

**Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 5, 2007**

**Members present:** Chairman, Mark Sullivan, Vice Chairman Frank Otte, Secretary, Beth White

**Others members present:** Andy Mallon, Director of Elections; Myla Eldridge, Deputy Director of Elections; Megan Sims, Elections Project Manager; Jennifer Handlon, Voter Registration; Cindy Mowery, Voter Registration; John Riordan, Voter Registration; LaDonna Freeman, Voter Registration; Tenley Drescher-Rhodes, Baker & Daniels.

- I. **Call to Order.** Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order.
  
- II. **Administrative Changes/Candidate Filing Errors:** Andy Mallon explained that the Election Board discovered some errors in the candidate filing paperwork and the Election Board contacted the candidates that were affected and then they were allowed to make administrative changes to their paperwork. Mr. Mallon asked that the Election Board members either ratify or not ratify their administrative changes. The following is a list of the candidates who filed administrative changes after the filing deadline:
  - A. Jose Evans checked 2 boxes in the Section 3 of the Candidate Filing paperwork, his administrative change was to check only one box in Section 3. The motion unanimously passed to ratify and approve Mr. Evans administrative changes.
  
  - B. Helena Harrison left Section 3 of the Candidate Filing paperwork blank and her administrative change was to check one box in Section 3. The motion unanimously passed to ratify and approve Ms. Harrison's administrative changes.
  
  - C. Gary Johnson left Section 2 of his Candidate Filing paperwork blank and his administrative change was to choose which District he was running in on Section 2 of his paperwork. The motion unaminously passed to ratify and approve Mr. Johnson's administrative changes.
  
  - D. Nannette Tunget left Section 2 of her Candidate Filing paperwork blank and her administrative change was to choose which District/City she was running in on Section 2 of her paperwork. The motion unanimously passed to ratify and approve Ms. Tunget's administrative changes.
  
  - E. Benny L. Lewis left Section 3 of his Candidate Filing paperwork blank and his administrative change was to check one box in Section 3. The motion passed unanimously to ratify and approve Mr. Lewis's administrative changes.

**III. Candidate Challenges.** Andy Mallon, Director of Election read a brief description of each candidate that was being challenged.

- A. Danny J. White originally filed to run in City-County Council 10, but filed an administrative change to run in District 22. The Election Board unanimously voted to ratify and approve his administrative changes.

Paul Fox and Margie Oakley challenged Mr. White due to him not living in District 10 when he filed in paperwork to run and in District 22 because his administrative change was made after the filing deadline. Due to the acceptance of the administrative changes, the Election Board unanimously voted to allow Mr. White to be placed on the Primary Ballot in May.

- B. Tom Knapp filed in City-County Council District 9 and was challenged by Mark St. John and Steven Towne. The premise of the challenge is that Mr. Knapp does not have a primary voting history and therefore challenging his party affiliation. Tenley Drescher-Rhodes cited Indiana Code 3-8-2-7 on party affiliations. Mr. Knapp's voting history in the State Wide Voter Registration System shows that Mr. Knapp does not have a primary voting history. The Election Board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Knapp to be placed on the ballot and the challenge be denied based on the Indiana Code 3-8-2-7.
- C. David M. Meyers filed for Lawrence City Council District 1.
- E. Ruth Ann Walker-Being challenged by Mr. Craig on the basis that she challenged him and the filing time and date on her candidacy papers. The Board reviewed Ms. Walker's petitions and date stamp and found that she was in compliance with the law. Secretary's proxy made a motion to deny the challenge against Ms. Walker. Unanimous vote passed.

The next challenges were based on questionable notary signatures and alteration of signing date of notary. The Board was unsure about being able to verify and uphold any vote they would take on a notary being questioned.

Attorney Ladendorf stated to the board that he was not sure if the challenges that were being voted on today would be upheld because of residency requirements for the person challenging (3-8-1-2). He also stated that the party rules read that in order to challenge a potential candidate you must be registered in the precinct or district of that in which you are challenging. The Board took this new evidence under advisement and made a motion to vacate the earlier votes for Merritt, Allen, Lair, Frank, and Hartman. Unanimous voted passed.

**III. Other Business.** Chairman Sullivan stated there was no other business and adjourned the meeting. The next Election Board meeting will be held on March 22, 2007 in Room 110 of the City-County Building at 2:00 p.m.

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Chairman, Frank Otte Jr.

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Vice Chairman, Steve Eichholtz

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Secretary, Doris Anne Sadler