

**Special Meeting of the Cincinnati Elections Commission
Minutes of May 20, 2025**

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

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

New Business:

1. Discussion of 2025 Post-Primary Campaign Finance Reporting Deadlines

Ian Doig started the presentation sharing a PowerPoint presentation. He also noted that what is being reviewed is not official. Ian started with a quick overview of the Duties of the Commission. Ian Doig shared the suggested language for motion. At the end of the discussion, the CEC can make a motion that there are “no issues” identified with the reports or “are issues” identified with the report.

Ian began to review the disclosure for Cory Bowman’s Campaign. After reviewing the data, no overcontributions were identified.

With no questions, Ian moved on to Aftab Pureval’s campaign. Sally Krisel posed a question regarding an “anonymous” donation. Ms. Krisel asked if “anonymous contributor” is considered complete. Ian responded that as long as the candidate has complied with the State’s rules for listing names and a best effort has been made.

Ian continued to review Aftab Pureval’s report. He noted that there were several overcontributions. Ian also addressed an overcontribution for CODE PCE. Ian noted that the contribution limit for a PAC is \$2700. The Commission concluded in an advisory opinion from March 14, 2017, that PCE’s should be treated as a personal contribution and not a PAC. Therefore, the donation from CODE PCE for \$2700 presents an overage of \$1600.

Ian Doig noted the next steps would be to notify the campaign of the overages by certified mail. The candidate will then have seven (7) days after receipt of the letter to correct any overages.

Nick Klingensmith asked if the candidates could be notified through an informal process prior to the CEC meeting. Ian suggested we follow the rules of the Charter and present the reports to the CEC allowing the CEC to take a vote on notifying the campaigns.

Marcus Bethay made a motion that the CEC has received the report of Cory Bowman and has identified no issues and accepts the report as complete and accurate. A vote was taken, and the report was accepted.

Marcus Bethay made a motion to conditionally accept the report of Aftab Pureval and extend the timeframe to 14 days from receipt of the letter to address the inaccuracies of the campaign filings. Mr. Rath seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and motion passed.

Sally Krisel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm.