

Meeting of the Cincinnati Elections Commission

Minutes of November 13, 2025

CEC members present: Marcus Bethay, Nick Klingensmith, and Ligaya West.

CEC members excused: Sally Jo Krisel.

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

Old Business:

1. Approval of the September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bethay moved for approval of the September 18, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. The motion was seconded by Mr. Klingensmith. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business:

2. Overview of Charter Amendment and Campaign Finance Reporting Schedule

Mr. Doig provided an overview of the recently approved charter amendment aligning the City's campaign finance reporting deadlines with those of the State of Ohio. He explained that the amendment simplifies reporting requirements for candidates by synchronizing reporting periods and deadlines, including post-general, annual, and semi-annual filings. Mr. Doig reviewed anticipated filing deadlines for 2026, noting that while no local elections are expected, some committees may still be required to file reports. Commissioners discussed the anticipated reduction in reporting activity during the upcoming off-election year.

3. Extension of Deadline to Fill Commission Vacancy

Mr. Doig explained that the charter amendment also extended the timeline for appointing new members to the Commission and granted the Commission discretion to further extend that deadline. He noted that the current vacancy has exceeded the prior deadline and recommended establishing a new deadline to encourage timely appointment.

Motion: Mr. Bethay moved to extend the deadline for appointing a replacement Commissioner by forty-five (45) days from the date of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Klingensmith. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of Upcoming Post-General Election Campaign Finance Reports

Mr. Doig reminded the Commission that post-general election campaign finance reports are due

on December 12, 2025, and that approximately thirty campaign filings are expected. He outlined the review process and invited Commissioners to participate in reviewing filings, noting the need to avoid triggering open meetings requirements. Ms. West expressed interest in participating in the review process.

5. December Meeting Schedule

Mr. Doig noted that the Commission's December meeting has been rescheduled as a special meeting on December 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. He explained that, as a special meeting, discussion will be limited to items listed in the meeting notice, including review of post-election campaign filings. Commissioners were invited to suggest additional agenda items for inclusion in the notice.

Other Business:

No additional business was brought before the Commission.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Next Special Meeting: Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.