

**Board of Election Commissioners Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 22, 2016**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Room 401, City Hall**

**Call to Order by the Chairperson**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of the Minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**New Business:**

- 1. Discussion concerning the request of School Committee Member Jon F. Monfredo to stand within the 150 foot zone of polling locations in the November 8<sup>th</sup> Presidential Election to promote reading.**
- 2. Discussion concerning the communication from the Commission on Disabilities regarding the accessibility of polling locations.**
- 3. Discussion concerning the possibility of relocating Ward 6 - Precinct 4 Polling Location. The current location is Quinsigamond Village Community Center, 16 Greenwood Street.**
- 4. Discussion concerning the possibility of relocating Ward 8 - Precinct 2 Polling Location. The current Location is the Main South CDC, 875 Main Street.**
- 5. Discussion concerning the possibility of relocating Ward 8 - Precinct 5 Polling Location. The current location is South Worcester Neighborhood Center, 55 Camp Street.**
- 6. Poll Worker availability for Early Voting.**
- 7. Poll Worker availability for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Election.**
- 8. Poll Worker Training for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Election.**
- 9. Early Voting Insert for the 2016 Property Tax Bills**

**Old Business:**

- 1. Update concerning the implementation of Early Voting (EV) for the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election.**
- 2. Public demonstration of the KnowINK Poll Pad.**

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Adjournment:**

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## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO WARDENS AND POLICE OFFICERS

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### THE LAW STRICTLY PROHIBITS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 150 FEET OF THE BUILDING ENTRANCE DOOR TO ALL POLLING PLACES:

- The posting, exhibition, circulation, or distribution of material including stickers, posters, cards, handbills, placards, pictures, or circulars intended to influence the action of the voters. G.L. 54 sec 65
- The solicitation of votes for or against, or any other form of promotion or opposition of, any person or political party or position on a ballot question, to be voted on the current election. 950 CMR sec 52.03(22)d; 53.03(18)d; 54.04(22)d.
- Holding any campaign signs; handing any literature intended to influence the voter's action at the polls; wearing any campaign buttons or identifying signage; soliciting a person's vote for or against a candidate or question on the ballot; or distributing stickers. G.L. 54 sec 65
- Circulators of nomination papers, initiative and referenda petitions are also restricted from soliciting signatures within 150 feet of a building entrance door to a polling place. This is true even where the nomination papers, initiative petition or referendum have nothing to do with the current election. G. L. c. 54, § 65 (2002 ed.).



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**TO:** Dr. Matilde Castiel, Commission HHS

**FROM:** Pamela Callahan, Interim Staff Liaison for  
Commission on Disabilities

**DATE:** June 30, 2016

**RE:** Commission on Disability Review of Polling  
Locations in Worcester

I am writing on behalf of the Commission on Disability regarding an accessibility survey of polling locations in the City by Mr. Michael Kennedy and Mr. Stephen Stolberg from the Center for Living and Working.

The report outlined deficiencies at some polling locations that included:

- No wheelchair accessibility to some polls
- Breakdown of elevator to a second floor poll
- Automark machines out of order
- Automark machines used incorrectly

The commission reviewed the detailed report and in two locations, there was no wheelchair access to the building from the parking lot, or access into the building itself. Some locations had Automark Machines that were inoperable, or were facing the public and not confidential. Given the upcoming presidential elections, the board made recommendations to improve voting polls for persons with disabilities. Since police detail officers are a significant presence at the polls, recommendations include police as well as poll workers.

### Recommendations:

- That the Election Commission begin a review of the polling site located at Community Center at Camp St. for accessibility and explore the feasibility of a new location. At the time of the survey, this center did not have wheelchair access into the building and a resident had to find someone to help surveyor enter the building. The polls were located on the second floor but the elevator was broken and surveyor had to be carried down the stairs.
- That the Election Commission begin a review of the polling site located at the Quinsigamond Village Community Center on Greenwood St. for accessibility and explore the feasibility of a new location. At the time of the survey, the parking lot was in poor repair, striping faded and access aisle not adequate. Exterior and Interior doors lacked accessible hardware.
- That the City Clerk be given a copy of the polling report.
- That the City Clerk develop a system to ensure Automark machines are in good working order.
- Mandatory training for Police Detail Officers and poll workers to include:
  - Use and placement of Automark machines to ensure confidentiality
  - Customer service; specifically how to interact in a respectful and courteous manner with disabled persons

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commission on Disability,  
Pamela Callahan

# 2016 Presidential Election Early Voting Schedule

If you are registered to vote in the City of Worcester,  
you may take advantage of Early Voting  
Monday, October 24<sup>TH</sup> through Friday, November 4<sup>TH</sup>  
at any of the following locations:

Date	Time	Location
Monday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:45am to 7pm	EV Precinct 1 - Unitarian Universalist Church 90 Holden Street
Tuesday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:45am to 7pm	EV Precinct 2 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rec. Center 28 Mulberry Street
Wednesday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:45am to 7pm	EV Precinct 3 - Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence Street
Thursday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:45am to 7pm	EV Precinct 4 - Clark University, Higgins Center 950 Main Street
Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:45am to 7pm	EV Precinct 5 - Worcester State University, May St Bldg. 280 May Street
Saturday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am to 7pm	EV 1 Unitarian Universalist Church EV 2 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rec. Center EV 3 Worcester Senior Center EV 4 Clark University, Higgins Center EV 5 Worcester State University, May St Bldg.
Sunday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	1pm to 7pm	EV 1 Unitarian Universalist Church EV 2 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rec. Center EV 3 Worcester Senior Center EV 4 Clark University, Higgins Center EV 5 Worcester State University, May St Bldg.
Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:45am to 7pm	EV Precinct 1 - Unitarian Universalist Church 90 Holden Street
Tuesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:45am to 7pm	EV Precinct 2 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rec. Center 28 Mulberry Street
Wednesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:45am to 7pm	EV Precinct 3 - Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence Street
Thursday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:45am to 7pm	EV Precinct 4 - Clark University, Higgins Center 950 Main Street
Friday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:45am to 5pm	EV Precinct 5 - Worcester State University, May St Bldg. 280 May Street

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