

**Regular Meeting of the Cincinnati Elections Commission
Minutes of June 9, 2022**

CEC members present: Marcus Bethay, Constance Hill, Terry Rath and Seth Walsh

City representatives present: Laura Hayslip, Law; Christopher Liu, Law; Teninnah Ross, Law; Linda Smith, Law

Old Business:

1. Approval of May 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Bethay moved for approval of the May 12, 2022 minutes, and Ms. Hill seconded. A vote was taken, and the March 10, 2022, minutes were approved by the three votes of Mr. Rath, Ms. Hill and Mr. Bethay. Mr. Walsh voted “present.”

New Business:

I. Discussion of Public Comments and Proposed Amendments of CEC Rules

Mr. Liu opened discussion regarding public comments that were received for clarification of certain proposed CEC rule amendments. The highlights included revising the following:

- Rule #2 removed the reference to a certain month of the year to commence meetings.
- Rule #3 now provides examples of when special meetings should be held.
- Rule #13 revision allows campaigns to submit information through the campaign finance tool on the City of Cincinnati website.
- Rule 18b revision adds clarity to the conversion process.
- Rule 23 & 24 amended to add clarity to non-third-party complaint and will allow 35 days between a vote and when a hearing should occur.
- Rule 25 amended to remove the proffer option.
- Rule 26 was clarified that the formal written entry could take 30 days to approve.
- The certified mail option amended to include email as an appropriate form of communication in addition to certified mail.

Mr. Rath inquired about the switch from certified mail to email. Mr. Liu responded that the email option could be in addition to the certified mail. There was a discussion about email read receipts.

Mr. Liu asked for clarification from the CEC if they would like to have email as well as certified mail as an option for sending notices of violations.

Ms. Hill made a motion to accept all the proposed revisions of the Cincinnati Elections Commission Rule Book. Mr. Rath seconded. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rath made a motion to amend the rules to reaffirm the requirement of certified mail. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm