

Northampton Board of Registrars
Meeting Minutes
Date:~~7/11/2023~~ July 25, 2023 @ Time:5:30 pm
Teleconference Meeting via Zoom

1. Meeting Called to Order: At 5:37 pm, the Board of Registrars was called to order. Present at the meeting were Registrars Robert Boulrice, Mary Lou Stuart, and City Clerk Pamela L. Powers. Registrar Joseph Tarantino was absent.
2. Meeting Minutes: No meeting minutes were reviewed.
3. ROV Statistics from May 10 – July 23:
 - a. Added Voters: 308
 - b. Deleted: 203
 - c. Changed: 1302

Any voter who visits to RMV in Massachusetts will have their information forwarded to the city or town clerk to register them to vote. Eligible individuals can no longer opt out of registering, except if they visit the Board of Registrars and request that their status as a voter be changed.
4. The Board of Registrars has completed scanning of all Street Lists received for the annual Census campaign. The office still receives responses and those are still processed as the scanning of the individual gives them an updated census year in VRIS and keeps them as an active voter.
5. The City Clerk continues to update the city's website with all of the election information. As we get nearer and nearer a milestone connected to an election, the information will change so it is helpful to keep an eye on the website for the most up to date information. Currently the website reflects candidates who have turned their nomination papers. The staff have certified the signatures on the ballot and now the candidate will need to return to pick them up and deliver them to the City Clerk's Office before August 7, 2023. Three people who took out nomination papers indicated that they would not continue to run. One person turned in more than enough signatures; however many could not be certified because the signer did not live in the community or some other disqualifying matter. In the end, they did not have enough certified signatures to be placed on the ballot. There will not be a preliminary in Northampton.
6. Registrar Boulrice asked about the feedback as a result of not qualifying to be on the ballot; Clerk Powers indicated that she did not hear any negative comments or complaints. Candidates were giving a list of voters to confirm that they had obtained a qualifying signature. If the staff cannot read a signature, it is compared to the signature on file in the office, either electronically or on paper. There will be 15 uncontested races this election. Drawing names will take place on ~~September 29~~ September 26 (per Charter) to determine the order in which names will appear on the ballot.
7. Adjourn: at 6:01 pm, Registrar Stuart motioned to adjourn the meeting; Registrar Boulrice seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote: Robert Boulrice (Yes), Mary Lou Stuart (Yes), Pamela L. Powers (Yes), 1 Absent.

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