

Minutes of the Worcester, Massachusetts Board of Election Commissioners

October 4, 2011

Call to Order by Chair Dube at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Chairperson Mary Anne Dube  
Commissioner Robert Winant  
Commissioner Diane Mohieldin

Commissioners absent:

Commissioner John Goggins

Old Business:

Mr. Rushford provided an update in the High School Deputy Inspector program. Students will be engaged for the November 8 general election. 5 schools are currently participating with 30-40 students being selected to participate. The schools are:

North High School  
South High School  
Worcester Vocational Technical High School  
Claremont Academy  
University Park

While the primary duties to be performed are evolving, the focus is on how they can best work the polls and assist the voters. The students will be paid for their work and it will be at a rate consistent with what the poll workers make. The students will work under the supervision of the wardens and clerks. They will be trained by Mr. Meduna and Mr. Rushford regarding the duties they are to perform. In addition, the students will be provided with the URLs for the online training so they can take part in that.

New business:

The first item of new business was the drawing of lots for ballot positions for the November 8 general election. The results are listed below.

City Councilor at Large:

1. Konstatina B. Lukes
2. Devin Timothy Coleman
3. Joseph C. O'Brien
4. Joseph M. Petty
5. James A. Kersten
6. Stephen S. Buchalter
7. Carmen L. Carmona
8. Michael J. Monfredo
9. Michael J. Germain
10. Rick C. Rushton
11. Bill Coleman
12. Kate Toomey

District 1:

1. Tony J. Economou
2. Virginia W. Ryan

District 2:

1. Philip P. Palmieri

District 3:

1. Arthur G. Ellis
2. George J. Russell

District 4:

1. Sarai Rivera
2. Barbara Haller

District 5:

1. James Kalogeropoulos
2. William J. Eddy

Mayor:

1. Konstantina B. Lukes
2. Carmen L. Carmona
3. Joseph M. Petty
4. Bill Coleman

School Committee:

1. Diana L. Biancheria
2. John A. Trobaugh
3. Jack L. Foley
4. John F. Monfredo
5. Hilda Ramirez
6. Brian A. O'connell
7. Todd Mark Salmonsens
8. Tracy O'connel Novick
9. Mary J Mullaney
10. Donna M. Colorio

The printer will be notified of the printing order on October 5. The first ballots to be printed will be the absentee ballots with the regular ballots to follow.

The next item of new business was the presentation of a letter from City Solicitor Moore to Mr. Meduna describing the reason there are no spaces for write-in candidates on the municipal ballot. The letter described a court ruling from 1996 that determined there is no need to include them on municipal ballots, as the results of the preliminary election determines who will be nominated and placed on the ballot. The letter is attached for reference.

The next item concerned the request from Woburn City Clerk William C. Campbell that the Board support and recommend the City Council support HB1972. There were several questions regarding the bill and the need for clarification on some points. The item was tabled until the next meeting so the questions can be researched and the clarifications can be obtained.

The next item discussed was the communication from Mr. Rushford to Mayor O'Brien that the City Council accept with gratitude the donation of 25 signs, valued at \$375.00 from city resident Donald Wentworth. The signs are durable plastic and will be used at the polling places to identify parking locations for voters.

The next order of new business concerned the notification from the Local Election District Review Commission that the redistricting of the city wards and precincts has been approved and will take effect on January 1, 2012. The map and letter of approval signed by the Secretary of State has been presented to the City Council. Once all the data lines are set up voters affected will be notified of any changes.

The final item concerned capital purchases. Mr. Rushford was notified by the DPW foreman who supervises delivery of the equipment used in voting of the need for new equipment as follows:

1. 100 voting booths
2. Several 8 and 4 foot tables
3. Chairs
4. Repairs to wheels on the Automark machines.

Along with this notification he discussed the equipment storage and transportation of the equipment. The current storage facility is in the basement of the Lake Park Community House. Currently the Parks personnel load the equipment on pickup trucks, unload it at the polling locations, reload after the elections, and return it to storage. He has suggested the storage be replaced with trailers. The trailers would have ramps for wheels and would reduce time and costs in transport of the equipment. The trailers cost approximately \$8,000.00 apiece and it was suggested 4 trailers be purchased. The trailers will be purchased and utilized in the upcoming year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.