

Draft Minutes
Elections Advisory Panel
March 10, 2010

Members present

Jim Minion, Chair Patt Sher
Natalie Alden Lawrence Jefferson
Dan O'Connor
Tracie Collier (SOE staff)

Member (s) absent:

Fred Engness Joseph Mosley
Gwen Chandler-Thompson

Visitor (s):

Jerry Holland, Supervisor of Elections
Leslie A. Goller

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by EAP chair, Jim Minion

J.Minion asked panel to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2009 meeting as written.

Motion to accept EAP minutes: L.Jefferson, second: Dan O'Connor. Motion passed unanimously by EAP.

Annual Report

J.Minion reported to the panel that the Election Advisory Panel's Annual Report had been submitted to the Jacksonville City Council. He also stated that Councilman Yarborough "thanked" the EAP for its job serving as the conscience of the Elections Office.

EAP By-laws

J.Minion asked panel to review the revised draft of the EAP By-laws. He opened the floor for discussion or suggestion on the current verbiage for the new by-laws.

J.Minion suggested to the panel that the by-laws may be further amended at a later meeting.

P. Sher clarified that Chapter 59 establishes the EAP and Chapter 50 is the governing by-laws for boards, panels, organizations, throughout the City of Jacksonville.

J.Minion asked the panel to accept the new by-laws with changes. Motion to accept amended by-laws as drafted: L.Jefferson, second: N.Alden.

L.Goller (visitor) discussed her pending appointment to serve as an EAP member. She explained that her appointment had been delayed to examine whether there was a conflict of interest between her work as a DEC attorney and membership as an EAP member. Current status: waiting on an opinion from the Office of General Counsel.

J.Minion suggested the panel make a motion to declare the seat vacated by Dr. Gwen Chandler-Thompson due to excessive absences. Motion to declare seat vacated and available: Dan O'Connor, second: Patt Sher.

Nominations of Officers

Panel agreed unanimously to extend J. Minion's term as EAP chair until new members are appointed to the EAP.

J.Minion suggested to panel in accordance with the newly adopted EAP by- laws that letters should be sent to Fred Engness and Joe Mosley regarding excessive absences. Motion to send letter: Dan O'Connor, Second: L.Jefferson

J.Minion asked the panel if they wanted to take a stand on the issue of appointed vs. elected Sheriff and School Board members.

L.Goller (visitor) stated the issue of appointed vs., elected Sheriff and School Board members will become a fiscal issue.

Panel agreed not to take a position or stand on the pointed vs. elected Sheriff and School Board members.

J. Minion announced 2010-38 ordinance- create straw ballots for the public-failed. He also stated voters will vote on a referendum that suggests changing the local elections from the spring to the fall in 2011.

Website

D.O'Connor suggested to Supervisor Holland that by adding some adobe software will increase accessibility on the website for citizens with disabilities. Webinar??

SOE Holland asked Dan to email him the webinar information to review and distribute to EAP.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.