



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final Personnel/Appointments Committee

Councillor Amanda Linehan, Chair
Councillor Chris Simonelli, Vice-Chair
Councillor at Large Carey McDonald
Councillor Paul Condon
Councillor Jadeane Sica

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room #108
215 Pleasant Street

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Councillor Amanda Linehan, Carey McDonald, Paul Condon and Jadeane Sica

Absent: 1 - Councillor Chris Simonelli

*Also Present: Councillors Winslow and O'Malley
Alicia McNeil, Acting City Solicitor*

Councillor Linehan called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Minutes to be Approved

[426-23](#)

Minutes of June 27, 2023 to be approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Condon, that the Committee Minutes of June 27, 2023 be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

[390-23](#)

Mayoral Appointment: Jessica Sherman, 36 Central Avenue, Malden, as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, filling the unexpired term of Andrew Zamagni, expiring March 31, 2025 (Confirmation required)

Attachments: [Mayor's Appointment Letter - Jessica Sherman - Board of Registrars of Voters](#)

Paper 390-23 Jessica Simpson, 36 Central Avenue, Malden, as a member of the Board of Registrar of Voters, filling the unexpired term of Andrew Zamagni, expiring March 31, 2025.

Councillor Linehan gave the floor to Jessica to let the committee know a little about herself and why she is interested in this position

Jessica said she has been trying to figure out how to get more involved and someone mentioned this position to her and it peaked her interest. She has lived in Malden since 2012.

Councillor Linehan said this is an important board and she is glad to see she is interested

Jessica asked if there is a handbook for this position. She said she has been asking

but no one has given her any guidelines.

Councillor Linehan said on the city website there is information, a description of what the committee does on past annual reports

Morgan Hunte, Assistant City Clerk explains a little about the position. She said this position is sporadic. Basically at the beginning of the year the Board meets to confirm the polling places, the election calendar, and opting into vote by mail which the board votes on then it goes to the Council which is done every year. The Board of Registrars are also involved on any election date with any duties especially with the end of the night with closing duties at the polls. She explained a lot of the election information comes from the State and are constantly changing.

Jessica said she could also help to help Dinah, Registrar of Voters with the spreadsheets

Councillor Condon thanked Jessica for going for this position and wishes her luck

Councillor Winslow said knowing how much our elections are changing this is an

important position and thanks her for serving

Councillor McDonald asked if she speaks other languages. He mentions how important language is and the board has the role of the transliterations of the ballots and other types of things in the future. He asked her about her commitment to democracy and expanding participation in the process. He is curious about her knowledge of how elections work and the ways we try to make sure that people the language they speak they are to access that as easily as possible

Jessica answered German and Spanish. She said she does know how elections work and asked if he means make it more accessible or keeping it secure

Councillor McDonald said it is an accessibility questions making sure we are getting word out to our residents to vote by mail through postcards about the options of voting.

Jessica said if she made the decision she would take the analytic approach out of the demographics in Malden and then the percentage of each language and go from the top down. She is an analytics person so she would look at the data.

Councillor Sica said she is excited she is here. Jessica is from Ward 8 and it doesn't often get represented. She is happy she wants to get involved.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Condon, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Adjournment

Motion was made by Councillor Condon, seconded by Councillor Sica, that this be adjourned at 5:46 PM. The motion carried unanimously.