

**Regular Meeting of the Cincinnati Elections Commission  
Minutes of February 13, 2025**

**CEC members present:** Marucs Bethay, Eric C. Cook, Sally Krisel and Terry Rath.

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

**Old Business:**

**1. Approval of the September 12, 2024, meeting minutes**

Member Krisel moved for approval of the September 12, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Bethay. A vote was taken and the September 12, 2024, minutes were approved.

**New Business:**

**1. Discussion of the 2025 Election Campaign Finances Reporting Deadlines**

Ian Doig provided the members with a draft of the proposed “Summary of the City of Cincinnati Charter Regarding Procedures for Candidates in the 2025 Mayoral and Council Election”. Some information was added included the 2025 Election Timelines chart. The chart includes both CEC filing deadlines and submissions due to the Hamilton County Board of Elections.

Ian asked for a motion to publish the 2025 Election Timeline on the website. Member Rath made a motion to publish the timeline on the website. Member Krisel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Ian Doig added that the CEC could put forth some training for potential candidates coordinated with the Board of Elections. Member Krisel added that it would be helpful due to the difference in the filing deadlines. Member Rath also stated it would be a good idea. Ian Doig will investigate the opportunity of a possible financial reporting training. He will update the CEC at the next meeting.

**2. Discussion of the CEC Website Updates**

Ian opened the discussion sharing Ian shared the current website with the members. He noted that meeting list, tab for information on candidate deadlines have all been updated. Ian will continue to update the website and would like to know if the CEC members have any additions or ideas to add.

Terry Rath asked if potential candidates came to the website where would they find “Information for Candidates”? Ian shared the website and how it is found on the page.

Sally Krisel posed a question regarding the “Important Dates” section asking does it include a chart for the filing dates for candidates for the CEC as well as the Hamilton County Board of Elections. Ian showed the 2025 Council Election Timeline that was placed in the recent report. Terry added that it would be more accessible to have the timeline on the website. Ian agreed and will add the timeline to the website. Ian asked the CEC to reach out if they see any additional changes. Terry added the website looks great but will look through it again.

### **3. Approval of the 2025 Meeting Calendar**

Ian opened a discussion noting that this agenda item needs no motion if the dates remain the same. Ian noted that the dates are already set by law for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Ian asked the CEC if there are any dates they would like to change.

Sally Kristel noted that maybe we should look at filing deadlines. Ian noted the next filing date is May 13<sup>th</sup>. Terry suggested we change the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting date to Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Terry Rath made a motion to move the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting date to May 22, 2025, at 4pm. Sally Krisel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Terry Rath noted the filing deadline for December is after the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion was made by Terry Rath to change the meeting date from December 11<sup>th</sup> to December 18, 2025, at 4pm. Motion was seconded by Ms. Krisel. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Sally Krisel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rath. A vote was taken, and the meeting was adjourned.

#### **Next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2025

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm.