

**Regular Meeting of the Cincinnati Elections Commission  
Minutes of January 13, 2022**

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

**City representatives present:** Christine Zimmer, Law; Zach Southwood, Law; Linda Smith, Law; Christopher Liu, Law; and Jill Robb, Law

**Old Business:**

**1. Approval of December 9, 2021, meeting minutes.**

Mr. Rath moved for approval of the December 9, minutes, and Ms. Hill seconded. A vote was taken, and the December 9, 2021, minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

**1. Report on all post-election campaign finance reports for December 10, 2021, filing deadline.**

Mr. Liu reported the following:

- 32 candidates filed on time, and their reports were uploaded to the finance portal and available for public viewing by Tuesday, December 14.
- 2 candidates filed after the deadline
  - Robert Harris II filed December 12.
  - Peterson Mingo filed January 3.
- 4 candidates have not filed any reports
  - Jalen Alford
  - Nicholas Jabin
  - TeAirea Powell
  - Logan Simmering
- 4 of these candidates had late filings for the July 30 deadline
  - Robert Harris II
  - Jalen Alford
  - Nicholas Jabin
  - Logan Simmering

**2. Discussion of CEC rules pertaining to campaigns that missed the deadline.**

Mr. Liu explained that CEC Rule 20 requires the commission to review any report submitted by the CEC regarding candidates with late filings and to investigate matters that are in violation. Mr. Liu also explained the hearing process as outlined in Article XIII of the City Charter.

### **3. Discussion of whether to schedule public hearing(s) and potential outreach.**

Mr. Walsh led a discussion pointing out that the CEC should be consistent and recommended that the 4 campaigns that did not submit any filings should be investigated. The investigation should not be for the purpose of fining the candidates for noncompliance but to have a record of being in violation since they are eligible to run in the future.

Mr. Walsh made a motion to hold a hearing on the following candidates:

- Jalen Alford
- Nicholas Jabin
- TeAirea Powell
- Logan Simmering

Mr. Rath seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

#### **Next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.