



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Registrars of Voters

Jean T. Voltaire, Chairperson
Jessica Sherman
Kathleen A. Young
Carol Ann Desiderio, Clerk

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

4:30 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 108
Malden, MA 02148

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Roll Call

Chair Voltaire called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.

Also in attendance was Anna Tse, Jeff Donahue, and Peter Piazza.

Present 4 - Chairperson Jean T. Voltaire, Board Member Kathleen A. Young, Carol Ann Desiderio, and Board Member Jessica Sherman

Minutes to be Approved

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Minutes for the meeting of July 9, 2024

A motion was made by Board Member Sherman, seconded by Board Member Young, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Minutes from the meeting of September 3, 2024

A motion was made by Board Member Sherman, seconded by Board Member Young, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

The Board will meet to discuss advance preparations for the upcoming Municipal Election cycle with topics to include the election calendar, polling locations, police details and procedures for early voting and vote by mail.

The Board will then meet with their designated translator, Bilingual Elections Coordinator Anna Tse, for a presentation of transliterated names for first time candidates for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of Chapter 282 of the Acts of 2022.

The proposed list of candidate names include Jeffrey Allen Donahue, Kevin M. Larson, William E. Muise, and Peter T. Piazza.

The Board reviewed the 2025 Municipal Election calendar as submitted by City Clerk/Registrar of Voters Carol Ann Desiderio. It was explained the calendar is built around a formula based on State law, City ordinance, and City charter beginning with election day on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. September 16 is reserved as Preliminary Day, in the event a preliminary is needed. As of the time this meeting took place, the only possibility of having a preliminary is in Ward 6. There are currently four candidates who have pulled papers but none have returned a satisfactory number as of yet to secure a place on the ballot.

The Board then reviewed the list of polling places to be utilized throughout the 2025 Municipal Election cycle. No locations have changed since the last election. It was agreed the same 27 precincts are acceptable for this year's election. Police details will be provided in all 14 polling buildings, if not all 27 polling precincts, as deemed necessary for security and in accordance with State law.

It was noted that in the last election, the problem remained of school custodians locking doors prematurely at 8:00 PM instead of after the closing procedure had been completed. Clerk Desiderio reported she has expressed the need to keep door unlocked to the custodians, school principals, and even the superintendent. This year, the election supply boxes will include additional signage to be hung on the inside of the doors to act as a reminder to custodians to leave building doors unlocked until the closing procedures are complete and precinct officers had taken equipment back to City Hall. Elections Administrator Dinah Fajardo will be responsible for checking to make sure signs are hung in proper locations as she makes her rounds to all the buildings on election day.

The Board wishes to opt into early voting during this municipal season but with a low turnout expected, it is recommended to hold early voting hours only during normal City Hall business hours with the only location being the Clerk's Office. Dates for early voting leading up to the November election are recommended to run between October 20th and October 30th.

It is anticipated that extended early voting hours and locations will resume in 2026 with the State Election cycle.

A motion was made by Board Member Young, seconded by Board Member Sherman, that Clerk Desiderio will write up recommendations as presented in this meeting and submit to City Council at their next scheduled meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Bilingual Elections Coordinator Anna Tse, presented to the Board the names of the four new candidates to this year's ballot explaining the sound, meaning, and pronunciation of

her transliterations. All candidates were contacted regarding their names for the required seven day review period. They all expressed their willingness to have Coordinator Tse assist with their names as none of them currently have a transliterated version. During the seven day review period, this office received no negative feedback for any of the recommended transliterations. Two of the four candidates were in attendance during this meeting and neither Mr. Donahue or Mr. Piazza expressed any wish to have their names re-written.

A motion was made by Board Member Young, seconded by Board Member Sherman to approve all four transliterations as recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Attachments of documents reviewed for the purpose of May 27, 2025 Board of Registrars of Voters meeting.

Attachments: [Election Calendar 2025](#)
[Polling Places 2025](#)
[EV Hours for November 2025](#)
[Transliterated names for Nov 2025](#)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Young, seconded by Board Member Sherman, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.