

THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF AURORA, KANE, KENDALL, AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2014

The Meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Aurora is convened by Chairman Leah Anderson at the Aurora Election Commission, 323 W. Galena Blvd, in Aurora, IL at 5:03 p.m. on the 19th day of November, 2014.

Commissioner Perry called the role. Present are Commissioners Anderson and Perry. Commissioner McCoy is excused. Also in attendance is the Executive Director Linda Fechner and Bill Barrett from Liberty Systems. Chief Judge Judy Brawka and Attorney Pat Bond are also in attendance arriving after the start of the meeting.

The Meeting is opened with Chairman Leah Anderson leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no correspondence to the Commission.

Executive Director Linda Fechner provided the Board and Chief Judge with the Canvas for the 2014 General Election. The Executive Director gave an overview of the results and post-election information.

The Aurora Public Library invited the Election Commission to a fundraiser to benefit the new building. The Board agreed that any Member may attend at his/her own cost.

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2014 Board Meeting and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Perry moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded to approve the Bank Statements and place on file. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Anderson moved and seconded by Commissioner Perry to place on file the Commission Treasurer's Reports. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Commission Bills and it is seconded by Commissioner Perry. There were no disputed Invoices. On the motion to approve the Commission Bills, Commissioner Perry called the roll call vote and Commissioners Anderson and Perry voted 'aye' and the Motion carried 2-0.

Unfinished Business:

Attorney Bond spoke on the pending legislation in Springfield. He also spoke on the Polling Places for schools. The schools had attempted to be removed as a Polling Place for Election Day. The Legislators approved to keep the schools as Polling Place, but allow the schools to either have an institute day or close the schools as a school holiday.

Attorney Bond reported to the Board his communications to the City of Aurora's Corporate Counsel as to the dates information had been sent to the City's Corporate Counsel and subsequent follow-ups. The most recent MOU had been sent to the Commissioners and with a minor change, he would recommend the Commission to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. He noted that the City has agreed to all of the final provisions. Commissioner Perry spoke her concerns specifically that the Commission has several times entered into an agreement with the City of Aurora and they have not complied with those terms that were initially agreed to; why should we think they will now comply. Attorney Bond stated this Agreement is to protect the Commission and have clear cut understanding when and how the City and County is to fund the Commission. Commissioner Perry and Anderson agreed that they would go ahead and approve the Agreement so that it can be moved to City Council for Approval. They did reserve the right to not approve the resolution if the City does not sign the Agreement. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and it was seconded by Commissioner Perry. On roll call vote, Commissioners Anderson and Perry voted 'aye' and Motion carried 2-0.

Attorney Bond gave an update on the funding in that the City does have an obligation of an approximately \$54,000.00 still due to the Commission for the 2014 Year.

Executive Director gave a recap of the 2014 Election Day and post-election. She recapped an issue with a Poll-Worker at the Nursing Facility during Nursing home voting. It was a very busy Election due to the one time election laws put into place for this Election. There were many complaints that we were not asking for ID's for early voting. Grace Period extended through Election Day.

New Business:

Chief Judge Judy Brawka spoke to the Commissioners and thanked them for not only having the results on the website, but also having Candidates Names with the Races results. She could not say the same for other jurisdiction. Chief Brawka thanked the Board and appreciated the careful thought and consideration in approving the MOU. This would place in writing the procedures for all future funding to the Commission. When she is no longer Chief Judge, the City of Aurora's Mayor and County Clerk changes, there will be a procedure in place that will be followed.

Chief Judge Brawka suggested that the Commission could put together information relating to those who lose the right to vote and when they are able to reregister. The Board thought this would be an informative addition to the website and to Deputy Registrar Training Program. For those voters who cannot vote in schools or have restrictions, that information for alternative methods of voting could also be included in the training.

Commissioner Anderson made the Motion to approve the Election Services to Liberty Systems LLC pending agreement with the Executive Director as to the proration of the services rendered. Commissioner Perry seconded the Motion and on roll call

vote, Commissioner Anderson and Perry voted 'aye' and Motion carried 2-0.

Filings for the 2015 Consolidated Primary started on Monday at 8:00 in the Commission Office. The Executive Director gave a recap of the filings. It was agreed with the Commissioners that the Lottery for first filers would be held on Tuesday November 21, 2014.

The Executive Director presented the Board with the 2015 Board Meeting Schedule and the 2015 Office Holiday Schedule. After discussion Commission Anderson motioned to approve the 2015 Board Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Perry seconded the Motion and on roll call vote, Commissioner Anderson and Perry voted 'aye' and Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve the 2015 Commission Office Holiday Schedule and Commissioner Perry seconded the Motion, on roll call vote, Commissioner Anderson and Perry voted 'aye' and Motion carried 2-0.

Executive Director made note that there was not an announcement of Public Comment. Commissioner Anderson asked if there were any comments. A citizen of City of Aurora, Fran Shaw, said she would like to speak. She then gave a detailed account of the precinct she was a poll-watcher at during the 2014 General Election.

Next scheduled Meeting will be Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

With no further business at hand Commissioner Anderson moved and seconded by Commissioner Perry to adjourn to the December 17, 2014 Meeting. Meeting ended at 7:17 pm

 /s/ Leah Anderson
Leah Anderson, Chairman

 /s/ Michael McCoy
Michael McCoy, Vice-Chairman

 /s/ Lillian Perry
Lillian Perry, Secretary