

**Cincinnati Elections Commission**  
**November 13, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Old Business:**

1. Approval of minutes from last special meeting on September 18, 2025 **(MOTION REQUIRED)**

**New Business:**

2. Discussion of New Charter Amendment / Changes to Timing of Reports
3. Extension to Time to Appoint New Member **(MOTION REQUIRED)**
4. Discussion re Upcoming Post-Election Reports

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 18 @ 4pm – *note that this will be a special meeting*  
(Regular meeting on December 11 will be cancelled)

**Meeting of the Cincinnati Elections Commission**  
**Minutes of September 18, 2025**

**CEC members present:** Marcus Bethay, Nick Klingensmith, and Ligaya West.

**City representatives present:** Ian Doig, Law; Teninnah Ross, Law

**Old Business:**

**1. Approval of the August 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Klingensmith moved for approval of the August 26, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. West. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

**2. Introduction of New Member**

Mr. Doig introduced newly appointed Commissioner Ligaya West. Ms. West shared her background as a longtime Bond Hill resident, her nearly ten years of experience with the Board of Elections in Election Day operations and poll worker training, and her professional role as a Chief Administrative Officer. Commissioners welcomed Ms. West to the Commission.

**3. Discussion of 2025 Amended Pre-Election Campaign Finance Reports**

Mr. Doig provided an overview of amended filings previously requested from four candidates whose reports had shown potential overcontribution issues. Mr. Doig summarized the resolution of each:

Jeff Cramerding:

An apparent \$900 overcontribution was determined to be a PAC contribution after the campaign provided the PAC registration number. Once corrected, no overcontribution remained.

Mark Jeffreys:

An apparent \$150 overcontribution from an individual was remedied through the state-law reattribution process, splitting the contribution between spouses below the legal limit.

Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney:

An apparent \$1,600 overcontribution was identified as a PAC contribution once the PAC number was provided. The corrected filing showed no violation.

Meeka Owens:

A \$50 overcontribution was acknowledged by the campaign, which agreed to refund the excess and report the refund on the next filing.

Mr. Doig stated his opinion that all issues had been resolved or would be resolved in the next filing period.

Motion: Mr. Bethay moved that the Commission, having identified no unresolved overcontributions or other issues, accept the reports of Cramerding, Jeffreys, Kearney, and Owens as complete and accurate. The motion was seconded by Ms. West. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Doig noted that the Law Department will follow up by sending confirmation letters to the campaigns.

**Other Business:**

No additional business was brought before the Commission.

**Adjournment:**

Ms. West moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Klingensmith. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

## 2026 Campaign Reporting Timeline - Key Dates

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This summary outlines key dates specific to candidates for an elected office in the City of Cincinnati. Please note that **separate reports must be made** to the State of Ohio through the Hamilton County Board of Elections ("BOE") and the Cincinnati Elections Commission ("CEC"). More information regarding CEC reporting is [available here](#).

2026 Campaign Reporting Timeline		
Date	Item Due	Must report through:
December 12, 2025	Post-General Report due for all campaigns participating in the 2025 General Election	December 5, 2025
January 30, 2026	Annual Report due for <u>all</u> campaigns, unless the campaign submitted a Post-General Report	December 31, 2025
<b>February 19, 2026</b>	<b>Mayoral candidate nominating petitions due</b> <b><i>[no candidates anticipated]</i></b>	
April 23, 2026	Pre-Primary Report due for campaigns participating in the 2026 Primary Election	April 15, 2026
<b>May 5, 2026</b>	<b>Primary Election Day</b> <b><i>[no candidates anticipated]</i></b>	
June 12, 2026	Post-Primary Report due for campaigns participating in the 2026 Primary Election	June 5, 2026
July 31, 2026	Semiannual Report due for <u>all</u> campaigns, unless: 1) the campaign received less than \$10,000 in contributions since last report; or 2) the campaign filed a Post-Primary Report.	June 30, 2026
<b>August 20, 2026</b>	<b>Council candidate nominating petitions due</b> <b><i>[no candidates anticipated]</i></b>	
October 23, 2026	Pre-General Report due for campaigns participating in the 2026 General Election	October 14, 2026
<b>November 3, 2026</b>	<b>General Election Day</b> <b><i>[no candidates anticipated]</i></b>	
December 11, 2026	Post-General Report due for campaigns participating in the 2025 General Election	December 4, 2026
January 29, 2027	Annual Report due for <u>all</u> campaigns, unless the campaign submitted a Post-General Report	December 31, 2026

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