



Election Commission

Regular Meeting

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1:30 p.m.

Friday, September 17, 2021

Elections Office

Topic: Election Commission (Members Only): 111
Time: September 17, 2021, 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Chair/Clerk Sergio Cornelio	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commissioner Brian McCarthy	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commissioner Patricia Cheever	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commissioner Maria Pineda	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elections Director Danielle Pietrantonio (invited guest)	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

As a result of Chairperson Cornelio's absence from the meeting, Commissioner made a motion to appoint Commissioner McCarthy as temporary chairperson. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pineda

Roll call vote: 3 yays, 0 nays. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

- **Order (ID #3556)**

To discuss the role of the Chairperson of the Elections Commission regarding the September 21st preliminary election.

Concerns has been raised to the Commission as well as among Commission members as to the ability of Commission Chair/City Clerk Sergio Cornelio to fulfill his duties for the September 21st preliminary election. This concern was based on allegations made by City Clerk Cornelio against Mayor DeMaria concerning a personal business transaction.

Commissioner Cheever advised the members that advice had been sought from the Secretary of State's Office, the Massachusetts Ethics Office, and the Everett City Solicitor's Office. All three advised that the Commission could only request that City Clerk Cornelio recuse himself from overseeing the preliminary election. The Commission does not have the authority to relieve him of those responsibilities.

Commissioner McCarthy explained that the Commission did not take this action lightly and was acting only to fulfill the responsibility of protecting the integrity of the election.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheever, seconded by Commissioner Pindea, that Commissioner McCarthy send a communication to Chairperson Cornelio respectfully requesting that he recuse himself from his election duties.

Roll call vote: 3 yays, 0 nays. Motion passed

- **Order (ID #3557)**

To discuss and finalize the needs for the September 21st preliminary election.

Election Director Danielle Pietrantonio joined the meeting to review the final plans for the upcoming preliminary election. She advised of the processes for the upcoming days as well as the final review of the mail in ballots and the process for securing them. We discussed the roles of each of the commissioners in setting up the polls and overseeing the poll operations on election day.

Ms. Pietrantonio also requested that we appoint Janine Castetter as a temporary assistant Commissioner to allow her to travel to various polling locations to aid in the oversight. Commissioner Cheever made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pineda, to appoint Ms. Castetter as a temporary assistant Commissioner.

Roll call vote: 3 yays, 0 nays. Motion passed

Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Roll call vote: 3 yays, 0 nays. Motion passed

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Brian McCarthy

**Everett Elections Commission
Temporary Chair**