

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00 10/3/2017

Where: Community Room, Police Department

Present: Lis Mickenberg, Alex Farrell, Jim Rader, Michelle Lefkowitz, Helen Rock, Lenore Broughton

Absent: Jake Schumann, Katherine Miles, Martha Gile, Charles Cashatt

Also Present: Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk; Weiwei Wang, Burlington Resident

Meeting called to order by Chair Lis @ 6:05 p.m.

Agenda: Jim Rader requested that the Board discuss accessibility of their meetings space. The agenda was accepted with his addition.

Meeting Length: The Board agreed that the meeting would end at 7:00pm.

Minutes: Motion made by Lenore Broughton to accept the minutes, seconded by Jim Rader. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Applications: Amy Bovee submitted: September: new voter registrations 272, purged 252, transferred out of town 87.

Motion made by Michelle Lefkowitz to accept the numbers, seconded by Alex Farrell. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Amy Bovee reported that she has been receiving responses to the voter challenge letters that were sent out in August. So far, 465 responses have been received. Of those, 263 people had moved out of town and were removed from the checklist. 202 were re-activated.

Member's Report: No report

Review Application Signing Schedule

The Board agreed to set the November schedule at the next meeting. Jim Rader agreed to sign on November 3.

New Business

a. Update on New Member Recruitment

Amy Bovee reported that applications for new members are due by October 11. Two positions will be filled at that time. She also reported that Jake Schumann had resigned from the Board, and that his position will be filled at a later date. She stated that the positions had been advertised on Front Porch

Forum and a letter had been sent to the City Council. Weiwei Wong stated she may be interested in applying for the Board. Board members answered questions about what the Board does.

b. Discuss SSN Response

The Board reviewed a letter from Will Senning in response to their questions. The Board felt the information provided was helpful. They agreed to draft a follow up letter thanking the Secretary of State's Office for their responses and getting clarification about what can be done if a voter checks all of their information, finds that it is correct, and their social security number is still not verified. They also agreed to request information about how closely the name must match SSN records (i.e. does the middle name have to match, or will a middle initial work?). Once the Board has this information, they agreed to draft a letter to voters with unverified social security numbers asking them to check their status and make corrections as needed.

c. Discuss Board Rules

The Board began to review their latest draft of rules and procedures. Michelle Lefkowitz made a motion to approve the first paragraph of the document as corrected, seconded by Helen Rock. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Discuss Accessibility

Jim Rader expressed concerns that the meeting room in the Police Department may not provide adequate accessibility to people with disabilities. The Board agreed to look at the issue and talk to the Police Department to determine what, if anything, can be done to correct these issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk