

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00            12/3/2019

Where: Community Room, Police Department

**Present:** Elisabeth Mickenberg, Michelle Lefkowitz, Larry Granillo, Jim Rader, Kate Baldwin, Helen Rock, Lenore Broughton, Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham

**Absent:** Mohamed Jafar, Charles Cashatt, Martha Gile, Weiwei Wang, Annie Schneider, Youth Member Tula Adie

**Also Present:** Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk

**Meeting called to order by Chair Lis**

**Agenda:** The agenda was accepted as presented.

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

**Minutes:** Members noted that the date of the next meeting was incorrect in the November minutes. Motion made by Michelle Lefkowitz to accept the September, October, and November minutes as amended, seconded by Kate Baldwin. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Applications:** Amy Bovee submitted: September: new voter registrations 313, purged 30, transferred out of town 193; October: new voter registrations 239, purged 34, transferred out of town 149; November: new voter registrations 185, purged 31, transferred out of town 149.

Michelle Lefkowitz made a motion to accept the numbers, seconded by Helen Rock. Motion passed unanimously.

**Clerk's Report:** Amy Bovee reported that preparations are underway for the March Annual City Election and Presidential Primary. She reported that the newly designed absentee ballot envelopes had arrived, and that they will also need to order more State Primary envelopes before the August election. She shared that the Clerk/Treasurer's Office had received approval to close at 1pm on the day before all elections. She also reported that there is a Charter Change being discussed to line up the timing of Local Ballots and State Ballots. Doing this would reduce costs and allow voters 25 extra days to early vote.

**Member's Reports:**

**Oath Subcommittee:** Board members agreed to revisit the Oath at their next meeting.

**Procedures Subcommittee:** No one spoke on this topic.

**Website/Outreach Subcommittee:** Lenore Broughton shared that she had preliminary discussions with the North Avenue News about publishing sample ballots in the paper. Helen Rock shared that she had

conversations with a reporter at Seven Days about ways that they could spread information to voters about elections. The reporter had been working with students and suggested they could involve the student group in producing informational videos. Board members also suggested they could create sample ballot flyers containing races for all wards and distribute them throughout the City.

**Other Updates:** The Board discussed an article that Lenore Broughton had distributed at the August meeting titled "Roper: If you're worried about Russian hackers, tighten election laws". The Board had conversations around the merits of voter ID laws and issues of voter suppression.

**Review/Re-do Application signing schedule**

Dec 10 – Kate, Dec 13 – Helen, Dec 17 – Larry, Dec 20 – Jim, Dec 27 – Lenore, Jan 3 – Martha

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 6pm, Community Room, Police Department

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk