

Northampton Board of Registrars  
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

210 Main Street, Room 4

Northampton, MA 01060

1. Meeting Called To Order: At ~~5:50~~ 5:30 pm the meeting was called to order. Present at the meeting were: Registrars Kay & Polachek and City Clerk P. Powers. Registrar Klepacki was absent.
2. Approve Minutes of The Previous Meeting: Registrar Kay moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019; Registrar Polachek seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Registrar Klepacki).
3. Review Statistics: No statistics were reviewed at this meeting as the committee met on May 14<sup>th</sup> when statistics were reviewed then.
4. State initiatives regarding proposed election laws—many bills in the state legislature currently. What do they mean to us?  
The committee did not discussed current bills currently at the state house.
5. Status of Charter Review Committee (CRC) re: Election initiatives & next steps for BOR – The Charter review committee is moving ahead with several concerns raised about “elections” within the City of Northampton as follows:
  - At its May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the CRC discussed moving forward with changing the City Clerk position from elected to appointed.
  - The committee is working on language to fill vacancies for Trustees under the will of Charles E. Forbes
  - The committee is examining how to fill vacancies for School Committee members
  - The committee voted to approve lowering the voting age to 16 for all municipal elections.
  - The committee is also in favor of ranked-choice voting for municipal elections.
  - The committee favors the Board’s suggesting to mail ballots to voters for all municipal elections as a way to improve voter participation for municipal election
6. Status of replacement for Charlie Klepacki: The Mayor has not yet put forward a name for a replacement for Charlie Klepacki.
7. New Business: None
8. Adjourn: At ~~5:45~~ 6:00 pm Registrar Polachek moved to adjourn the meeting; Registrar Kay seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent (Registrar Klepacki)

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2019 at 5:30 in the City Clerk’s Office.