



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Registrars of Voters

*Jean T. Voltaire, Chairperson
Kathleen A. Young
Andrew D. Zamagni
Carol Ann Desiderio, Clerk*

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

5:00 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 108
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Chair Voltaire called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Also in attendance were Elections Administrator Dinah Fajardo, Bilingual Elections Coordinator Anna Tse, Acting City Solicitor Alicia McNeil, various members of the public.

Present 4 - Board Member Andrew D. Zamagni, Chairperson Jean T. Voltaire, Board Member Kathleen A. Young, and Carol Ann Desiderio

Business

The Board will meet in open session with their designated translator, Bilingual Elections Coordinator Anna Tse, for a presentation of the first eight transliterated names in preparation of the 2023 Municipal Election cycle for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of Chapter 282 of the Acts of 2022.

The proposed list of candidates' names include Gary Christenson, Karen Colon-Hayes, Joseph S. Gray, Ryan J. O'Malley, Sharyn Rose-Zeiberg, Jadeane M. Sica, Ari Taylor, Stephen Patrick Winslow.

The meeting opened with the clerk handing out copies of the presentation of the first eight names transliterated by Anna Tse. This handout is attached for Paper 276-23. Ms. Tse gave a brief explanation of how she went about transliterating each name, their meanings, and their pronunciations. She offered two options for each name, one that was based more along the lines of the sounding out of the name and the other that was based on the meaning of the name.

It was discussed whether the Board should take the liberty to decide between the two options or if they would vote to approve both names and allow the candidate to choose the one they preferred during their seven day approval period, which will begin on the morning of June 28 and stay open until July 5.

As some candidates took advantage of their right to submit their already transliterated names to the Board for review and approval, it was decided that all candidates should be given the same fair option of picking the name they would prefer to use in public. The clerk is tasked with notifying each of the eight candidates, in writing via email, on the morning of June 28 of their choices, to work with each of them for further understanding of the name, and to answer any questions they may have.

A motion was made by Andrew Zamagni to approve the transliterations as presented and

notify respective candidates, seconded by Kathleen Young, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Other Business

Time permitting, the Board may allow for a question and answer period from the public.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Young, seconded by Board Member Zamagni, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM.