Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 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 August 8th Meeting

New Business

1. Drawing of lots for ballot placement in the November 5th, 2019 Municipal Election: Mayor, City Councilor At-Large, District Councilor and School Committee.
2. Feedback from the September 10th Municipal Preliminary Election.
3. Feedback from the use of poll pads for voter search and inactive voter procedure on September 10th.
4. Discussion concerning poll worker training and preparations for the November 5th Municipal Election.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:
Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2019
6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Call to Order by Commissioner VanderSpek, Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:
Present: Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner McCallum, Commissioner Octave, and Commissioner VanderSpek
Absent: Commissioner Stewart

Approval of the Minutes from the July 3rd Meeting
Minutes Approved

New Business

1. Poll Worker Training for the 9/10/2019 Preliminary Election is scheduled. There are three training sessions scheduled for those assigned to work at polling locations. Precinct wardens and clerks will have training sessions that are separate from the training offered to inspectors. The training will cover how poll workers should deal with inactive voters, voters who are not registered at the location, any issues concerning the auto mark, and how to open and close polls.

2. There will be iPad’s at every location and polling staff (wardens and clerks) will be trained on all new technology. Vendors will come to download the new software. The iPads are not approved as a means to check-in voters. At this time, the iPads are to be used to lookup voters. Staff at polling locations must continue to use the traditional means for check-ins. There will be 50 wardens and 50 clerks working on election day.

3. The Ascentria language bank will be used on election day and reportedly functions 24 hours per day. Should a voter require translation services, the poll workers will direct the voter to the warden or clerk who will have access to a cell phone and use of the language bank.

4. In terms of efforts to increase voter turnout, a public service announcement video has been recorded and was viewed by the Board. The video will be shown on Charter TV, and the city’s social media accounts. Additionally, the video will be available on the city’s website.

5. There was a discussion about inactive voters and Assistant Clerk Vangjeli reported that there has been some improvement. However, the city is not where it would like to be in terms of improvement, according to Assistant Clerk Vangjeli. Reportedly, Worcester State Representative David LeBeouf (17th Worcester) is in the early stages of sponsoring a bill that would allow cities to deactivate voter every two years as opposed to every year. The bill, should it become law would ensure congruency between the laws
affecting active and inactive voters. It was reported that the voters are registered via the RMV and voter registration will become automated in the near future. Additionally, there are discussions regarding automatic voter registration via social service agencies such as MassHealth and the Department of Transitional Assistance.

6. The next meeting of the Board will involve a drawing of the ballot order for the November 5th election.

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Adjournment
Candidates nominated for election to the offices of Mayor, City Councilor and School Committee in the City of Worcester, at a Municipal Election to be held on the 5th day of November in the year two thousand and nineteen. The names of these candidates shall appear on the official ballot.

**MAYOR (1)**

BILL COLEMAN – 11 Wall St  
DONNA M. COLORIO – 10 Homer St  
JOSEPH M. PETTY* – 2 Grove Heights Dr  
OWURAKWAKU POKU SARKodieh – 32 Randall St

**COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE (6)**

BILL COLEMAN – 11 Wall St  
DONNA M. COLORIO – 10 Homer St  
ETEL HAXHIAJ – 4 Englewood Ave  
EVAN CORRIGAN – 11 Arbutus Rd  
GARY ROSEN* – 11 Herbert Rd  
TONY J. ECONOMOU – 69 Darnell Rd  
JESSE G. GIBSON – 36 Gates St  
JOSEPH M. PETTY* – 2 Grove Heights Dr  
KATE TOOMEEY* – 50 Ideal Rd  
KHRYSTIAN E. KING* – 9 Victoria Ave  
MORRIS A. BERGMAN* – 11 Kensington Heights  
OWURAKWAKU POKU SARKodieh – 32 Randall St  
RALPH A. TISCIONE, JR – 267 Salisbury St

**DISTRICT 1 COUNCILOR (1)**

SEAN M. ROSE* – 14 Dubiel Dr

**DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR (1)**

CANDY F. MERO-CARLSON* – 42 Benedict Rd

**DISTRICT 3 COUNCILOR (1)**

GEORGE J. RUSSELL* – 30 Dolly Dr

**DISTRICT 4 COUNCILOR (1)**

SARAI RIVERA* – 7 Lucian St

**DISTRICT 5 COUNCILOR (1)**

JOHNHAYNES BECKLES HONEYCUTT, SR – 54 Parsons Hill Rd  
MATTHEW E. WALLY* – 61 Berwick St

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (6)**

BRIAN A. O'CONNELL* – 54 Providence St  
CARA LISA BERG-POWERS – 18 Townsend St  
CHANTEL BETHEA – 2 Meade St  
DIANNA L. BIANCHERIA* – 8 Ventura Rd  
JACK L. FOLEY* – 6 Winter Hill Dr  
JERMOH V. KAMARA – 10 Roath St  
JOHN A. TROBAUGH – 15 Westland St  
JOHN F. MONFREDO* – 8 Cherokee Rd  
LAURA CLANCHEY – 2 Westport Cir  
MARIAH LIZMARI MARTINEZ – 54 Parsons Hill Rd  
MOLLY O. MCCULLOUGH* – 5 Hockanum Way  
TRACY O'CONNELL NOVICK – 135 Olean St

* CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION