



Finance Committee

Monday, August 10, 2026, 6:50 PM
City Council Chamber, 1st Floor
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Christopher Park	Vice Chair
Jason Chen	
Maya Jamaledine	
John Obremski	
William Bradley Freeman	President, Ex Officio Member
Manjula Karamcheti	Chair

Meeting was called to order by Chair Karamcheti at 6:50 PM

Non-voting Councilor Elizabeth Kowal was also present

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Christopher Park	Vice Chair	Present	
Jason Chen	At-Large	Present	
Maya Jamaledine	At-Large	Present	
John Obremski	Ward 2	Present	
William Bradley Freeman	President, Ex Officio Member	Present	
Manjula Karamcheti	Chair	Present	

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Finance Committee Meeting February 2, 2026 7:30 PM

Motion to Approve the minutes by unanimous consent without reading made by Chair Karamcheti
All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Jason Chen, Maya Jamaledine, Manjula Karamcheti, John Obremski, Christopher Park, Bradley Freeman
NAYS:	None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

When: Aug 10, 2026 06:50 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Finance Committee Meeting

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

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Motion to Open public comment made by Chair Karamcheti at 6:52 PM

Cris Giles, from a business at 162 Tremont Street, was present to make comments about the dog kennel license ordinance. She decided to wait until the Legal & Legislative meeting later in the evening to make her public comments.

There were no comments via Zoom

Motion to Close public comment made by Chair Karamcheti at 6:53 PM

IV. ORDERS

- A. (ID # 2026-1520): **Informational Order** - Warrant for 2026 State Primary to be held at Melrose Middle School Gymnasium on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 from 7:00am to 8:00pm for Ward 1, Precinct 1 and 2; Ward 2, Precinct 1 and 2; Ward 3 Precinct 1 and 2; Ward 4, Precinct 1 and 2; Ward 5, Precinct 1 and 2; Ward 6, Precinct 1 and 2; and Ward 7, Precinct 1 and 2 to notify the inhabitants of the City of Melrose that can cast a vote in the State Primaries.

Chair Karamcheti, on behalf of City Clerk Cifuni, stated that these two items are from Clerk Cifuni, who could not be present. They are strictly to be placed on file. These are just two items that need to go through the routine process of being acknowledged by the board and by the Council.

Motion to Recommend made by Councilor Jamaledine

Seconded by Councilor Park

All were in favor and motion passed

RESULTS:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
TO:	City Council
AYES:	Jason Chen, Maya Jamaledine, Manjula Karamcheti, John Obremski, Christopher Park, Bradley Freeman
NAYS:	None

- B. (ID # 2026-1521): **Informational Order** - The Board of Registrars has agreed to the following dates, times and location for the State Primary In Person

Early Voting: *Saturday, 8/22 9am-5pm; Monday, 8/24 through Thursday 8/27 8:30am-4pm and Friday, 8/28 8:30am -12:30pm* in the City Council Chamber located on the first floor of Melrose City Hall 562 Main Street Melrose MA.

Chair Karamcheti stated again, this is an information order that our city clerk has asked us to place on file.

Motion to Recommend to Place on File made by Councilor Jamaledine
Seconded by President Freeman
All were in favor and motion passed

RESULTS:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
TO:	City Council
AYES:	Jason Chen, Maya Jamaledine, Manjula Karamcheti, John Obremski, Christopher Park, Bradley Freeman
NAYS:	None

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by unanimous consent made by Councilor Karamcheti at 6:57 PM
All were in favor and meeting was adjourned

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

WARRANT FOR 2026 STATE PRIMARY

SS.

To the Constables of the City of Melrose

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Ward 1, Precinct 1 & Precinct 2/Ward 2, Precinct 1 & Precinct 2/Ward 2 Precinct 1 & Precinct 2/Ward 3, Precinct 1 & Precinct 2
Ward 4, Precinct 1 & Precinct 2/ Ward 5, Precinct 1 & Precinct 2, Ward 6, Precinct 1 & Precinct 2, Ward 7, Precinct 1 & Precinct 2

Melrose Middle School Gymnasium
360 Lynn Fells Parkway
Melrose, MA 02176

On **TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	For this Commonwealth
GOVERNOR	For this Commonwealth
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	For this Commonwealth
ATTORNEY GENERAL	For this Commonwealth
SECRETARY OF STATE	For this Commonwealth
TREASURER	For this Commonwealth
AUDITOR	For this Commonwealth
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	5th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	SIXTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	FIFTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	32nd MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	NORTHERN DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE	MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2026.
(month)

City Council or Selectmen of: **Melrose**

(Indicate method of service of warrant)

_____, 2026.
Constable (month and day)

Warrant must be posted by **August 25, 2026** (at least *seven days prior* to the **September 1, 2026** State Primary).

7/29/2026

Good Morning

These two items are from me but I cannot be present.

They are strictly to be placed on file. They are just two items that need to go through the routine process of being acknowledged by BOR and Council.

Thank you,

Tanji Joy Cifuni

City Clerk

Notary Public

Justice of the Peace

City of Melrose

562 Main Street

Melrose, MA 02176

781-979-4116

MELROSE 2026 ELECTION & EARLY VOTING CALENDAR

Date - Year 2026	Event	Location	Time
Saturday, August 22	Last Day to Register to Vote for the 9/1/2026 State Primary Election	Melrose City Hall Election Office	9am-5pm
Saturday, August 22	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Hall Chamber	9 am - 5 pm
Monday, August 24	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Hall Chamber	8:30 am - 4 pm
Tuesday, August 25	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Hall Chamber	8:30 am - 4 pm
Wednesday, August 26	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Hall Chamber	8:30 am - 4pm
Thursday, August 27	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Hall Chamber	8:30 am - 4pm
Friday, August 28	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Hall Chamber	8:30 am - 12:30pm
Tuesday, August 25	Last Day to Apply for a Mail In Ballot (absentee or early) for State Primary	Melrose City Hall Election Office	9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday, September 1	State Primary	Melrose Middle/High School Gym	7am - 8pm
Saturday, October 17	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Hall Chamber	9am - 3 pm
Monday, October 19-Friday October 23	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Hall Chamber	8:30 am-12:00 pm
Saturday, October 24	Last Day to Register to Vote for 11/3/26 State Election	Melrose City Hall Election Office	9am - 5pm
Saturday, October 24	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Hall Chamber	9am - 5pm
Monday, October 26-Thursday, October 29	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Chamber	8:30 am - 4pm
Friday, October 30	In-Person Early Voting	Melrose City Chamber	8:30 am - 12:30pm
Tuesday, October 27	Last Day to Apply for a Mail In Ballot (absentee or early) for State Election	Melrose City Hall Election Office	9am- 5 pm
Tuesday, November 3	State Election	Melrose Middle/High School Gym	7am - 8pm

Board of Registrars Meeting

Location: Held in Council Chamber Conference on June 24, 2026 at 9:00am

Attendance: Fritz Sanzone, Tanji Cifuni, James Harris, Alison Boone and Greg Pagnini

Motion to open the meeting made by Fritz at 9:07 AM and Seconded by Alison Boone all were in favor

First agenda item – **2026 Confirmation Card Update:**

6000 mailed out in April and 2000 have been returned and we will run an extract and send out to vendor to have the 2026 street listing book printed.

Next agenda Item: **Vote and Approval of Early Voting Time and Locations for all 2026 Elections**

Early In-person voting for the State Primary will take place at the Melrose City Hall Chamber on the following dates and times:

Saturday, August 22 9am to 5pm, Monday 8/24 through Thursday 8/27 8:30am to 4pm and Friday 8/28 from 8:30am to 12:30pm

State Primary Election Day will be on Tuesday, Sept 1st at the Melrose Middle/HS Gymnasium 7am-8pm

November In-Person Early Voting Hours will take place at the Melrose City Hall Chamber on the following dates and times:

Saturday, October 17 9am-3pm, Monday 10/19 through Friday 10/23 8:30am to 12:00pm

Saturday, October 24 9am-5pm, Monday 10/26 through Thursday 10/29 8:30am to 4pm and Friday 10/30 8:30am-12:30pm

State Election Day will be Tuesday, November 3 at the Melrose Middle/HS Gymnasium 7am-8pm

Next meeting will be held on July 23rd at 9am

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chair Greg Pagnini at 9:12am

Seconded by Member Greg Pagnini and all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned.