

**Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2015**

Present: Marjorie Butler, Jan Huffman, Nancy Levine, John McDermott

Also Present: City Clerk David Olson

Minutes

The minutes from the September 23, 2015 meeting were not ready for approval and approval was held until the next meeting.

Discussion of the draft mailer to meet the requirements of Chapter 274 of the Acts of 1987

Clerk Olson distributed the draft layout of the mailer and noted that he was unable to find any group to write the statements against for either of the questions. Commissioner McDermott provided statements that he had drafted earlier for both questions for the Commission's consideration.

Clerk Olson's and Commissioner McDermott's drafts were reviewed by the Committee and several amendments were suggested. Commissioner McDermott asked that the blanket statements at the beginning of the arguments against sections remove reference to the Election Commission as these arguments are not necessarily the opinions of the Commission. The wording was amended to reflect that as there was no organized group opposing the question, the arguments were submitted as required by Chapter 284 of the Acts of 1987.

Commissioner Butler asked that each against statement begin with the words "One could argue". By adding this text the statements become less definitive.

Some draft statements were removed to keep within the 250-word limit.

The draft text as amended was approved and Clerk Olson stated that he would finish the layout, incorporate the amendments, and e-mail the final document to the Commissioners the next morning. If there was anything that the Commissioners were concerned about in the final text, the Commission could reconvene on Thursday to address the concerns and complete the document.

Next Meeting:

The Election Commission, if needed, will meet on October 7, 2015, to review further changes to the draft once the amendments are incorporated and the mailer is fully laid out.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by

John McDermott, Chair