

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00 8/2/22

Where: Community Room at the Police Department

Present: Grace Grundhauser, Michelle Lefkowitz, Kate Baldwin, Helen Rock, Annie Schneider, Larry Granillo, Mike McGarghan, Thea Knight, Karen Rowell, Martha Gile, Elisabeth Mickenberg

Absent: Charles Cashatt

Also Present: Sarah Montgomery, Associate City Clerk

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Michelle Lefkowitz at 6:05pm

Agenda: Annie Schneider made a motion to approve. Seconded by Thea Knight. Approved unanimously.

Meeting Length: The meeting length was set for 1 hour. Unanimously approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Lis Mickenberg noted that she was not present for the last meeting, but was noted as present. Lis Mickenberg made a motion to approve the minutes with that amendment. Helen Rock seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comments: No public comment.

Primary Election Prep:

State primary election is next Tuesday, 8/9. Grace Grundhauser stated that we know we can have one BRV member available per ward, but might have difficulty getting lunch break coverage. Mike McGarghan asked can we just have a floater be available to address any issues in any ward during lunch time.

Discussion about who might be available to support newer members if they are on their own. It is a good idea to set up/ sign in to VEMS ahead of time to practice and make sure login works. Thea Knight is concerned about potentially not being ready to do it on her own. Board members will look into who will be able to support her during the day while she is on her own. Mike McGarghan will do one more day of training and will also be available to float to help if needed to help some people take breaks. Helen Rock would like a break during the day. Michelle Lefkowitz says she thinks it may be slow. Helen Rock said we may be busier because there are more challenged voters than previously due to the auto-mailing of ballots. Mike McGarghan and Karen Rowell will rotate through wards throughout the day for training.

Mike McGarghan asked what a helper can do versus what a BRV member can do. Helpers cannot sign off on the paperwork. Mike McGarghan asked: do the folders have everything members need to do the jobs? Other members answered, yes they do.

HR noted that things vary by wards about who is registering new voters and who is handling voter challenges. In some wards it is the election officials; in others it is the ward clerks.

Kate Baldwin reminded folks about the Election Day guidelines and how it is helpful to review before the election.

Approval of Applications: Sarah Montgomery reported:

July - New Registrations 278, Transferred out of Town 111, Purged 28

Michelle Lefkowitz made a motion to accept the numbers as presented, seconded by Larry Granillo. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report:

Sarah Montgomery reported around 3,400 absentee ballots issued and around 2,000 received for the upcoming election. Smaller numbers of absentee ballots may mean larger turnout at the polling places.

Application Signing Schedule:

The Board set the following schedule until the next meeting is held: August 4th: Lis; August 11th: Mike; August 18th: Grace; August 25th: Kate; September 1st: Helen

New Business

No new business.

On a motion by Annie Schneider, seconded by Thea Knight, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sarah Montgomery, Associate City Clerk