

**Board of Election Commissioners Meeting  
Wednesday, April 26, 2017  
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 March 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**New Business**

- 1. Annual Organization according to the Worcester Home Rule Charter, section 7-1(c):**
  - A. Election of Chair**
  - B. Election of Secretary**
  - C. Notice of appointment of Vice Chair**

**Old Business**

- 2. Update concerning the 2017 Street Listing.**
- 3. Update concerning the 2017 Student Civics Camp & Poll Worker program.**
- 4. Update concerning Nomination Papers for the 2017 Municipal Election Season.**
- 5. Update concerning the process necessary to implement Early Voting in Municipal Elections.**

**Adjournment:**

**Next Meeting Date:**

**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
THURSDAY MARCH 16, 2017  
Levi Lincoln Chamber  
CITY HALL, WORCESTER, MA**

**Call to order by Vice Chair Diane Mohieldin**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

**Chairman: Michael Perotto, excused**

**Commissioner: Diane Mohieldin**

**Commissioner: Robert Winant**

**Commissioner: Richard Duffy**

**Commissioner: Winfred Octave, late arrival**

**Approval of Minutes December 8, 2016**

**OLD BUSINESS"**

**Update on the street listing mailing and responses by Niko Vangjeli, Assistant City Clerk 70 thousand forms mailed. Looking process all the responses by mid to end of April. Inactive confirmation notices will be mailed first week of June this year. Update concerning the 2017 municipal elections deadline May 16<sup>th</sup> to be verified and approved by city clerk with place of residence.**

**Update by Niko Vangjeli, Assistant City Clerk, on the student civic camp and poll worker program. Selection of students completed with Worcester State on reserving speakers. Update by Niko Vangjeli, Assistant City Clerk on the process necessary to implement early voting in municipal elections. Mayor to look into early voting for municipal elections. Change in law required, Motion to draft letter of support for Early Voting 2nd by Bob Winant.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion with Niko on the 2017 polling locations looking for locations 6/4 and 8/5. Discussed parking and lot repair and spill over for voters in we were to move Ward 8 Precinct 5 to the St Matthews Parish, 695 Southbridge St, Worcester, MA 01610.**

**Next meeting for April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Meeting postponed to April 26, 2017 due to schedule conflict.**

**Motion to Adjourn By Bob Winant  
2nd Dick Duffy**

DATE	Last Name	First Name	MI	Title	Address #	Address Street	At Large	District	School Committee
3/7/2017	Coleman	William	S	III	36	Acushnet Ave	1	0	0
3/7/2017	Rosen	Gary			11	Herbert Rd	1	0	0
3/7/2017	Fundador	Morales			8	Cheshire Rd	1	0	0
3/7/2017	Camparetto	Dante	A		16	Alden St	0	0	1
3/7/2017	Russell	George	J		30	Dolly Dr	0	3	0
3/7/2017	O'Clair	Ronald	L		707	Main St	1	4	0
3/7/2017	Franco	Paul			57	Olean St	0	5	0
3/7/2017	Petty	Joseph	M		2	Grove Heights Dr	1	0	0
3/7/2017	Foley	Jack	L		6	Winter Hill Dr	0	0	1
3/7/2017	Mero-Carlson	Candy	F		42	Benedict Rd	0	2	0
3/7/2017	Colorio	Donna	M		10	Homer Street	0	0	1
3/7/2017	Monfredo	John	F		8	Cherokee Rd	0	0	1
3/7/2017	Williams	Todd	Wesley		42	Merrifield St	0	2	0
3/7/2017	Asare	Davis			10	Honeysuckle Drive	0	3	0
3/7/2017	Arbetter	Douglass			112	Moreland St	0	5	0
3/7/2017	Simpson	Michael	J		860	Main St	0	4	0
3/8/2017	Toomey	Kate			50	Ideal Rd	1	0	0
3/8/2017	King	Khrystian	E		9	Victoria Ave	1	0	0
3/8/2017	McCullough	Molly	O		195	Fairhaven Rd	0	0	1
3/8/2017	Lukes	Konstantina	B		24	Hadwen Rd	1	0	0
3/8/2017	Biancheria	Dianna	L		8	Ventura Rd	0	0	1
3/8/2017	Moyrihan	Edward	L		68	Blue Bell Rd	1	1	0
3/9/2017	O'Connell	Brian	A		54	Providence St	0	0	1
3/9/2017	Gaffney	Michael	T		21	Illinois Street	1	0	0
3/9/2017	Gaffney	Coreen	A		21	Illinois Street	0	4	1
3/10/2017	Shciano	Gerardo			47	Laconia Rd	0	1	0
3/10/2017	D'Andrea	Nicola	J		13	Egan Ave	0	0	1
3/10/2017	Bergman	Morris	A		11	Kensington HTS	1	0	0
3/13/2017	Economou	Tony	J		69	Darnell Road	0	1	0
3/13/2017	Germain	Michael			11	Vincent Ave	0	5	0
3/16/2017	Rivera	Sarai			7	Lucian St	0	4	0
3/24/2017	Perez	Ralph			778	Main St	0	4	0
3/30/2017	Wally	Matthew			61	Berwick St	0	5	0

4/11/2017	Smith	Joff				37	Barry Road	1	1	1	0
4/12/2017	Batista	Cesar				107	Ward St	1	0	0	0
4/12/2017	Zarges	Robert				69	Fales St	0	1	0	0
4/12/2017	Rose	Sean				14	Dubiel Dr	0	1	0	0
4/19/2017	Smith	Oriana	May			42	Winifred Ave	0	1	0	0
4/20/2017	DeJesus	Lucelia				69	Pasadena Parkway	1	0	0	0
4/21/2017	Straight	Benjamin				11	Forest Hill Drive	1	0	0	0



# City of Worcester, Massachusetts

## CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

Susan M. Ledoux, City Clerk

Stephen A.J. Pottle, Assistant City Clerk  
Niko Vangjeli, Assistant City Clerk

John J. Mahoney, State Representative  
Chairperson, Joint Committee on Election Laws  
24 Beacon St. Room 443  
Boston, MA 02133

April 26, 2017

Dear Representative Mahoney,

On March 16, 2017, at the meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners, the commission voted that I write to you and request you as the chair on the joint committee on election laws to explore the possibility of amending M.G.L. ch.54 §25B to allow municipalities to host Early Voting in Municipal Elections. According to M.G.L. ch.54 §25B, early voting is only available in biennial state elections. However, the Worcester Board of Election Commissioners along with the Office of the Worcester City Clerk believes that Early Voting is also necessary in Municipal Elections. During the 2016 Presidential Election, Early Voting showed its potential to increase voter turnout, promoted participation, and allowed citizens the opportunity to participate in the vital democratic process for a period of 12 days.

Although it poses a new administrative challenge for election officials, Early Voting proved to make voting more convenient for citizens. Election officials experienced shorter lines on Election Day, early identification and correction of registration errors and greater access to voting and increased voter satisfaction. During the October 24<sup>th</sup> -November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Early Voting period, over 1 million ballots were cast across the Commonwealth. Approximately 16,265 (15.5%) of Worcester's registered voters took advantage of Early Voting. There were an additional 50,038 (47.9%) registered voters who voted on Election Day, bringing the total voter turnout for the November 8th Election to 66,303 (63.47%). In comparison to past elections, 61,708 people (59.46%) voted in the last presidential election in 2012, while 38,975 (35.89%) voted in the last state election in 2014. The 2016 election turnout surpassed all previous elections in Worcester by 4%, and we believe that this is only the beginning of Early Voting successes in the Commonwealth.

We look forward to seeing this initiative progress through the legislative process. If there is anything else you may need, don't hesitate to contact my office.

For The Commission,

Susan M. Ledoux  
City Clerk