

**Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, August 19th, 2020
6:30 p.m.
(VIRTUAL MEETING)**

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the July 15th and August 5th meetings

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Preparation for the September 1, 2020 State Primary.**
- 2. Discussion concerning poll workers for the September 1, 2020 Election.**
- 3. Discussion concerning Election Day Covid-19 regulations**
- 4. Tabulation of the Early Voting ballots for the September 1st State Primary.**

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:

TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE MEETING:

PHONE NUMBER: 415-655-0001

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ATTENDEE ID: #

Election Commission Meeting- July 15, 2020

Chairperson Commissioner Kimberly Vanderspek
Vice Chairperson Commissioner Winifred Octave
Commissioner John Stewart
Commissioner Danaah McCallum
Commissioner Richard Duffy

City Clerk Nikolin Vangjeli

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order by the Chairperson, Roll Call: 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Approval of the Minutes- The Board of Election Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the Election Commissioners Meeting of July 8, 2020.

Held Items

Chairperson Vanderspek spoke concerning the change of polling locations, and addressed the concerns people have over those changes.

Public Participation

- Dorothy Mahoney, resident of Worcester, shared her concerns over the polling location change.
- Sheila Caggiano, resident of Worcester, spoke concerning the Item.
- Nellie Medina, resident of Worcester, spoke concerning the Item.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the public's questions.

- Karen LaJoie, resident of Worcester, spoke concerning bus transportation.
- Robert Moseley, resident of Worcester, spoke concerning the Item.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner McCallum who spoke concerning the Item, and asked the City Clerk questions on the matter. The City Clerk responded to the Commissioner.

Commissioner Duffy made a Motion to change the polling location W5 P4 TO Mass Audubon, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays. *Could not hear Commissioner Stewart's response.

Commissioner Duffy made a Motion to change the polling location W7 P2 to Stearns Tavern, Roll Call: 3 Yeas and 1 Nay. *Could not hear Commissioner Stewart's response.

New Business

Chairperson recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item, along with additional Commissioners.

Commissioner Duffy made a Motion to Approve the Early Voting schedule for the September State Primary, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays. Commissioner made a Motion to hold the November Early Voting schedule until the September meeting.

Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke on the Election process for the upcoming election season, along with the other Commissioners.

The Commissioner made a Motion to count the ballots at 9:00am on the Sunday (August 30th, 2020) before the September election, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Chairperson recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item.

Motion to Adjourn, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Election Commission Meeting- August 5, 2020

Chairperson Commissioner Kimberly Vanderspek
Vice Chairperson Commissioner Winifred Octave
Commissioner John Stewart
Commissioner Danaah McCallum
Commissioner Richard Duffy

City Clerk Nikolin Vangjeli
Dr. Hirsh, M.D., Medical Director

Public Nurse Pat Bruchmann

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order by the Chairperson, Roll Call: 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

New Business

1. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Dr. Hirsch who spoke concerning the public health concerns surrounding Election Day. Public Health Nurse Pat Bruchmann spoke concerning the importance of social distancing in all polling locations, and keeping diligence with those efforts. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk spoke concerning the process for Election Day.

Chairperson Vanderspek requested that the City Clerk communicate with the Sectary of State about PPE for voters and staff for Election Day, Roll Call: 4 Yeas 1 Nay.

2. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item and shared his plans to meet with Worcester Housing Authority to discuss Election Day. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner McCallum spoke concerning the item.
3. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item.

Roll call for removal of the Check-out tables- 3 Yeas and 2 Nays for September 1st.

Commissioners shared concerns over preparations for Election Day.

Motion to Adjourn, Roll Call: 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.