



Department of Administration

Tom Barrett
Mayor

Sharon Robinson
Director

City of Milwaukee Election Commission Task Force

Mission, Goals and Objectives

Ensuring fair and unrestricted access to the ballot box for all Milwaukee residents is a top priority for the Mayor and his administration.

Toward this end, a task force has been formed to review the operational aspects of the Election Commission (EC) and strengthen processes and procedures that have proven inadequate or outmoded. The task force will recommend and implement specific, practical changes that will improve the EC and its processes in measurable ways to the electorate. In addition to making recommendations on the operational aspects of elections, the task force will offer suggestions for legislative changes if necessary. The goal is simple – ensuring and encouraging the exercise of voting rights for all eligible voters in the city of Milwaukee.

A formal report will be issued and made public after the task force completes its work.

Task Force Membership

Sharon Robinson (Director, Department of Administration)
Linda Burke (Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney)
Allen Campos (Chairman, Election Commission)
Frank Cumberbatch (Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development, Office of Mayor Tom Barrett)
Mike Daun (Director of Financial Services, Office of the Comptroller)
Randy Gschwind (Director, Information Technology and Management Division, Department of Administration)
Jennifer Meyer (Budget Division, Department of Administration)
James Michalski (Auditing Manager, Office of the Comptroller)
Lisa Artison (Executive Director, Election Commission)

Scope of Work

The Election Commission Task Force will conduct its review of the operational aspects of the EC and will focus primarily on reviewing and strengthening processes and procedures related to:

Election Commission Task Force

Members:

Sharon Robinson, Department of Administration (Chair)
Lisa Artison, Election Commission
Linda Burke, Office of the City Attorney
Al Campos, Election Commission
Frank Cumberbatch, Office of Mayor Tom Barrett
Mike Daun, Office of the Comptroller
Randy Gschwind, Information Technology Management Division, Dept. of Administration
Jennifer Meyer, Budget and Management Office
James Michalski, Office of the Comptroller

Support Staff:

Robert Juhay, Department of Administration
Amy Stenglein, Department of Administration

Subcommittees:

- I. Subcommittee on Registration:** Linda Burke (Office of the City Attorney), Randy Gschwind (Information Technology Management Division, Department of Administration), Jennifer Meyers (Budget and Management Division, Department of Administration), James Michalski (Office of the Comptroller)
- II. Subcommittee on Absentee Ballots:** Linda Burke (Office of the City Attorney), Al Campos (Election Commission), Mike Daun (Office of the Comptroller), Sharon Robinson (Department of Administration)
- III. Subcommittee on Polling Locations:** Frank Cumberbatch (Office of Mayor Tom Barrett), Randy Gschwind (Information Technology and Management Division, Department of Administration), Sharon Robinson (Department of Administration)
- IV. Subcommittee on Poll Workers:** Frank Cumberbatch (Office of Mayor Tom Barrett), Al Campos (Election Commission), Jennifer Meyers (Budget and Management Division, Department of Administration), Sharon Robinson (Department of Administration)

**Election Commission Task Force
Meeting Schedule**

Meeting 1 (City Hall, Room 101)

Date: Friday, January 21, 2005 (9:00 a.m. to Noon)

Topic: Registration

- Implementation of Statewide Voter Registration System
- Processing of Voter Registration Materials
- Maintenance of Voter Registration Lists/Purging
- Clarification of Voter Eligibility
- Voter Registration Groups

Meeting 2 (City Hall- Room 301A)

Date: Friday, February 11, 2005 (9:00 a.m. to Noon)

Topic: Absentee Ballots

- Processing of Requests
- Processing of Completed Ballots
- Absentee Voting in City Hall
- Sorting, Packaging, Distribution of Completed Ballots

Meeting 3 (City Hall – Room 301A)

Date: Friday, February 25, 2005 (9:00 a.m. to Noon)

Topic: Polling Locations

- Assessment of locations including elderly, handicapped, language barriers
- Election Day set up of locations

Meeting 4 (City Hall – Room 301B)

Date: Friday, March 4, 2005 (9:00 a.m. to Noon)

Topic: Poll Workers

- Poll Workers Recruitment
- Orientation and Training
- Compensation