Regular Meeting of the Cincinnati Elections Commission Minutes of June 8, 2023

CEC members present: Marcus Bethay, Nick Klingensmith, Sally Krisel, and Terry Rath

City representatives present: Christopher Liu, Law; Teninnah Ross, Law

Old Business:

1. Approval of the March 9, 2023 meeting minutes

Mr. Bethay moved for approval of the March 9, 2023, meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Bethay and seconded by Ms. Krisel. A vote was taken and the November 10, 2023, minutes were approved by the four votes of Mr. Rath, Mr. Bethay, Mr. Klingensmith, and Ms. Krisel.

New Business:

I. 2023 City Council Election

Mr. Liu provided a list of potential candidates that have pulled petitions from the Hamilton County Board of Elections. There are approximately 30 people running in this election. The first campaign finance report is due in July. Using the ideas of the CEC, Mr. Liu stated we will continue our outreach program.

Mr. Liu also noted there may be a special meeting a after the July 31st filing deadline. This will allow the CEC to review the filings as early as possible prior to the August meeting. The CEC membership decided to review the filings at the regular meeting on August 8, 2023.

Mr. Liu reminded the members that if they have business with potential candidates, please reach out to him to ensure there are no conflicts or if there is a conflict, no voting occurs by that member while reviewing the potential candidate's documents.

II. Nominations & Election of CEC Chair/Vice Chair

Mr. Liu opened the discussion thanking Mr. Rath for his leadership. Mr. Rath was nominated as the CEC chair. No other nominations were put forward. Mr. Liu asked for a vote on the election of CEC member Rath as Chair of the Cincinnati Elections Commission. A vote was taken and approved by all four members.

Mr. Liu opened the discussion for the CEC Vice Chair. Mr. Rath nominated CEC Member Krisel as Vice Chair. Member Krisel accepted the nomination. Mr. Rath asked for a motion to approve the election of Member Krisel. A vote was taken and approved by all four members of the CEC.

Mr. Rath asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Klingensmith made the motion and Ms. Krisel seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for July 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. That meeting was subsequently cancelled in favor of August 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.