# Election Commission Meeting Minutes January 10th, 2024

**City Hall Room 211 & Virtual**

Present: Commissioners John McDermott, Jan Huffman, Marjorie Ann Butler, Nancy Levine, John Doyle - Elections Supervisor

# Polling Location Change Recommendation for Ward 6 precinct 4 and Ward 8 Precinct:

# The Clerk’s Office recommended that the polling location for 6-4, located at Mason-Rice School, be re-located to The Newton Free Library which also has 2-4. John From the Clerk’s Office explained that this change is due to the close proximity (half mile) between Maso-Rice and the Library, less foot traffic in the polling locations due to early voting, and other benefits of having a double precinct such as collaborations of poll workers, and more efficient ballot delivery. The Clerk’s Office also proposed 8-4, located at the Shuman Center, be re-located to Temple Beth Avodah which also has 8-2. The reasons for this changed are due to access issues at Shuman, the mile proximity between Shuman and Temple Beth, and the aforementioned benefits of having two precincts in one location. The Commissioners voted to not recommend both proposed polling location changes due for several reasons, including but not limited to, wanting to keep polling locations in schools, and wanting to keep the polling locations in the precincts they represent.

# The item on the agenda was informing the commissioners on the Early Voting hours for the March 5th Presidential Primary that the State chose. The Commission voted to recommend adding later hours to Wednesday February 28th. The vote passed 4-0. The Early Voting Hours that were recommended are below:

Saturday February 24th: 11a-5p

Sunday February 25th: 11a-5p

Monday February 26th: 8:30am-5p

Tuesday February 27th: 8:30am-5p

Wednesday February 28th: 8:30am-8p

Thursday February 29th: 8:30am-5p

Friday March 1st: 8:30am-5p

# John gave the Commissioners an opportunity to bring up any other Election related business before the meeting adjourned. No other Election related business was discussed.

The meeting ended at 3:30 pm