



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Monday, March 18, 2013

4:30 PM 0 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 108 (City-County  
Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 -  
Paul R. Malischke; Sybil R. Better; Rosa J. Garner; Jennifer Rubin and  
Andrea R. Kaminski

**Excused:** 3 -  
Samuel L. Owens; Nicole (Nicci) Fite and Maribeth Witzel-Behl

Also present at this meeting were Joseph Starck, a member of the public; and  
Jean Tretow-Schmitz representing the Clerk's Office.

This meeting was properly noticed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was Approve the Minutes

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [29309](#) Meeting Procedures for Madison Election Advisory Committee

**Members discussed improvements to the various points outlined in the document. Version 2 is attached.**

2. [29301](#) Succession of Officers for Madison Election Advisory Committee

**Andrea Kaminski will be the Chair for 2013. Her term begins at the next meeting. A Vice-Chair will be chosen at the next meeting.**

3. [29302](#) Madison Election Advisory Committee Member Make-up

**Members could not recall what was to be discussed under this title.**

4. [27843](#) 2012 Madison Election Advisory Committee Report to the Common Council

**Members agreed that the report was ready to be forwarded to the Common Council and the Mayor.**

5. [29303](#) Priorities for 2013

**Discussion will continue on this item. Garner requested that members focus on a few priorities for the year, and arrive at conclusions on them. Malishke recommended that quality control at polling places was important. Rubin asked that the purpose of the committee be clarified. Kaminski recommended that members prepare to discuss priorities at the next meeting. Better requested that the next meeting be held on May 6 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. with attendance by the City Clerk guaranteed. The purpose of the meeting would be to plan for the future.**

6. [29304](#) Update on February 19, 2013 Spring Primary

**Members reviewed the report that Witzel-Behl had prepared.**

7. [24418](#) Legislative Update

**Malischke mentioned three items: A draft bill addressing Special Registration Deputies with County-wide privileges, the recounting of ballots either by hand or with a machine by the Board of Canvassers at its meetings, and County-wide residency for municipal election officials.**

8. [29379](#) Proposed Changes to Absentee Voting

**There are headlines and opposition to changes, but the question of whether the idea is gaining support was briefly discussed.**

9. [29380](#) Nursing Home Absentee Voting

**Malischke opined that the Special Voting Deputy skill set is equal to the Chief Inspector level, and that perhaps it would be helpful for the Clerk's office to hold trainings to inform those serving in that capacity.**

10. [28491](#) Purchase of New Software for Scheduling of Election Officials

**This item was not discussed.**

11. [29306](#) Selection of New Voting Machines

**This item was not discussed.**

12. [29307](#) Outreach to Voters who are Temporarily Abroad

**Members discussed outreach efforts to educate voters who are or will be temporarily overseas on requirements for requesting and casting ballots.**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

13. [27096](#) Schedule of Meetings for 2012-13: March 18, June 17, Sept. 16, Dec. 9, 2013

**Next meeting is Monday, May 6, 2013 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.**

14. [04353](#) Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

The next meeting will be a planning meeting. Priorities for 2013 will be the primary discussion item.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.