

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00            7/14/2020

Where: Remote and Virtual via Zoom

**Present:** Elisabeth Mickenberg, Michelle Lefkowitz, Larry Granillo, Jim Rader, Kate Baldwin, Lenore Broughton, Annie Schneider, Martha Gile, Helen Rock, Weiwei Wang, Ariana Cano, Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham

**Absent:** Charles Cashatt

**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:** Jim Rader made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Helen Rock. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** N/A

**Welcome New Member** The Board welcomed their newest member, Ariana Cano, and introduced themselves.

**Approval of Applications** Amy Bovee submitted: June: new voter registrations 199, purged 50, transferred out of town 204.

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

**Clerk's Report/Prepare for August Election:** Amy Bovee reported that the postcards had been sent out to all registered voters, and they had received a very strong response from folks wishing to vote early. At this point in time over 6,000 voters had requested ballots, which is more ballots than had been sent out in any previous election. She noted that the voter file used to generate the postcards was from Mid-April, and that the State had worked with USPS to use forwarding addresses wherever possible. This helped to ensure that the postcards reached the greatest number of voters possible. A number of postcards were returned as undeliverable. These voters will be challenged. Ariana Cano inquired if any translated materials or videos would be available. Annie Schneider reported that there is a project in the works to help with this.

Amy Bovee reported that she had met with UVM's Assistant Director of Civic Engagement, Tanaisha Coleman, to discuss voter outreach opportunities with students in the fall. The conversation focused around email communications with students, flyers in mailboxes in residential halls, and voter education

events. Amy Bovee stated she had agreed to help develop some written materials for UVM to use, and had agreed to participate in at least one event. She reported that she will reconnect with UVM in late August before students come back to campus.

Board members discussed their willingness to work at the polls. Amy Bovee stated that if they did not have enough board members available to cover all wards she would work with the City Attorney to find out what options are available.

**Lenore Broughton's Letter**

Lenore Broughton had distributed a letter to the Board related to concerns about voter fraud with mail in ballots. Board members agreed to take time to read the letter and discuss it at the next meeting.

On a motion by Lenore Broughton, seconded by Michelle Lefkowitz, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk