

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

6:00 P.M.

City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber, 455 Main Street

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the August 12nd meeting

- 1. Discussion concerning the 150 foot rule for in-person Early Voting.**
- 2. Discussion concerning collecting mail in ballots on election night.**
- 3. Discussion concerning the tabulation of vote by mail ballots.**
- 4. Communication from the City Clerk regarding the results of the 2020 U.S. Census.**
- 5. Discussion concerning re-precincting of the City of Worcester in response to the 2020 U.S. Census.**
- 6. Set the next meeting date for September 22nd at 6:30 pm for drawing of lots for ballot placement in the November 2nd Election: Mayor, At-Large, District and School Committee.**

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date:

TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY DURING THE MEETING:

PHONE NUMBER: 415-655-0001

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ATTENDEE ID: #

Election Commission Meeting- August 12th, 2021

Chairperson Commissioner Kimberly Vanderspek
Vice Chair Commissioner Winfred Octave (not present at roll call)
Commissioner Richard Duffy
Commissioner John Stewart
Commissioner Danaah McCallum

City Clerk: Nikolin Vangjeli

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order by the Chairperson, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 2nd, 2021 meeting, Roll Call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.

1. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. He proposed early voting locations, and times for early voting: **Motion to Approve the early voting schedule, Roll call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.** Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner Stewart who asked if all the early voting forms would be in both English and Spanish, and the City Clerk confirmed that both forms will be in two languages.
2. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized Commissioner Stewart who requested a report from the City Solicitor or Secretary of State stating that the tabulator is an option for counting ballots in the upcoming elections, **Roll call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.**
3. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. The City Clerk spoke on Covid-19 safety protocols in the polling locations. Commissioner Stewart makes motion to eliminate check-out table at polling location, **Roll call: 4 Yeas and 0 Nays.**
4. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. The 150 ft. rule was discussed for early voting. Commissioner Stewart asked for documents from the Secretary of State on the 150 ft. rule. **Motion to Approve 150 ft. rule during early voting, Roll call: 4 Yeas and 1 Nay.**
5. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. Commissioner Stewart requested a report to clarify the process of assigning police officers with elections duties on election days. **Motion to Approve Commissioner**

Stewarts report, **Roll call:** 3 Yeas and 2 Nays and Motion to Approve the early voting drop off boxes, **Roll call:** 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

6. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. Motion to File.
7. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. The City Clerk discussed the Census 2020 data. Motion to File, **Roll call:** 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.
8. Chairperson Vanderspek recognized the City Clerk who spoke concerning the Item. Motion to Approve Commissioner Stewart's request to create a report concerning how changing polling locations can affect communities when and if a polling location change is needed, **Roll call:** 3 Yeas and 1 Nay and 1 Abstained.

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

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 at 6:00pm.



The City of
WORCESTER

City Clerk Department
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
Stephen A.J. Pottle, Deputy City Clerk

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of Election Commissioners

FROM: Niko Vangjeli, City Clerk

DATE: September 1, 2021

RE: Electioneering at Early Voting locations

The purpose of this memo is to provide you a response to the board's request regarding clarification on electioneering at the door of Early Voting locations.

I have communicated with the state and once again, they have confirmed my communication to the board on August 12, 2021 and the previous discussion by this board on October 14, 2020 that the city can create a policy to regulate electioneering at an early voting location.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of Election Commissioners

FROM: Niko Vangjeli, City Clerk

DATE: September 1, 2021

**RE: COLLECTION OF MAIL BALLOTS FROM THE DROP OFF
BOXES ON ELECTION NIGHT**

The purpose of this memo is to provide a response to the board's request regarding the collection of mail-in ballots from the drop off boxes on Election Night. For the administration of this process, I have designated the Worcester Police Department to carry out the responsibility of collecting the ballots at the end of Election Night and locking the ballot boxes at 8 PM.

***ORGANIZATION OF CITY AGENCIES OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES
OF 2015 (Ordained by the City Council September 21, 2015)***

Article 12. City Clerk Department 10. Administration of Elections

(a) In addition to exercising the duties and responsibilities of city clerk, the city clerk shall also serve as the executive director of the board of election commissioners and in that capacity shall:

- (1) provide administrative and operational support to the board of election commissioners established under article seven of the home rule charter;
- (3) coordinate the services authorized by the city manager of other city departments for the conduct of any election; and,

(b) The city clerk may assign such personnel within the city clerk department to work in the preparation and administration of elections as he or she deems necessary or advisable to properly perform the duties and responsibilities described in subsection (a) above.



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TO: Board of Election Commissioners

FROM: Niko Vangjeli, City Clerk

DATE: September 1, 2021

RE: Central Tabulation Facility for the 2021 Municipal Election Season

The purpose of this memo is to provide you a response to the board's request regarding having a central tabulation facility for counting 2021 Municipal Election ballots on Election Day.

I have communicated with the state and once again, they have confirmed my communication to the board on August 12, 2021 that the city can either host a central tabulation facility on Election Day the same way as was allowed in 2016, 2018 and in 2020 or sent the ballots to be counted at the polls. However, the city cannot advance process or advance deposit ballots, as was the case in the 2020 Elections. Ballots must be fed on Election Day through a tabulator on a precinct-by-precinct basis so we can report results on a precinct by precinct. In addition, any ballots received on Election Day must be counted at the polls on Election Day.



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DATE: September 1, 2021

RE: 2020 Population Totals

The purpose of this memo is to provide you the population totals from the 2020 U.S. Census. The City of Worcester has 206,518 residents based on the new census data. I have also enclosed the 2020 U.S. census blocks based on the 2010 precinct data.

QuickFacts

Worcester city, Massachusetts

QuickFacts provides statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a *population of 5,000 or more*.

Table

All Topics	Worcester city, Massachusetts
Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	185,428
PEOPLE	
Population	
Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	185,428
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019)	180,891
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2019, (V2019)	2.5%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	206,518
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	181,045
Age and Sex	
Persons under 5 years, percent	▲ 5.0%
Persons under 18 years, percent	▲ 18.8%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	▲ 13.6%
Female persons, percent	▲ 50.9%
Race and Hispanic Origin	
White alone, percent	▲ 69.2%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	▲ 13.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.6%
Asian alone, percent (a)	▲ 7.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.1%
Two or More Races, percent	▲ 4.0%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	▲ 21.8%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	▲ 55.2%
Population Characteristics	
Veterans, 2015-2019	7,692
Foreign born persons, percent, 2015-2019	20.9%
Housing	
Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2018)	X
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019	41.3%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019	\$227,100
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2015-2019	\$1,758
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2015-2019	\$708
Median gross rent, 2015-2019	\$1,095
Building permits, 2020	X
Families & Living Arrangements	
Households, 2015-2019	71,595
Persons per household, 2015-2019	2.38
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2015-2019	85.7%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2015-2019	34.6%
Computer and Internet Use	
Households with a computer, percent, 2015-2019	87.4%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2015-2019	80.2%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019	84.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019	30.2%
Health	
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2015-2019	11.2%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	▲ 3.3%
Economy	
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019	60.3%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019	56.6%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	342,030
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	3,876,287

Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	2,300,597
Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	1,991,539
Total retail sales per capita, 2012 (c)	\$10,902

Transportation

Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2015-2019	24.8
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Income & Poverty

Median household income (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$48,139
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$27,884
Persons in poverty, percent	▲ 20.0%

BUSINESSES

Businesses

Total employer establishments, 2019	X
Total employment, 2019	X
Total annual payroll, 2019 (\$1,000)	X
Total employment, percent change, 2018-2019	X
Total nonemployer establishments, 2018	X
All firms, 2012	13,085
Men-owned firms, 2012	7,507
Women-owned firms, 2012	4,105
Minority-owned firms, 2012	3,775
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	8,482
Veteran-owned firms, 2012	1,298
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	10,866

GEOGRAPHY

Geography

Population per square mile, 2010	4,844.5
Land area in square miles, 2010	37.37
FIPS Code	2582000

District	SumOfPopulatic
1	40000
2	42942
3	43708
4	40065
5	39803