

**Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, March 20th, 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 Nov. 14th and Feb. 20th Meeting

Public Hearing:

- 1. 6:30 p.m. – Hearing: change of polling location for Ward 6 - Precinct 3 and Ward 6 - Precinct 4 from the Worcester Senior Center and the Quinsigamond Village Neighborhood Center to the new Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center starting in 2019.**

New Business:

- 2. Discussion concerning the City of Worcester's efforts regarding Census 2020.**
- 3. Update concerning the 2019 Municipal Election Season.**
- 4. Update concerning the written notification regarding political party appointments of poll workers to the Democratic and Republican City Committees. (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54 Section 11B)**
- 5. Update on the 2019 Street Listing.**
- 6. Update concerning the 2019 Worcester Rising Civics Camp in April & the Student Poll Worker program.**

Old Business:

- 7. Discussion concerning a review of polling locations for the 2019 Election Season.**
- 8. At the request of Commissioner John Stewart, a discussion concerning the steps it would take to change the law to replace the appointing authority of poll workers from the Board of Election Commissioners to the City Clerk.**

Adjournment:

Worcester Board of Election Commissioners Minutes
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
6:30 pm
Levi Lincoln Chamber, City Hall

Call to Order by Chairperson Perotto

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Commissioner Perotto
 Commissioner Octave
 Commissioner VanderSpek
 Commissioner Stewart

Approval of September 19 Minutes

New Business:

Feedback on Early Voting:

- Over 9000 people participated, most in person
- People felt that the locations were convenient and short wait times
- Only problem was campaigning close to the sites. State left out the 150' rule and left it up to cities and towns.

Feedback on State Election

- Historic election - close to 50,000 people cast ballots.
- Turnout was very promising
- EV tabulation was very efficient with the high speed scanner. Worcester was the first in MA to use the DS850. Scans approximately 300 ballots/min.
- Anticipate using the DS850 in 2020 EV, whether through leasing or purchase, but the cost is high.
- Clarification on the fact that EV voters CANNOT vote on Election Day. Their names have an X next to their name. If someone tries to re-vote, the poll worker contacts City Hall. No one can vote more than once.

Relocation of Ward 6 Precinct 4

- Councillor Russell put forth a request to move 6-4 from Quinsigamond Village to Blackstone Heritage Center.
- Motion to investigate change: by Perotto. Unanimous approval.

Campaigning at EV locations

- Perotto motion to support ruling that 150' limit be in place for EV.
Roll call: yes: Octave, VanderSpek, Perotto Abstain: Stewart

Street Listing

- Assistant City Clerk Vangjeli's office is working on 2019 listing
- Encouraging people to respond online
- Automatic registration starting 2019 should solve some of the confusion of registrations through DMV.

Next Meeting Date: January 16, 2019 6:30pm

Adjournment

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, February 20th, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Levi Lincoln Chamber, City Hall

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Commissioner Perotto, Commissioner Octave, Commissioner Duffy,
Commissioner VanderSpek, Commissioner Stewart

Approval of the Minutes of the November 14th Meeting : Minutes were not complete. Will be approved March 20.

New Business:

1. Communication regarding the state Auditor's certification of more than \$1 Million in unfunded state mandates for the Early Voting costs in the 2018 State Election.

- Reimbursement from State for Early Voting is \$28,465.00.

2. Discussion concerning the use of electronic voter Check-In at the next Municipal Preliminary Election on September 10, 2019.

- Secretary of State Galvin is reviewing different technologies. Process requires approval at Secretary of State level, then from City Council. Right now, electronic check-in is only approved for Early Voting. At this point, we are only submitting to Secretary of State for consideration and review.
- The city owns the iPads that are used for electronic check-in. We have owned them since 2015.
- **Vote on consideration:**

Yes: Perotto, Octave, Duffy, VanderSpek

No: Stewart

3. Communication regarding the 2019 Municipal Election Calendar.

- City Council has approved the election calendar.
 - Preliminary Election: Tuesday, September 10, 2019
 - Municipal Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

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- 4. Preparation for the 2019 Street Listing.**
- 5. Discussion concerning the removal of Inactive Voters from the voter list.**
- 6. Discussion concerning a review of polling locations for the 2019 Election Season.**

- If we have any locations that should be reviewed, submit those to the board. This review is done every year.

- 7. At the request of Commissioner John Stewart, a discussion concerning the steps it would take to change the law to replace the appointing authority of poll workers from the Board of Election Commissioners to the City Clerk.**

- Nothing changed since last election. City Clerk is the person who hires for that day.
- Stewart: Brings a report from 2012 that says that the Election Commission appoints the poll workers.
- Assistant City Clerk Vangjeli: For at least 5 years, it has always been done by the city clerk. Party city committees submit and approve lists of poll workers.
- We are following the law.
- No motions made.

Old Business:

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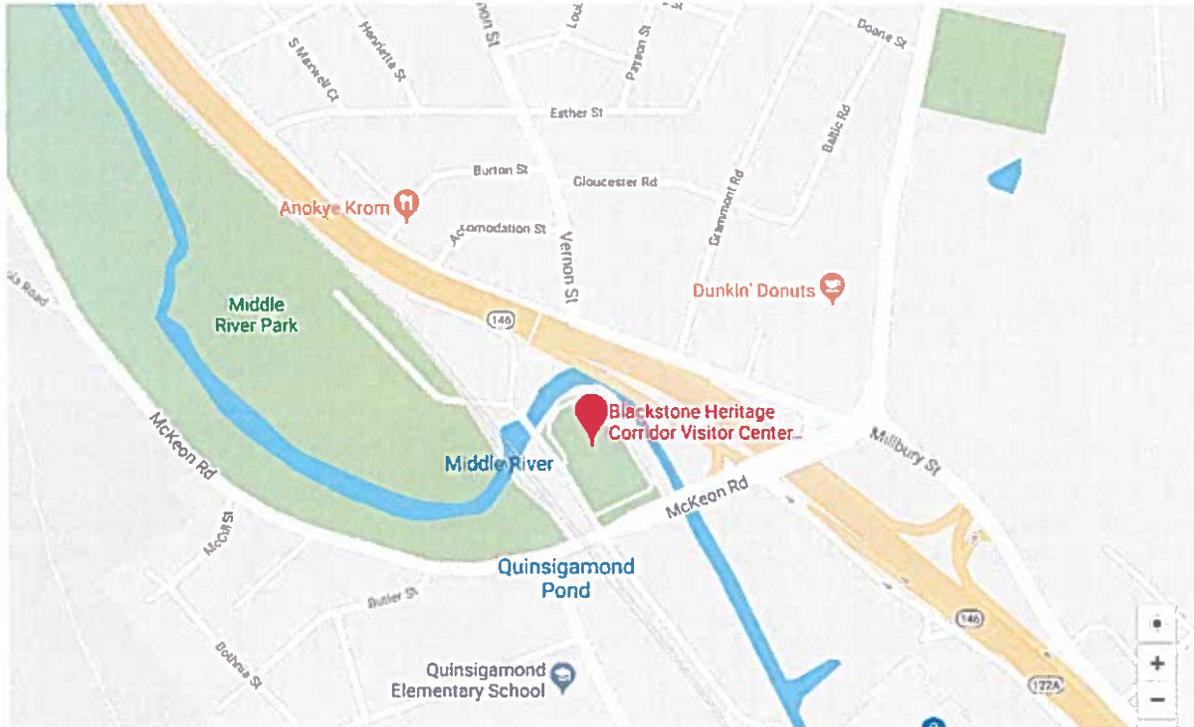
- Assistant City Clerk Vangjeli: Have public hearing regarding relocation to Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center at next meeting.

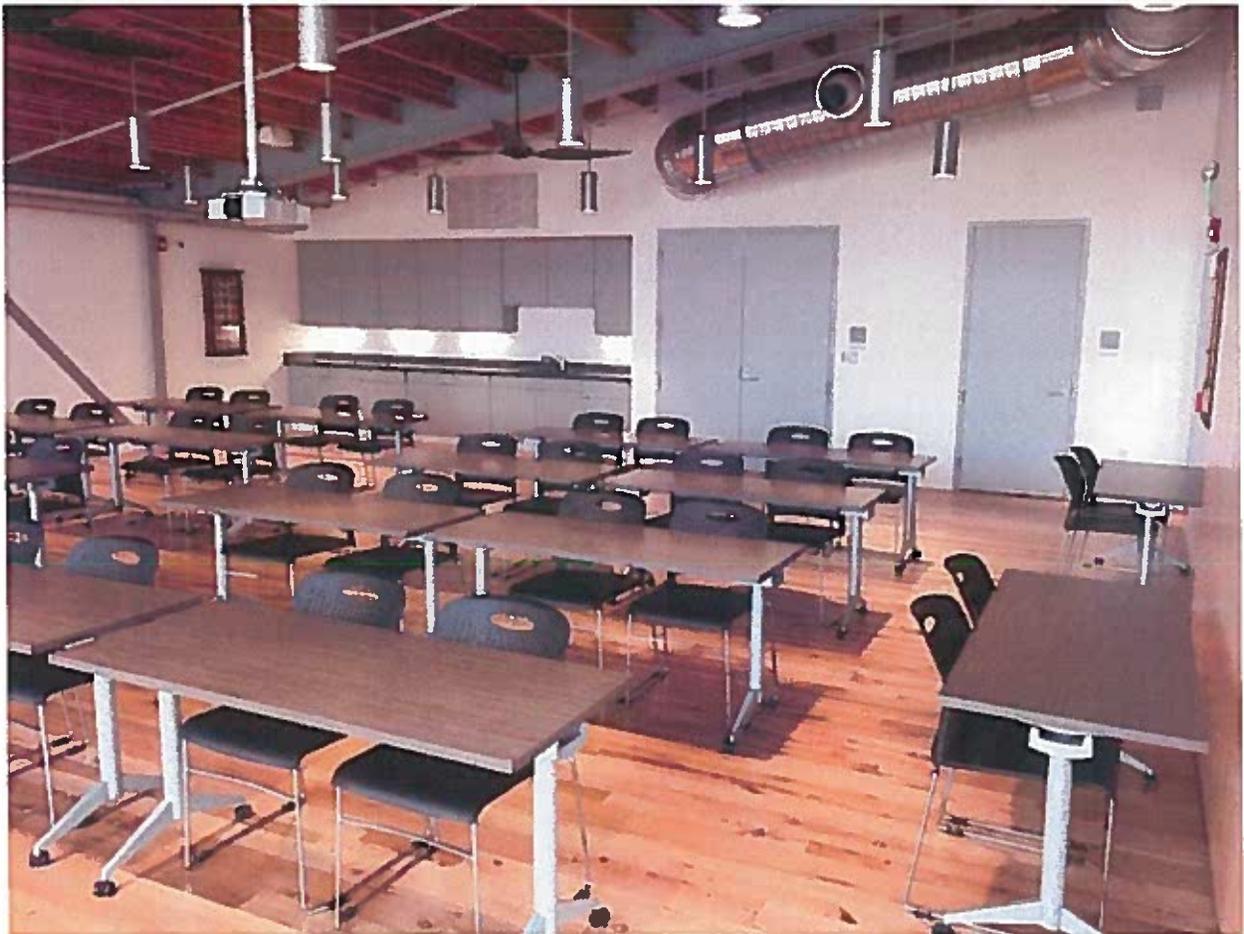
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- Next meeting: invite City Solicitor to clarify Stewart's questions re poll workers.

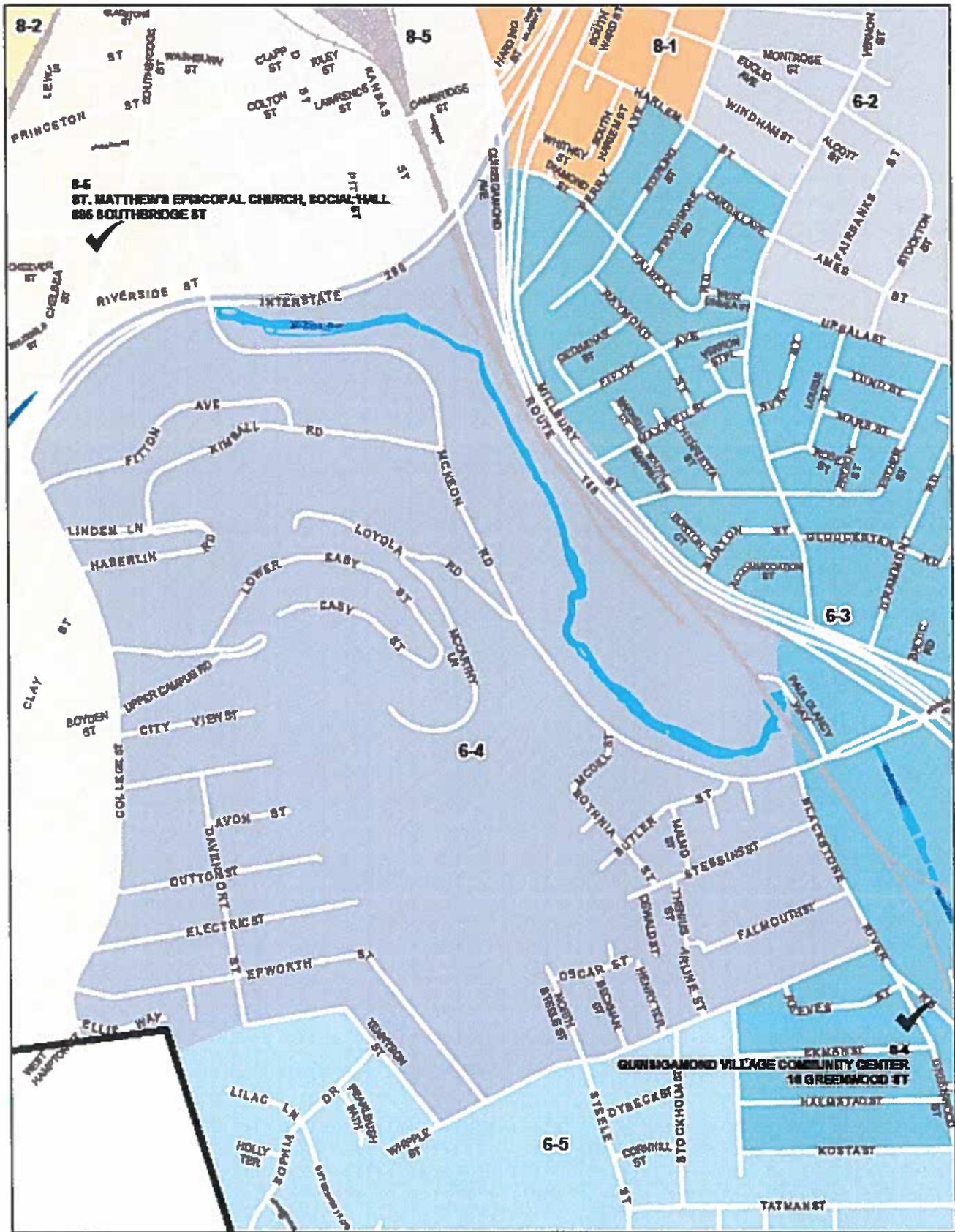
Adjournment

**Proposed Location for Ward 6 - Precincts 3 & 4
Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center at Worcester
3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester, MA 01607**









**City of Worcester
Ward and Precinct Map
6-4
(Ward-Precinct)
Worcester, Massachusetts
July 19, 2010**

✓ **Polling Places**

720 Feet

Precincts

Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8	Ward 9	Ward 10
1-1	2-1	3-1	4-1	5-1	6-1	7-1	8-1	9-1	10-1
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CITY OF WORCESTER 2020 CENSUS

CAMPAIGN KICKOFF & CULTURAL CELEBRATION

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019
5:00 PM**



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COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS
ONE COLLEGE ST
WORCESTER, MA 01610**

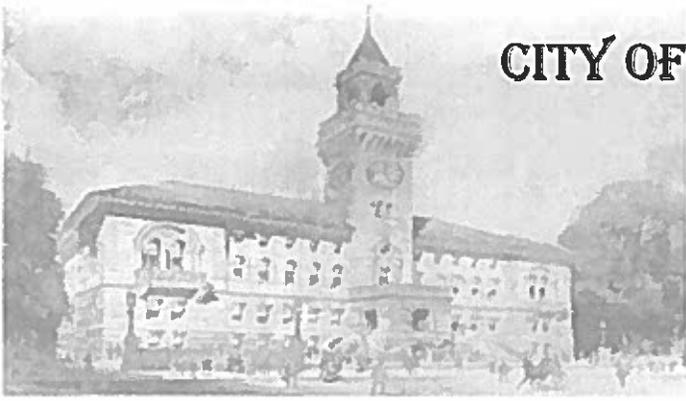
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CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT**

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Niko Vangjeli, Assistant City Clerk**

Michael S. Lanava
Chairperson, Worcester Democratic City Committee
877 Grove Street Ter
Worcester, MA 01605

March 15, 2019

Dear Chairperson Lanava,

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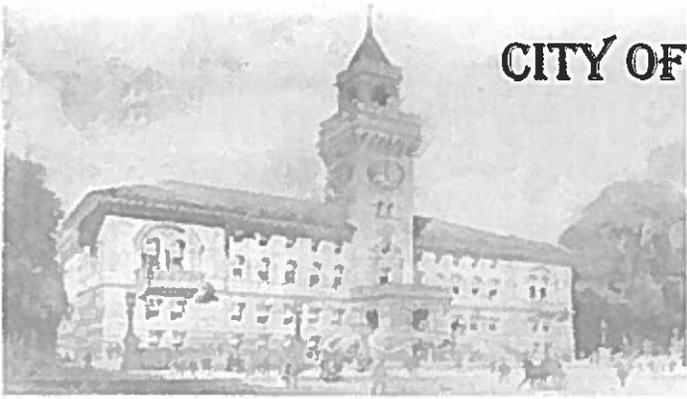
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The current rate of pay for Inspectors is \$150.00 and for Wardens and Clerks is \$180.00 per election. Furthermore, all poll workers are required to attend a mandatory training and will be paid \$40. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me anytime.

Cordially,

Susan M. Ledoux
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Donna M. Colorio
Chairperson, Worcester Republican City Committee
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Worcester, MA 01602

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Part I ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT**Title VIII** ELECTIONS**Chapter 54** ELECTIONS**Section 11B** FILING FOR APPOINTMENT IN CITIES; PROCEDURE;
ELIGIBILITY; EXAMINATIONS

Section 11B. The chairman of the city committee of each political party entitled to representation in the appointment of election officers may, not later than June first in each year, file with the registrars lists of enrolled members of such party who desire appointment as election officers as submitted to him by the several ward committees. The registrars shall, not later than April fifteenth of each year, make written notification to the chairman of record of the city committee of each political party and the chairman of record of the ward committee of each political party that said list must be submitted no later than June first of the same year. Upon the filing of such lists the registrars shall forthwith proceed to the consideration thereof and shall, on or before June thirtieth, submit to the mayor or other appointing authority the names of persons whose names appear on the lists, who in their opinion are qualified to act as election officers. The lists submitted

by the several ward committees shall contain not more than eight names for each office to be filled. Supplemental lists for any election district as submitted by the several ward committees therein may be filed by the said chairman at any time before the appointments for such district are made, for the purpose of filling vacancies which may occur in the original lists. No person shall be appointed as an election officer until he is found qualified to act as such as herein provided. Appointments shall be made from the original list before any names are taken from any supplemental list.

If, upon the expiration of fifteen days after notice given in writing prior to June fifteenth, in any year by the mayor or other appointing authority to the chairman of any political committee by whom lists are to be filed hereunder, and to the chairman of the state committee of such political party, neither the state nor city chairman shall have filed original or supplemental lists, the mayor or other appointing authority may appoint as election officers registered voters in the commonwealth, except as otherwise provided in this section recommended by the city clerk or election commission, who, in the opinion of the mayor or other appointing authority, are qualified to act as such.

Not more than 2 such election officers may be appointed who: (1) are 16 or 17 years of age; (2) are residents of the commonwealth; (3) are United States citizens when appointed; (4) are able to speak, read and write the English language; (5) have provided a letter from a parent or guardian giving permission for them to

serve as election officers; (6) have provided a letter from their school principal giving permission for them to be absent from school to serve as election officers if the election or a training will take place when school is in session or, if home schooled, have provided a copy of the document indicating approval to be home schooled; and (7) agree to attend required training sessions. If an election officer under this paragraph attends a school that encourages or requires community service, serving as an election officer may be considered a community service activity. In no case shall a person 16 or 17 years of age serve as an election officer on the day of an election for more than the number of hours permitted for such a person to work pursuant to section 66 of chapter 149.

The registrars may, if they deem it necessary, conduct examinations of persons whose names appear on the lists filed hereunder. Five days' notice shall be given of any such examination. The chairman of each city committee may appear and be heard either in person or by counsel, during the conduct of such examinations.