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Gary Christenson, Mayor

2025 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:	5
Explain how Board/Commission has fulfilled functions in the past year: 2025	The Board met five times in the past year to discuss election preparedness, transliteration, election procedures and to hear a challenge to a candidate's nomination. 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:

NAME	APPOINTMENT DATE	TERM EXPIRES
Carol Ann Desiderio, City Clerk	2/27/2024	2/28/2027
Jean T. Voltaire	1/30/2024	03/31/2026
Kathleen Young	2/27/2024	03/31/2027
David Camell	10/28/2025	03/31/2028

2. Overview of Board/Commission:

Please issue a **brief** statement about the general purpose and mission of this Board/Commission:

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. The Board has statutory oversight of voter registration street listing and 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 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	\$4,000
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	\$4,000 board stipends
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 12/31/24.)* **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 X

Program	Description

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

1.	Ballot education: Language access is an ongoing challenge in a city as diverse as Malden
2.	Recruitment of poll workers in general, and Chinese speaking specifically
3.	Identifying Malden's ethnic makeup on voting and reorganizing the Board. It is in process.

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. It is still ongoing
2.	To work effectively on language issues of each minority group and the political culture of the Malden voters by ethnicity. It is still ongoing.
3.	To create an office for the Board to conduct the electoral affairs of the city in conjunction with the Clerk's Office. We need financial means. It is in process.

Jean T. Voltaire
Signature of Chair

Date: 12/3/2025