



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Draft
MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

City of Madison
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Tuesday, February 13, 2007

4:30 PM

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

Roll Call

Present: Paul R. Malischke, Sybil R. Better, Warren E. Onken, Emanuel Scarbrough and Maribeth Witzel-Behl

Absent: Valerie A. Brown

Excused: Marlena G. Deutsch and Bob Ohlsen

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Onken, seconded by Better, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

Discussion Items

1. [05158](#) Preparation for Spring Primary and Spring Election

Ms. Witzel-Behl reported that Election Official training would take place in two days. She said the Clerk's office, with a lot of help from other city departments, just finished processing 30,000 registration applications from the November 7, 2006, General Election.

2. [05141](#) Establishment of additional polling places

Mr. Onken suggested that the committee work on its request for funding four additional polling places at its May meeting, and then send a report to the Mayor and Common Council.

3. [05596](#) Upgrade to the M-100 tabulators.

Mr. Malischke questioned whether the M-100 tabulators would be an upgrade. He said there are problems with the M-100 miscounting ballots, and the liquid crystal display is smaller and dimmer than the Eagle tabulators. Mr. Malischke suggested that the city prolong the life of its Eagles. He said he would like to survey Wisconsin municipalities that have purchased the M-100.

4. [05148](#) Elimination of Common Council meetings on nights of General Elections

Mr. Onken suggested that the committee wait until May to put together a report that would include the elimination of Common Council meetings on election

nights. He said the Mayor and Council President would need to adjust the reporting calendar before the Common Council meeting schedule could be changed. Mr. Ragland said the Mayor supports this initiative.

5. [05152](#) Positions of unpaid volunteer poll workers

Mr. Onken said a civic minded company may want to participate in the election process by allowing its employees to work at the polls on company time. Mr. Scarbrough said that working at the polls would be a good project for Eagle Scouts. Mr. Onken added that members of non-profit organizations may want to work at the polls and donate their paychecks to their non-profit organization.
6. [05155](#) Annual Report to the Common Council, Mayor, and City Clerk

This item will be addressed at the March 13, 2007, meeting of the Madison Election Advisory Committee.
7. [04353](#) Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Committee members agreed that the next agenda should include a discussion of whether the committee will have a permanent chairperson, a possible election of officers, a formalized post-election debriefing, and a discussion of what to include in the annual report.
8. [05160](#) Confirmation of next MEAC meeting

The next meeting of the Madison Election Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 103-A of the City-County Building.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Onken, seconded by Better, to Adjourn at 5:05 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.