

Minutes of Worcester Board of Election Commissioners Meeting, July 7, 2014

Call to order by Chairman Winant at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Joseph Carlson

Commissioner Diane Mohieldin

Commissioner Mary Moule

Chairman Robert Winant

Commissioners absent:

None

The first order of business was the acceptance of the minutes from the June 4, 2014 meeting. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Prior to beginning the agenda Commissioner Moule requested that the Board make a note in the minutes that Commissioner Craig Olson retired from his appointment on the Board.

Discussion of possible locations for Ward 6 Precinct 4.

Commissioner Moule requested that the City Clerk look in to the Bethlehem Covenant Church as a possible polling location for the Precinct. City Clerk David Rushford raised a concern that if the location was used for 6-4 then it would not be available as a location for the Ward and Precinct it was actually located in and therefore asked the Board to consider reviewing all of Ward 6 as a package. The Commissioners agreed that this should be done and that they would make an effort to visit all of the Ward 6 voting locations in the upcoming Primary and General Election and that the City Clerk would assemble a packet of information for them to review in December 2014 for the 2015 election season.

Setting a poll worker training schedule - 2014.

City Clerk Rushford proposed a training schedule that would include a day training session, an evening training session and a weekend training session for all poll workers. Commissioner Moule motioned to approve the schedule, it was seconded by Commissioner Carlson and all were in favor. The proposed schedule: Saturday August 23, 2014 8:30am – 10:30pm Wednesday August 27, 2014 2pm – 4pm, Thursday August 28, 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm with one or more of the meetings to be held at the Worcester Public Library, and the others at City Hall.

Discussion of the 150' rule.

Chairman Winant raised a concern related to a prior election when a campaign sign that was being properly held 150' outside of a polling location was then rested against the wall of the building where the voting was occurring, causing the sign to be clearly visible through the window to voters inside the

polling location. As soon as this was noticed by a poll worker the police officer assigned to the location corrected the problem.

Commissioner Moule requested that the City Clerk remind the Wardens during training that they must be alert to this type of situation and to work with their police officer to correct it as soon as it is identified.

Next Meeting Date: September 22, 2014 6:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26 PM.