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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

**2023 ANNUAL BOARD/COMMISSION REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK**

*Pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 04, Section 030 of the Code of the City of Malden*

**I. Preliminary Information**

Name of Board or Commission:	Registrar of Voters Board
Name of Chair:	Jean T. Voltaire
Name of Clerk:	Carol Ann Desiderio
Number of Members:	4
No. of meetings held per year:	4
Explain how Board/Commission has fulfilled functions in the past year:	The Board met four times in the past year to discuss election preparedness, transliteration, and to create a new precinct. The Board assisted those who travel around the city on election day/evening in identifying who they are and why they require entry into the designated election locations with election staff and Law Enforcement.

**Please list Members' names, date of appointment and when term expires: (attach additional sheets if necessary)**

NAME	APPOINTMENT DATE	TERM EXPIRES
Carol Ann Desiderio, City Clerk	<i>Ex Officio</i>	
Jean T. Voltaire	03/31/2023	03/31/2026
Kathleen Young	03/31/2021	3/31/2024
Jessica Sherman	10/25/2023	3/31/2025

**2. Overview of Board/Commission:**

<p>Please issue a <b>brief</b> statement about the general purpose and mission of this Board/Commission:</p> <p>The Registrar of Voters oversees census and voter registration data to assure compliance with state and federal election law. It also conducts recounts in disputed elections.</p> <p>The Board has statutory oversight of voter registration street listing and</p>
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election administration.

The Board works in conjunction with the City Clerk's office to Establish policies and procedures that assure fairness and impartiality in the implementation and administration of these programs.

The Board meets a minimum of twice a year on election days and additionally as needed. The Board meets during the state primary and presidential elections to fulfill the statutory obligation of validating and counting e-ballots cast by uniformed service persons and overseas citizens.

Additional meetings are required when there is a request for recount of votes cast at elections or major policy changes resulting from amendments to election laws.

**3. REVENUE:** Please list the revenue(s) coming into this Board/ Commission. **NOT APPLICABLE**

From City Budget	\$2,700.00
From State Budget	
From Federal Budget	
Grant Monies	
Licenses/Fees	
Other	

**4. EXPENDITURES:** Please list the expenditures of this Board/Commission. **NOT APPLICABLE**

Expenditures of Board/Commission	Explanation
Personnel Costs	
Equipment Costs	
Postal Costs	
Leasing Costs	
Other	

**5. ASSETS:** Please list all major assets under the control of this Board/Commission. *(Please include materials, tools, vehicles, equipment and property on hand as of 12/31/21.* **NOT APPLICABLE**

Asset	Value

**6. PROGRAMS:** Please list all programs under the direction of this Board/Commission. (Please detail where and how these programs originate, i.e. statutory, internal, etc.)

**NOT APPLICABLE**

Program	Description

7. **CHALLENGES:** Provide a brief description of three challenges this Board/Commission faces.

1.	Getting more people to register to vote. Language issues and the political culture of the Malden voters by ethnicity are the biggest challenges.
2.	Achieving an effective census of all composting groups of the city and trying to increase the voting participation of minority groups.
3.	Identifying Malden's ethnic makeup on voting and to reorganize the Board.

8. **GOALS:** Describe three goals this Board/Commission has for the year ahead.

1.	To conduct research on the political culture and the makeup ethnicity of the city and find out why the voting turnout is consistently low.
2.	To work effectively on language issues of each minority group. and the political culture of the Malden voters by ethnicity
3.	To create an office for the Board to conduct the electoral affairs of the city in conjunction with the Clerk's Office.

Jean T. Voltaire *Jean T. Voltaire*  
 Signature of Chair

Date: 11/20/2023