

Election Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2024 @ 6:30pm

City Hall Room 211 & Virtual

Present: Commissioners Jan Huffman (Chair), Marjorie Ann Butler, Nancy Levine, John Doyle - Elections Supervisor

Counting of Overseas Ballots and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots and Certification of the November 5, 2024 State Election: By law, all ballots that are sent from overseas, postmarked by the 5th, and received by the 15th, are to be counted in front of the Commission. Federal Write-In Absentees are also counted. John counted a total of nine (9) ballots. After tallying, the Commission took a five minute recess so that John could go to the office and update the official totals with those ballots. The Commissioners reviewed the official results of the Election and signed the results to indicate that they certify the results. All results can be found on the City of Newton Website on the Elections page under "Election Results".

Recommendation of a date for the Special Election for the Vacant Ward 7 School Committee seat: Due to School Committee Member Amy Davenport resigning from the Newton School Committee, there will be a Special Election in 2025. Due to the Election calendar and the requirements that must be met, the ideal month for this Election would be March 2025. The dates considered were March 11th, 18th, and the 25th. The commission recommended March 18th from 7a-8p as the date and time with a vote of 4-0.

Recommendation of Early In-Person Dates and Times: The commission voted 4-0 to recommend that the Early In Person voting dates and times be March 7th, 2025 from 8:30a-5:00p, and Saturday March 8th, 2025 from 11:00a-5:00pm.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

Recording of Meeting:

https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/rec/share/T26KSFEYGbzR3ltS4z-xSMwXgQXW_L2SzJ53_9FoodXt9zM0-eUnVXW5zdB0G_af.0llomC28VRr_m91m?startTime=1731972607000