

**Regular Meeting of the Cincinnati Elections Commission
Minutes of June 12, 2025**

CEC members present: Marucs Bethay, Nick Klingensmith, and Sally Krisel.

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

Old Business:

1. Approval of the February 12th and May 5th meeting minutes

Member Bethay moved for approval of the February 12, 2025, and May 5, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Nick Klingensmith. A vote was taken, and the February 12th and May 5th minutes were approved.

New Business:

1. Discussion of Updated 2025 Post-Primary Campaign Finance Reports from Aftab Pureval

Ian Doig opened the discussion by providing a PowerPoint presentation for informational purposes to update the Commission. Ian Doig gave a quick overview of Charter Article XIII, Section 4(d) and noted the section that governs the CEC's ability to accept an addendum.

Ian presented the overcontributions from Aftab Pureval's campaign. All overcontributions have been settled by the campaign and refunds were made. There was also a contribution by CODE PCE in the amount of \$2,700 that was considered an overcontribution. CODE PCE is not a union and can only contribute a limit of \$1,100 as previously determined by the Cincinnati Elections Commission. A refund of \$1,600 was processed on 6/9/2025 to CODE PCE by Pureval's campaign.

Mr. Bethay made a motion to accept the updated reports of Mr. Pureval as complete and accurate. Mr. Klingensmith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and motion passed.

2. Discussion of the Charter Amendment to Change the Rules of the CEC

Ian opened the discussion sharing information related to the changes to the Charter to change the reporting dates to align with the State of Ohio reporting dates. This will allow the candidates to file their reports at the same time as the reports to the CEC.

Ms. Krisel agreed that it makes sense to have the dates aligned to avoid confusion. Ms. Krisel also added that the amendment would change the current member setup of the CEC. Ian Doig provided information related to the proposed amendment change that will tie the representation of the CEC to registered voters. The intent of the amendment is to capture parties that may not be currently represented by Council or the Mayor.

Mr. Bethay added that the amendment will need more discussion. Ian Doig suggested inviting CM Nolan's office to the next CEC meeting to explain the proposed amendments. The CEC agreed that further explanation from the Councilmember's office to the CEC would be helpful.

3. Update on CEC Member Changes

Ian updated the CEC on Members Rath and Cook that they will no longer serve on the CEC due to positive life changes that have affected their ability to serve. Mr. Rath has moved outside the city limits and can no longer serve under the rules of the CEC. Mr. Cook will pursue other civic engagements. Ian will share any updates received on new appointments that come from Mayor Aftab's office.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.