

**Regular Meeting of the Cincinnati Elections Commission
Minutes of February 8, 2024**

CEC members present: Marcus Bethay, Eric C. Cook, Nick Klingensmith, and Sally Krisel.

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

Old Business:

1. Approval of the January 11, 2024, meeting minutes

Mr. Cook moved for approval of the January 11, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Klingensmith. A vote was taken and the January 11, 2024, minutes were approved by the three votes of Mr. Bethay, Mr. Cook, Ms. Krisel, and Mr. Klingensmith.

New Business:

I. Welcome to CEC Member Eric C. Cook

Mr. Liu and the CEC welcomed Eric C. Cook, noting we now have five members of the Cincinnati Elections Commission.

II. Discussion of the CEC Five Month Report

Mr. Liu opened the discussion providing an overview of the CEC Five Month Report. Mr. Liu provided a draft report to the CEC for their review. The 2023 election cycle is officially in the books. Mr. Liu noted that there was an interestingly low number of candidates this election cycle. The five-month report includes information related to outreach attempts, informative meetings, and open office hours. The draft report also consists of all campaign finance information including modifications. There is also reference to the question posed by the Hamilton County Democratic Party (HCDP). Mr. Liu asked the CEC if there were any modifications or changes they would like to make to the draft report.

Ms. Krisel asked that some minor date changes be made.

Mr. Liu asked for consideration of approval for the five-month report. Mr. Klingensmith made a motion to approve the report with the edits. Mr. Bethay seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the report was approved with an unanimous vote.

III. Reminder about the Boards Academy Training on February 22.

Mr. Liu reminded the CEC members of the Boards Academy Training. Mr. Liu provided the link to the February online session. Mr. Liu highly encouraged the CEC members to attend the February 22 session on Legal Requirements and Responsibilities. Mr. Liu also expressed he is also a resource and available for any questions.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. (but may be cancelled in lieu of the Boards Academy Training).

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm.