

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00 9/7/2021

Where: Community Room, Police Department, 1 North Ave.

Present: Elisabeth Mickenberg, Helen Rock, Larry Granillo, Michelle Lefkowitz, Annie Schneider, Kate Baldwin, Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham

Absent: Jim Rader, Charles Cashatt, Grace Grundhauser, Lenore Broughton, Martha Gile

Also Present: Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk

Meeting called to order by Chair Lis

Agenda: The agenda was adopted unanimously as presented.

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

Minutes: Helen Rock requested a correction to a typo in the minutes. Helen Rock made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Michelle Lefkowitz. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Applications: Amy Bovee reported: August - New Registrations 241, Transfer out of Town 141, Purged 29

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

Clerk's Report:

Amy Bovee reported that the August Election went well and that nearly 80% of ballots were cast early. She reported that there will be a November 9 Special Election and that ballots will be mailed to active, registered voters in late September.

Amy Bovee also reported that the Clerk/Treasurer's Office will be hiring a position to assist with Elections. This person will be responsible for staffing the Board once hired, and she will be helping the person transition into the role.

Board members inquired about the success of voters being able to cure their defective ballots in the August Special Election. Amy Bovee reported that she estimates about 2/3 of voters who were sent notices cured their defective ballot. Most voters did this in advance of the election with the Clerk's Office, but two voters went to the polls to vote instead.

Approval of Voter Challenges:

Amy Bovee requested that the Board challenge voters whose ballots were returned as undeliverable for the Ward 3 Special City Council election. Any voter who had updated their address since the time of the mailing or participated in the Election will not be challenged. There are 230 total voters to be challenged.

Michelle Lefkowitz made a motion to approve the voter challenges, seconded by Annie Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.

Application Signing Schedule:

The Board set the following schedule for the Month of September: September 9 – Kate, September 16 – Lis, September 23 – Helen, September 30 – Michelle

Appointment of Republican Members to BRV

Lis Mickenberg shared a report with the Board about a communication from the City Attorney's Office regarding Republican representation on the Board for Registration of Voters. The Republican Party had requested that the City Council appoint two members be added to the Board. There is a State Statute that allows a party to make this request, and the City Attorney's Office has agreed that it would be appropriate to honor the request. The two members will fill one vacant position and a temporary, 13th position on the Board. Both terms will expire in June 2022, at which time the Republican members and members of the public can choose to apply to be on the board. The City Council will be addressing this at their September 13 meeting.

Discussion of Board Mission

Helen Rock made a motion to postpone discussion of the Board Mission to the October meeting, seconded by Michelle Lefkowitz. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Kate Baldwin, seconded by Michelle Lefkowitz, the meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk