

**County of Alameda
Elections Commission
Minutes**

Amended

Location: Via Zoom/In person
Alameda County Training & Education Center
125 – 12th Street, 4th Floor
Suite 400 Hayward/Union City Rooms
Oakland, CA 94612

Date: May 16, 2024
Time: 4:00PM

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Minutes

1. Call To Order / Roll Call at 4pm

The monthly elections Commission meeting of May 16, 2024, convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Hayward/Union City Rooms. The clerk, Noe Lucio, ROV, called to order the meeting.

Present

Commission Members: James R. Lindsay, Judy Belcher, Karen A. Butter, Avni Desai, Irene Dieter, Susan R. Henderson, Alexander H. Ramon, Stephanie F. Singer, Benita Tsao, Zabrae Valentine, Allie Whitehurst; Registrar of Voters: Tim Dupuis, Cynthia Cornejo, Noe Lucio; County Counsels: Ray Lara and Jason Allen.

Not Present

City Clerk: Anna Brown

2. Swearing In of New Commissioners -- Allie Whitehurst, PhD

Allie Whitehurst was sworn-in in public.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2024

Corrections were made to the minutes.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes as amended by Commissioner Singer, seconded by Commissioner Butter, approved by ten members with one abstention.

4. Announcements

(a) From staff

An announcement regarding new county counsel was made by Registrar Dupuis

(b) From commissioners

Ms. Singer disclosed that she has formed a financial relationship with a business that sells products to election agencies and noted that the county's municipal code site has been updated. Ms. Singer stated that she has yet to receive a breakdown of the recall election for the November Election.

President Lindsay noted that he has met with the office of the Secretary of State regarding cast vote records.

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Public comment was allowed for all agenda items.

6. Monthly Report from Registrar of Voters Office

7. New Business carried over from the last meeting.

(a) Regular Elections Commission reporting to AC BOS

A motion was made that the commission will report to the Board of Supervisors a minimum of twice a year, preferably in October and April, or as needed by Ms. Dieter, seconded by Commissioner Butter, and passed unanimously.

(b) Dept. response time to communications

A motion was made that the commission create an ad hoc committee to work with staff and stakeholders for solutions and to bring their recommendations back to the whole commission by Ms. Dieter, seconded by Ms. Singer, and discussion ensued. After the discussion, Ms. Dieter withdrew the motion.

8. Ongoing Items from Committees

(a) Nominating 4th at large member

(b) Structure of the ROV position

(c) Cast Vote Record Releases

Ms. Singer recused herself from discussing or voting on the item.

Recommendation: The Alameda County Elections Commission recommends that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors directs the Registrar of Voters to:

1) Follow San Francisco's Cast Vote Record model and adopt the policy of releasing the text Cast Vote Record reports in the November 2024 election and at all subsequent elections in the following manner:

(a) The first Cast Vote Record report will be released on election night or immediately after the first election results have been released.

(b) Subsequent Cast Vote Record reports will be released each day at the same time as the new release of election results.

2) Release Cast Vote Records for all elections in all races in Alameda County.

3) Report back to the Elections Commission regarding progress toward implementation of Cast Vote Records within 30 days after adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

4) After this policy is implemented by the Board of Supervisors, inform all city clerks in Alameda County of the policy change

A motion was made by Ms. Butter, seconded by Ms. Belcher passed 10 to 0 with one recusal.

9. Special Report from Registrar's Office:

Review of the March 2024 election

10. Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items

Public Comment was allowed for non-agenda items.

11. Requests for Future Agenda Items

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will be June 20, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36p.m.