

**TOWN OF ELSMERE
BOARD OF ELECTION MINUTES
February 11, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kathleen Aiken called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Chairwoman Kathy Aiken – Present

Lura Taub – Present

Lauren Sheldon - Present

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 5, 2024, Board of Elections Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Lauren Sheldon to approve the June 5, 2024, Board of Election Minutes.

VOTE: 3-0 All-in-favor Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board will review the applications of all candidates who filed for office to determine if each applicant has met the requirements to run for the office to which they have filed.

Chairwoman Kathy Aiken stated that the following candidates have filed for office, are unopposed, have met the requirements to file and filed the appropriate paperwork with the State Department of Elections Campaign Finance Section:

1st District Council: Ms. Jane McDaniel

2nd District Council: Ms. Sally Jensen

3rd District Council: No candidates filed for office.

4th District Council: Mr. John Holloway

5th District Council: Mrs. Joann Personti

6th District Council: No candidates filed for office.

Mayor: Mr. Eric Thompson

Chairwoman Kathy Aiken also noted that all candidates who have filed are all current sitting Councilmembers with the exception of Mr. John Holloway, who has filed for the office of 4th District Councilman.

Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager Scott Allen added that Mr. Holloway is a current member of the Town's Planning Commission.

ACTION: A motion was made by Board Member Lura Taub to accept the candidates listed as unopposed and deem those candidates to have been elected to the office to which they have filed. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lauren Sheldon.

VOTE: 3-0 All-in-favor Motion Passed

The Board will consider cancelling the 2025 Biennial Election in the event that only a single candidate has filed for each office.

ACTION: A motion was made by Board Member Lauren Sheldon to cancel the 2025 Biennial Election since only a single candidate has filed for each office. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lura Taub.

VOTE: 3-0 All-in-favor Motion Passed

The Board will discuss the need for a Special Election to fill the seats of the 3rd and 6th District Councilperson.

A discussion was held between the Board Members and Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager Scott Allen regarding the vacancies for the 3rd and 6th District Council seats. These vacancies will occur on May 5th, when a new Council is sworn in, which will then trigger a 60-day timeline for a Special Election. The Special Election could be scheduled for June 28th which is a Saturday, to avoid conflict with the July 4th weekend. The timeline for the election process will be based on this date. There was a brief discussion on the turnout, but it will be hard to predict since there have never been two vacancies at the same time in recent years. After confirming that June 28th is still compliant according to the Code of the Town of Elsmere, the planning for the election will move forward and future dates for the meeting for the Board of Election will be sent out accordingly.

STATEMENTS SUBMITTED BY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS:

Board Member Lura Taub asked what the procedure would be if no one applies for those districts then even during the Special Election?

Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager Scott Allen stated that, according to the Code, if nobody files, a Special Election will have to be held every 60 days until those seats are filled, unless it is within 365 days of the next regular Biennial Election.

Board Member Lauren Sheldon asked if there any clauses that would allow someone who lives within Elsmere, but does not live within that district, can they file?

Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager Scott Allen replied no, the Code stated they must reside in the district for which they are filing.

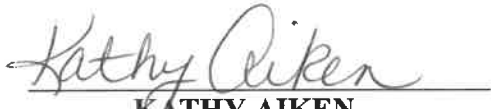
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: A motion was made by Board Member Lauren Sheldon to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lura Taub.

VOTE: 3-0 All-in-favor Motion carried

These minutes summarize the agenda and other issues discussed at this Board of Elections Meeting. Votes are recorded accurately. The audio tape(s) of this meeting will be available at Town Hall for a period of two years from the date these minutes are approved. The audio tapes may be reviewed at Town Hall by appointment and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.


KATHY AIKEN
CHAIRWOMAN