



**BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 5:30 P.M.

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, WORCESTER CITY HALL

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the August 30th

NEW BUSINESS

1. Preparations for the November 8th, 2022 State Election.
2. Approval of the proposed in-person early voting locations for the upcoming November 8th State Election.
3. Discussion concerning poll workers for the November 8th State Election.
4. In accordance with the Secretary of State Regulations and the 2022 VOTES Act the City of Worcester will be opening and/or depositing early voted ballots for the November 8th State Election in the Levi Lincoln Chamber, 455 Main Street, Room 309 at the following sessions:
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Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber, 3rd Floor (Room 309)
 - b. **Sunday, November 6th 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM**
Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber, 3rd Floor (Room 309)
 - c. **Monday, November 7th 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM**
Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber, 3rd Floor (Room 309) (IF NECESSARY)



The City of
WORCESTER

City Clerk Department

Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
Stephen A.J. Pottle, Deputy City Clerk
Clare M. Robbins, Assistant City Clerk

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:

TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY DURING THE MEETING:

PHONE NUMBER: 415-655-0001

ACCESS CODE: 160-935-9156#

ATTENDEE ID: #

Log in via your computer:

<https://cow.webex.com/meet/ElectionCommissionwebex>

Board of Election, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

Date: August 30, 2022

Location: City Hall

Members Present: Kimberley Vanderspek, Winifred Octave, and Paul Franco. Absent: John DiCicco

City Officials Present: Niko Vangjeli

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm

Pledge of Alliance was said.

Minutes from July 6th and 27th were approved.

First Business Item:

Preparations for upcoming primary are underway. All precincts have been covered.

5,000 mail-in ballots have been received.

Early voting operations are already in place.

Counting of the early ballots will occur at City Hall on Saturday, September 3rd.

Next Meeting set for September 20th at 5:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of Election Commissioners

FROM: Niko Vangjeli, City Clerk

DATE: September 20, 2022

RE: June 22, 2022, election reform law titled “The VOTES Act” was signed into law. Among other things, the VOTES Act makes several of the temporary changes from the pandemic permanent.

The purpose of this memo is to provide information concerning changes to the Massachusetts state election laws for 2022.

2022 ELECTION DATES

- **State Election, Tuesday, November 8th 7 AM – 8 PM**

On June 22, 2022, an election reform law titled “The VOTES Act” was signed into law. Among other things, the VOTES Act makes several of the temporary changes from the pandemic permanent.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Beginning July 22, 2022, the voter registration deadline for all elections and town meetings will be 10 calendar days before the date of the meeting or election.

- **Last day to: Register to Vote for the November 8th State Election, October 29th 9 AM – 5 PM (Worcester City Hall Room 208)**

IN PERSON EARLY VOTING

- **For the November 8th State Election will begin on Saturday, October 22nd and end on Friday, November 4th**

VOTE BY MAIL EARLY VOTING

Effective immediately, early voting by mail must be available for all state elections, state primaries, and presidential primaries.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth will be mailing Vote by Mail applications at least 45 days before every regular state primary, state election, and presidential primary. The applications will be sent to everyone registered to vote by the 60th day before the election who has not 3 already applied for a ballot. The applications will be pre-addressed to the local election office and postage pre-paid.

VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION DEADLINES

The deadline to receive a request for any ballot (early or absentee) to be mailed is now 5 business days before the election.

- For the November 8th State Election, the deadline for you to receive vote by mail applications is **5 p.m. Tuesday, November 1st**

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT RETURN

- Beginning with the 2022 State Election, ballots will be able to arrive up to **3 days after Election Day** for biennial state elections only. November 8th Mail-in ballots that arrive by November 12, 2022 will be counted as long as they are postmarked by Election Day.

VOTE BY MAIL DROP BOXES

Worcester City Hall and the 10 Worcester Fire Stations

BALLOT PROCESSING

Similar to 2020, we now have the option of advance removing ballots from their envelopes and advance depositing ballots into the tabulator or ballot box ahead of Election Day. All ballot removal and depositing before Election Day will still need to happen in public sessions.

CHECK-OUT TABLE ON ELECTION DAY

Allows election officials to eliminate the check-out table.

ACCESSIBLE VOTE BY MAIL

Voters who have a disability which prevents them from being able to independently mark a paper ballot are allowed to request a reasonable accommodation. Worcester Voters can email votebymail@worcesterma.gov for more information.

AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

Beginning on January 1, 2023, applicants at the RMV will no longer have the option to opt out of automatic voter registration. Instead, the RMV will be required to transmit the names and addresses of all eligible citizen applicants to local election officials for voter registration purposes. Applicants who are automatically registered to vote will now be allowed to decline registration only after receiving the acknowledgment notice we send to them.

ONLINE PORTALS

The Secretary of State Elections Division will also be required to establish an online ballot request portal for voters to use to request their ballots online. The law states that a wet signature cannot be required for this portal. Additional information on the portal will be provided after the Secretary's Information Technology Division is able to examine the requirements in the law.

150 FOOT RULE

Beginning with early voting for the September 6th State Primary, the 150 foot rule prohibiting campaigning around polling places will be extended to early voting sites as well. This means that there shall be *no campaigning for or against a candidate or question on the ballot for that election within 150 feet of the entrance to the early voting site during voting hours*. Signature gathering of any kind will also be prohibited during the voting hours.

November 8th, 2022

STATE ELECTION

In-Person Early Voting Schedule

If you are registered to vote in Worcester, you may take advantage of Early Voting Saturday, October 22nd through Friday, November 4th at any of the following locations:

Date	Time	Location
Saturday, October 22nd	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence St, Worcester, MA 01604
Sunday, October 23rd	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence St, Worcester, MA 01604
Monday, October 24th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence St, Worcester, MA 01604
Tuesday, October 25th	9:00 am to 7:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
Wednesday, October 26th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
Thursday, October 27th	9:00 am to 7:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
Friday, October 28th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Unitarian Universalist Church, hall 90 Holden St, Worcester, MA 01606
Saturday, October 29th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Unitarian Universalist Church, hall 90 Holden St, Worcester, MA 01606
Sunday, October 30th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Stearns Tavern 140 Mill St, Worcester, MA 01602
Monday, October 31st	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Stearns Tavern 140 Mill St, Worcester, MA 01602
Tuesday, November 1st	9:00 am to 7:00 pm	Stearns Tavern 140 Mill St, Worcester, MA 01602
Wednesday, November 2nd	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room 3 Salem St, Worcester, MA 01608
Thursday, November 3rd	9:00 am to 7:00 pm	Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room 3 Salem St, Worcester, MA 01608
Friday, November 4th	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room 3 Salem St, Worcester, MA 01608

For more information visit www.worcesterma.gov.

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ELECCIONES ESTATALES

Calendario de Votación Anticipada en Persona

Si Usted está registrado para Votar en la Ciudad de Worcester, puede tomar ventaja del Voto Anticipado que se realizará desde el Sábado 22 de Octubre hasta el Viernes 4 de Noviembre en las siguientes localidades:

FECHA	HORA	LUGAR DE VOTACION
Sábado 22 de Octubre	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence St, Worcester, MA 01604
Domingo 23 de Octubre	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence St, Worcester, MA 01604
Lunes 24 de Octubre	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence St, Worcester, MA 01604
Martes 25 de Octubre	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
Miércoles 26 de Octubre	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Living Word Church of Worcester 30 Tyler Prentice Rd, Worcester, MA 01605
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Lunes 31 de Octubre	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Stearns Tavern 140 Mill St, Worcester, MA 01602
Martes 1 de Noviembre	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Stearns Tavern 140 Mill St, Worcester, MA 01602
Miércoles 2 de Noviembre	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room 3 Salem St, Worcester, MA 01608
Jueves 3 de Noviembre	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room 3 Salem St, Worcester, MA 01608
Viernes 4 de Noviembre	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room 3 Salem St, Worcester, MA 01608

Para más información visite: www.worcesterma.gov



NOVEMBER 8TH, 2022 STATE ELECTION
NOTICE OF ADVANCED REMOVAL OF EARLY VOTED
BALLOTS FROM ENVELOPES AND ADVANCED
DEPOSITING OF EARLY VOTED BALLOTS

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Observers must register by emailing clerk@worcesterma.gov in advance of all processing of early voted ballots sessions.

In accordance with the Secretary of State Regulations the 2022 VOTES Act, no results shall be determined or announced until after the time the polls close on September 6th. At that time the results from the advance processed ballots will be added to the Election Day results.