

**Board of Election Commissioners Meeting  
Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 March 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**New Business:**

- 1. Annual Organization according to the Worcester Home Rule Charter, section 7-1(c):**
  - i. Election of Chair**
  - ii. Election of Secretary**
  - iii. Notice of appointment of Vice Chair**
- 2. Discussion concerning the 2019 Polling Locations.**

**Old Business:**

- 3. Update concerning the 2020 U.S. Federal Census.**
- 4. Update on the 2019 Street Listing.**

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Adjournment:**

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**Roll Call – Commissioner Perotto, Commissioner Duffy,  
Commissioner Octave, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner  
VanderSpek**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

- Representative Daniel Donohue, 16<sup>th</sup> Worcester District, supports the move. Parking and ADA accessibility are better at the Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center than at the Senior Center and Quinsigamond Village Neighborhood Center.
- Letter from D 3 City Councilor George K Russell in favor of the move to Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center.

**VOTE on Move: Unanimous Yes**

**New Business:**

**2. Discussion concerning the City of Worcester's efforts regarding Census 2020.**

- Started efforts have appointed a "complete count" committee. Education for residence. First event is on April 4. Speaking and cultural celebration to show diversity of the city. Make sure that all residents participate in the census.

- There is a question of Citizenship. The supreme court is to vote on this by June '19. At this point, the question is off the census.
- 3. Update concerning the 2019 Municipal Election Season.**
- Nomination season is open.
  - The next month will be certifying the nomination papers.
- 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)*
- Just a clarification question
- 5. Update on the 2019 Street Listing.**
- Still processing census forms that are coming in.
  - Commissioner Stewart: Is there a question asking for nationality on the city street listing? Answer: yes. Optional.

**Motion by Commissioner Stewart:** Will the Assistant City Clerk give a breakdown of nationalities based on 2019 street listing.

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**Roll Call:** Commissioner Stewart: yes  
all other commissioners: no

Commissioner Stewart will request as a public information report.

- 6. Update concerning the 2019 Worcester Rising Civics Camp in April & the Student Poll Worker program.**
- NV presents video from last year's program.

**Old Business:**

- 7. Discussion concerning a review of polling locations for the 2019 Election Season.**
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**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.**

- Assistant City Clerk Vangjeli: We have invited the City Solicitor, David Moore, to discuss the law.
- Comm Stewart: asks question re: 2012 memo stating that Election Commission has responsibility of hiring poll workers
- City Solicitor Moore: appointment of poll workers does not fall under the EC's purview. Hiring poll workers is the responsibility of City Manager, who delegates it to the City Clerk.
- Commissioner Stewart asks City Solicitor "Can we legally appoint students with disabilities as poll workers?" Solicitor Moore did not know the answer to that question.

**Motion from Commissioner Stewart:** Request a report from city solicitor to determine whether it is legal to appoint students with disabilities to student poll worker positions.

City Clerk Ledoux: We rely on the school department to recommend students who would be interested.

Assistant City Clerk Vangjeli: All students, including those with disabilities, have the chance to work at the polls. It is a voluntary questionnaire for students. Homeschooled children who are registered with the city can also apply.

The student program, Worcester Rising: Civics Camp 3 days at WSU in April. The election office goes to the schools to give more information. Students are then hired to work elections. This is about civic engagement for students. Students do get paid.

Commissioner Stewart retracts this motion.

**Motion from Commissioner Stewart:** A report on number of Worcester Rising students who are home-schooled.

**Roll Call:** Duffy (could not hear), Perrotto - no, Octave - no, VanderSpek  
– no, Stewart – yes **Motion failed**

Next meeting: April 24 at 6:30pm

**Adjournment:**