message, or letter would make a difference. Shirley Haidinger, an Election Official attending the meeting, said she would like to see a better job description for Election Officials. Malischke asked that a job description be brought to the next MEAC meeting. Garner suggested that the Madison Election Advisory Committee send Election Officials thank you letters for working at the polls. Malischke suggested running public service announcements to thank Election Officials for their work.

5. [18728](#) Establishing meeting dates for next quarter.

Committee members agreed to meet on August 4 and September 29. The September 29 meeting date will be confirmed on August 4.

#### NEXT MEETING

6. [04353](#) Suggestions for future agenda items.

Committee members agreed to place the following items on the August 4 agenda:

- Voter Education Presentation
- Polling Place Accessibility Issues
- Plans for In-Person Absentee Voting
- Poll Worker Recruitment Update
- Cross-Over Voting in the Partisan Primary
- Brochure/Hand-Out for Absentee Voters

7. [05160](#) Confirmation of next MEAC meeting.

**The next meeting of the Madison Election Advisory Committee will be at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, in Room 103-A of the City-County Building.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.**