



# Board of Election Commissioners

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Lillian Perry -*Secretary*

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

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2016

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 5:00 p.m. on the 6th day of April, 2016.

Commissioner Anderson asks that Commissioner Perry call the role. Present are Commissioners Anderson, McCoy and Perry. Also in attendance is the Executive Director Linda Fechner and Attorney Pat Bond. Guest in attendance is Bill Barrett from Liberty Systems LLC.

The Meeting is opened with Bill Barrett leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There is no correspondence.  
There is no public comment.

Chairman Anderson stated for the record that the March meeting had been cancelled and this Special Meeting was called to act on the Agenda items that would have been reviewed in the March Meeting and that this special meeting was called and posted timely and properly.

Chairman Anderson expressed her condolence at the passing of Commissioner McCoy's father and Former Mayor of Aurora Al McCoy. Commissioner McCoy thanked the Board and spoke briefly on his father.

Commissioner McCoy moves to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2016 Board Meeting and is second by Commissioner Perry. Motion passes by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moves and Commissioner Perry seconds to approve the Bank Statements and place on file. The motion to approve and place on file the bank statements passes by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moves and is second by Commissioner Perry to place on file the Commission Treasurer's Reports. Motion passes by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moves to approve the Commission Bills and it is second by Commissioner Perry. On the motion to approve the Commission Bills, Commissioner Perry calls the roll and Commissioners Anderson, McCoy and Perry votes 'aye' and the Motion carries 3-0.

### Unfinished Business:

There are no legal issues at this time as reported by Attorney Bond. He verified that the City of Aurora had tendered over a check for the 2016 Budget. He also noted that the City had stated they were missing a page from the last Meeting. He had confirmation that all had been sent and was looking into what the City's claim is missing.

There was no new Federal Legislation. Attorney Bond stated at the State Level the Budget impasse has limited action in both the House and Senate. Executive Director Fechner informed the Board that the Illinois State Board of Elections had sent an email and made phone calls to all jurisdictions informing them that the Fair Map Petition may be filed shortly and that all Jurisdictions must be updated with registrations by April 30, 2016. Both proponents and opponents may review the Petition Signatures for accuracy.

The Executive Director recapped some of the issues for Election Day. The Commission's Canvas has been completed and each County has been sent their portion to add with each County Vote Total. Results have also been sent to the State by the "E-Canvas", emailed, and hard copy mailed. There is a Meeting scheduled with Robis to go over the Laptop issues and to plan future trainings. This election marked the end of the two-year term for the Election Judges and Staff is working to secure Judges for the next term. Commissioner Perry asked that those who claim they are bi-lingual be tested and trained so as to be able to properly assist the voter. The final casting of ballots was completed in the Commission Office on Tuesday March 29, 2016. There were several observers in the room from various campaigns.

The Executive Director presented the final draft for the 2017 Budget. The Executive Director made her presentation and at the end stated that the Commissioners have spoken to her individually on various items. Some of the questions were clarifications and some were to suggest changes.

At this time Commissioner McCoy stated his concern with line item 32-41, Marquardt Consult. At a time when the Office will be under even more strict scrutiny, he recommended that this line item be removed. It was his understanding that we no longer had a contract with the Firm and we are on a month to month billing basis.

Commissioner Anderson said she had asked last year to reduce the billing. The Executive Director stated the Annual Contract Approved last year was reduce but that proposal/contract had expired. Commissioner McCoy said he receives the reports but other than that doesn't have contact with the Consultant. Commissioner Anderson said she only receives the email and she hasn't recently contacted them for any further information.

Commissioner Perry stated that she does call the Consultant when she receives the listing and has had many conversations with him and his office when she sees legislation relating to the elimination of any Commissions or Election Information. Commissioner Perry wants to keep the line item as she stated we need someone in Springfield that can alert us when issues that would affect our office are brought up.

Commissioner McCoy asked if Attorney Bond had any dealings with the Consultant. Attorney Bond stated that the Consultant will contact him if there are any issues that may be forthcoming. Commissioner McCoy asked if there communications relating to legislation that the Executive Director receives and she stated that the State will let them know if a bill has passed and that the Clerk Association and Commission Association do send updates as well. One of the big issues with the Legislators in the past few years is that there isn't any forewarning of legislation being brought up and the last several Omnibus Bills that were passed had only been given less than a day's notice. The Board agreed to seek further reduction and change the line item name. It was also noted that the Board still may terminate any contract with thirty day notice.

Commissioner McCoy wanted it reflected in the minutes that he does not and has not supported having a consultant for the Commission. In the past, the Attorney has given a report that is more than acceptable and the State should do a better job providing information to the Election Authorities.

Commissioner Perry wanted it to reflect that she is in favor of keeping the consultant as long as there are those who want legislation to close election authorities.

**New Business:**

Commissioner McCoy motions to approve the Ordinance 2016-01 Adopting the 2017 Commission Annual Budget. Commissioner Perry Seconds the motion. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry vote 'Aye' and motion carries 3-0.

Commissioner McCoy motions to approve the Resolution 2016-04 Approving the FOIA Compliance officer. This is second by Commissioner Anderson and on roll call vote, Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry vote 'Aye' and motions carries 3-0.

Over the summer the Office will be reviewing procedures for the General Election including training of Election Judges.

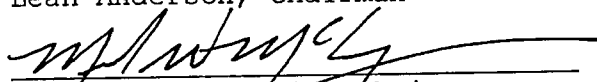
There have been quite a few requests for the Candidate Primer Training for the 2017 Election Cycle. Reviewing the calendar for circulating and filing the petitions, Attorney Bond suggested having the Training on August 17, 2016. It was generally agreed with the Board.

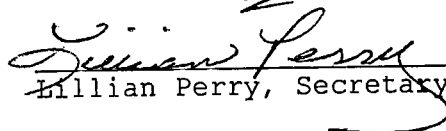
Executive Director Fechner received a reminder notice for the annual filing of Statement of Economic Interest with the County.

Next scheduled Meeting will be Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

With no further business at hand Commissioner McCoy moved and second by Commissioner Perry to adjourn to the April 27, 2016 Meeting. Meeting ended at 6:10 pm.

  
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Leah Anderson, Chairman

  
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Michael McCoy, Vice-Chairman

  
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Lillian Perry, Secretary