



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, October 22, 2008

4:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 -

Paul R. Malischke; Rosa J. Garner; Marilyn E. Williams; Sybil R. Better;  
Valerie A. Brown and Maribeth Witzel-Behl

**Excused:** 2 -

Marlena G. Deutsch and Bob Ohlsen

**Janet Piraino was present to represent the Mayor's Office.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Minutes of September 10, 2008. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Mary Bean told the committee that the Candidates Answers published by the League of Women Voters would be in the Isthmus this week.**

### REPORTS

1. [12415](#) Preparations for the November 4 Election.

**Witzel-Behl reported that 12 hourly Election Aides had been hired to work 20 hours a week on election preparations. The Government Accountability Board held a special two-day training session on SVRS for these new employees.**

**Witzel-Behl told the committee that she ran the poll books in SVRS on Monday, and had submitted them to the Wisconsin Department of Administration for printing.**

**Witzel-Behl also mentioned that the Clerk's Office was offering extended hours for voting.**

2. [12416](#) Update on the AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal.

**Witzel-Behl reported that Election Systems & Software (ES&S) had just serviced the City of Madison AutoMark Voter Assist Terminals.**

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [12417](#) Clerk's Office Budget for 2009.
- Witzel-Behl reported that the Mayor's budget proposal included the Clerk's Office budget request as submitted.**
4. [12418](#) Facilitating the Voting Process for Non-Felons in Dane County Jail.
- Williams told the committee that nothing in the State Statutes provides an election day absentee voting exception for individuals in jail like the exception provided for hospitalized voters. She said nothing defines the City Clerk's Office, and that the Government Accountability Board has indicated that the Clerk's Office can be moved to another location.**
- Williams said it is very easy to get arrested and find yourself in jail, and that she would like everyone who is eligible to vote to still be able to cast a ballot.**
- Garner recommended looking into this issue further after the election.**
5. [05160](#) Confirmation of next MEAC meeting.
- The next meeting of the Madison Election Advisory Committee will be on Wednesday, December 10.**
6. [04353](#) Suggestions for future agenda items.
- Committee members decided to place the following items on the next agenda:**
- 2009 Meeting Schedule
  - Report on the November 4 Election

#### ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Garner, seconded by Malischke, to Adjourn at 5:25 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**