

**Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Levi Lincoln Chamber, City Hall**

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the August 8th Meeting

New Business

- 1. Drawing of lots for ballot placement in the November 5th, 2019
Municipal Election: Mayor, City Councilor At-Large, District Councilor
and School Committee.**
- 2. Feedback from the September 10th Municipal Preliminary Election.**
- 3. Feedback from the use of poll pads for voter search and inactive voter
procedure on September 10th.**
- 4. Discussion concerning poll worker training and preparations for the
November 5th Municipal Election.**

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2019
6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Call to Order by Commissioner VanderSpek, Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Duffy Commissioner McCallum, Commissioner Octave, and Commissioner VanderSpek

Absent: Commissioner Stewart

Approval of the Minutes from the July 3rd Meeting

Minutes Approved

New Business

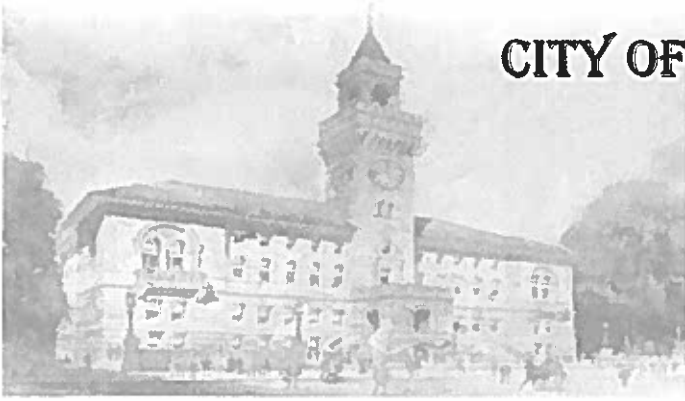
1. Poll Worker Training for the 9/10 /2019 Preliminary Election is scheduled. There are three training sessions scheduled for those assigned to work at polling locations. Precinct wardens and clerks will have training sessions that are separate from the training offered to inspectors. The training will cover how poll workers should deal with inactive voters, voters who are no registered at the location, any issues concerning the auto mark, and how to open and close polls.
2. There will be iPad's at every location and polling staff (wardens and clerks) will be trained on all new technology. Vendors will come to download the new software. The iPads are not approved as a means to check-in voters. At this time, the iPads are to be used to lookup voters. Staff at polling locations must continue to use the traditional means for check-ins. There will be 50 wardens and 50 clerks working on election day.
3. The Ascentria language bank will be used on election day and reportedly functions 24 hours per day. Should a voter require translation services, the poll workers will direct the voter to the warden or clerk who will have access to a cell phone and use of the language bank.
4. In terms of efforts to increase voter turnout, a public service announcement video has been recorded and was viewed by the Board. The video will be shown on Charter TV, and the city's social media accounts. Additionally, the video will be available on the city's website.
5. There was a discussion about inactive voters and Assistant Clerk Vangjeli reported that there has been some improvement. However, the city is not where it would like to be in terms of improvement, according to Assistant Clerk Vangjeli. Reportedly, Worcester State Representative David LeBeouf (17th Worcester) is in the early stages of sponsoring a bill that would allow cities to deactivate voter every two years as opposed to every year. The bill, should it become law would ensure congruency between the laws

affecting active and inactive voters. It was reported that the voters are registered via the RMV and voter registration will become automated in the near future. Additionally, there are discussions regarding automatic voter registration via social service agencies such as Masshealth and the Department of Transitional Assistance.

6. The next meeting of the Board will involve a drawing of the ballot order for the November 5th election.

Next Meeting: September 25, 2019 @ 6:30

Adjournment



CITY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

Susan M. Ledoux, City Clerk

Stephen A.J. Pottle, Assistant City Clerk
Niko Vangjeli, Assistant City Clerk

Updated September 17, 2019

Candidates nominated for election to the offices of Mayor, City Councilor and School Committee in the City of Worcester, at a Municipal Election to be held on the 5th day of November in the year two thousand and nineteen. The names of these candidates shall appear on the official ballot.

MAYOR (1)

BILL COLEMAN – 11 Wall St
DONNA M. COLORIO – 10 Homer St
JOSEPH M. PETTY* – 2 Grove Heights Dr
OWURAKWAKU POKU SARKODIEH – 32 Randall St

COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE (6)

BILL COLEMAN – 11 Wall St
DONNA M. COLORIO – 10 Homer St
ETEL HAXHIAJ – 4 Englewood Ave
EVAN CORRIGAN – 11 Arbutus Rd
GARY ROSEN* – 11 Herbert Rd
TONY J. ECONOMOU – 69 Darnell Rd
JESSE G. GIBSON – 36 Gates St
JOSEPH M. PETTY* – 2 Grove Heights Dr
KATE TOOMEY* – 50 Ideal Rd
KHRYSYTIAN E. KING* – 9 Victoria Ave
MORRIS A. BERGMAN* – 11 Kensington Heights
OWURAKWAKU POKU SARKODIEH – 32 Randall St
RALPH A. TISCIONE, JR – 267 Salisbury St

DISTRICT 1 COUNCILOR (1)

SEAN M. ROSE* – 14 Dubiel Dr

DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR (1)

CANDY F. MERO-CARLSON* – 42 Benedict Rd

DISTRICT 3 COUNCILOR (1)

GEORGE J. RUSSELL* – 30 Dolly Dr

DISTRICT 4 COUNCILOR (1)

SARAI RIVERA* – 7 Lucian St

DISTRICT 5 COUNCILOR (1)

JOHNHAYNES BECKLES HONEYCUTT, SR – 54 Parsons Hill Rd
MATTHEW E. WALLY* – 61 Berwick St

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (6)

BRIAN A. O'CONNELL* – 54 Providence St
CARA LISA BERG-POWERS – 18 Townsend St
CHANTEL BETHEA – 2 Meade St
DIANNA L. BIANCHERIA* – 8 Ventura Rd
JACK L. FOLEY* – 6 Winter Hill Dr
JERMOH V. KAMARA – 10 Roath St
JOHN A. TROBAUGH – 15 Westland St
JOHN F. MONFREDO* – 8 Cherokee Rd
LAURA CLANCEY – 2 Westport Cir
MARIAH LIZMARI MARTINEZ – 54 Parsons Hill Rd
MOLLY O. MCCULLOUGH* – 5 Hockanum Way
TRACY O'CONNELL NOVICK – 135 Olean St

* CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION