

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR ELECTION COMMISSION
AUGUST 27, 2013 MINUTES**

The City of Ann Arbor Election Commission Meeting was called to order by the City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry at 2:10 p.m., in the Council Work Room, Guy C. Larcom Municipal Building, 301 E. Huron Street, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104.

The members present were Police Chief John Seto, City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry and City Attorney Stephen Postema. Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Alexa was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Postema moved, seconded by Seto, that the minutes of the July 16, 2013 City Election Commission meeting be approved and forwarded to the City Council. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

EC-13-003

Postema moved, seconded by Seto, that the following resolution be approved:

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR ELECTION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION TO CONSOLIDATE PRECINCTS FOR THE CITY GENERAL
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor Election Commission has determined that a General Election will be held in the City of Ann Arbor on Tuesday, November 5, 2013;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor has determined that precinct consolidation would be appropriate for this election because of an anticipated low voter turnout;

Whereas, Ten polling locations have two or more precincts located in the building for each site that could easily be consolidated causing minimal inconvenience to the voters; and

Whereas, MCL 168.659 allows for the City Election Commission to consolidate two or more precincts in local elections, provided the new consolidated precinct does not exceed 5,000 registered voters, excluding those on the Inactive Voter File;

RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor Election Commission hereby directs the City Clerk to conduct said General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, by consolidating the following precincts for this election only, recognizing that consolidation is possible for precincts co-located in the same building:

- 1-1, 1-2 and 4-1 Michigan Union
- 1-5 and 1-6 Northside School
- 1-9 and 2-6 Clague Middle School
- 2-3 and 2-4 Angell School
- 3-1 and 3-2 Michigan League

3-4 and 3-7 Allen School
3-6 and 3-9 Scarlett Middle School
4-4 and 4-8 Pioneer High School
4-7 and 5-7 Dicken School
5-4 and 5-5 Slauson Middle School; and

RESOLVED, That the Election Commission hereby authorizes the City Clerk to utilize three Absent Voter Counting Boards (Wards 1 and 2; Wards 3 and 4; and Ward 5) for the tabulation of absentee ballots at the November 5, 2013 General Election.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

EC-13-004

Seto moved, seconded by Postema, that the following resolution be approved:

CITY OF ANN ARBOR ELECTION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE PRECINCT BOUNDARY
BETWEEN PRECINCTS 4 AND 5 IN THE FIFTH WARD
IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN EACH
PRECINCT AND THE VOTER TURNOUT AT THE TWO COLOCATED POLLING
PLACES AT SLAUSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor Election Commission must finalize any precinct boundary changes for the 2014 election cycle not later than 210 days prior to the August 2014 Primary Election, pursuant to MCL 168.661;

Whereas, Election laws mandate that any voting precinct may not continue to exceed 2,999 registered voters, excluding those voters on the Inactive Voter File;

Whereas, Precinct 4 and 5 in the Fifth Ward have a collocated polling place at Slauson Middle School;

Whereas, Precinct 4 currently has almost 500 more registered voters than Precinct 5, consistently higher voter turnout, leading to voter frustration on Election Day in Precinct 5;

Whereas, Adjusting the boundary lines between Precincts 4 and 5 in the Fifth Ward would balance the registered voter numbers, resulting in a less lopsided Election Day turnout at the shared polling site; and

Whereas, The proposed boundary adjustment would maintain each precinct at less than 2,999 registered voters as required under Michigan Election Law;

RESOLVED, That the new voting boundaries for Precincts 4 and 5 in the Fifth Ward as indicated on the attached Precinct Map and Precinct Description be approved;

RESOLVED, That the new precinct boundaries as indicated on the attached Precinct Map and Precinct Description be effective January 1, 2014;

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be authorized to take any administrative action necessary to implement this resolution; and

RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Washtenaw County Clerk and the Michigan Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Postema moved, seconded by Seto, that the Election Commission authorize the City Clerk's Office sworn election assistants, including the clerk and deputized assistants, to conduct preliminary and to schedule and conduct the public accuracy testing for the November 5, 2013 General Election in accordance with MCL 168.778.

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry explained that the State has reminded Clerk's that the Public Accuracy Test should be conducted as part of an Election Commission meeting. She would like this motion on record to allow Clerk's Office staff to formally have authorization to proceed with equipment testing.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

INFORMATION

Election Commissioners discussed the possibility of proposing new precincts for the 2014 Election cycle to help alleviate long lines and heavy turnout at existing polling locations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the City Election Commission, the chair called the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Beaudry
City Clerk
Election Commission Chair