

**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.