



Board of Registrars of Voters

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Melrose City Hall
Melrose, MA 02176

<http://www.cityofmelrose.org>

Kristin Foote
781-979-4116

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

4:00 PM

City Council Chamber

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brigid Alverson		Present	
Francis X. Wright Jr.		Present	
Kristin Foote	City Clerk	Present	

II. Minutes Approval

Thursday, December 15, 2022

III. Public Comment

Motion To: Public Comment

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion: Open Public Comment

By: Registrar Wright, Second: Clerk Foote - motion carried.

No one comes forward.

Motion: Close Public Comment

By: Registrar Wright, Second: Clerk Foote - motion carried.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Francis X. Wright Jr.
SECONDER:	Kristin Foote, City Clerk
AYES:	Brigid Alverson, Francis X. Wright Jr., Kristin Foote

IV. Agenda

In-Person Early Voting -Tabled.

Use of registrar facsimile signature stamp - Passed

Election Calendar

Registrar Wright asks for status of request to school committee to add district policy regarding use of poll location. Clerk Foote will contact Chair. Registrars would like a decision to be made before nomination paper release date.

Equipment Update

Discussed the high speed tabulator rental/purchase options to address processing concerns and poll worker burn out. Information sent to Mayor for review and decision. Seeking equipment for local election in November. Spurred request of Registrar Alverson to hold table top exercise drill for power outage/change of location. She will contact Emergency Management Director Alpert to discuss.

Items not reasonably anticipated at the time of posting

Motion To: To allow the use of a facsimile stamp containing Board of Registrars signatures as needed by elections officials

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Francis X. Wright Jr.
SECONDER:	Brigid Alverson
AYES:	Brigid Alverson, Francis X. Wright Jr., Kristin Foote

Motion To: Lay on the Table

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion: Table In-Person Early Voting

By: Registrar Wright, Second: Clerk Foote - motion carried.

Review of Votes Act requirement that 50% or greater Registrars must vote to approve in-person early voting. Registrar Wright requests data on early in-person statistics for the last municipal election. Advised there was no allowance for in-person in 2019. Clerk Foote will research and provide figures for the next meeting.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Francis X. Wright Jr.
SECONDER: Kristin Foote, City Clerk
AYES: Brigid Alverson, Francis X. Wright Jr., Kristin Foote

V. Adjournment

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion: Adjourn

By: Registrar Wright, Second: Clerk Foote - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Francis X. Wright Jr.
SECONDER: Kristin Foote, City Clerk
AYES: Brigid Alverson, Francis X. Wright Jr., Kristin Foote