



Board for Registration of Voters

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 6:00 PM,
MEETING MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members in attendance: Alison Harte, Kevin Lewis, Miriam Stoll, Colleen Montgomery, Karen Rowell, Lesley Gendron, Annie Schneider, Lauren Ebersol, Jeanne Keller, Adam Franz, Youth Member Will Cunningham

Also in attendance: Sarah Montgomery, Assistant City Clerk

Absent: Janet Stambolian, Michelle Lefkowitz

2. Agenda

Jeanne Keller made a motion to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Colleen Montgomery. Passed unanimously.

3. Announcements

No announcements.

4. Meeting Length

The meeting was set to end at 7:00.

5. Adopt Minutes

Colleen Montgomery made a motion to adopt the minutes. Seconded by Karen Rowell. Passed unanimously.

6. Public Forum

No members of the public present.

7. Clerk's Report

Sarah Montgomery reported that there are currently 29,665 registered voters in Burlington. Out of this total number, 6,284 are currently challenged. In July, 192 new voters registered in Burlington, 144 were transferred out of Burlington into other VT towns, and 36 voters were removed from Burlington's checklist. For the upcoming state election: The Clerk's office has received 1,035 voted ballots back, and has issued an additional 915 that have not yet been returned by the voters. There are currently 3 returned ballots with a defective status. Sarah reported that these numbers are comparable to the numbers from the 2024 State Primary Election.

Sarah Montgomery reported that she checked with the city attorney's office about a potential conflict of interest due to a BRV member being on the ballot for state rep. She shared that, since the office the BRV member is running for is uncontested, there are no legal restrictions to him working the election. However to avoid a perceived conflict of interest, the attorneys agreed it would be best practice to have him work outside of the district where he is running.

Sarah Montgomery also explained that no action is needed when voters have submitted a voted absentee ballot, but have a NVS (non-verified social security number) or NVD (non-verified driver's license number) listed on the checklist. The election officials should accept these voted ballots. There was some confusion about this at the last election.

Lesley Gendron asked how many voters currently have a VNP (verification not provided) status, which would be the only reason a voter would be asked to present an ID. Sarah Montgomery answered that there is only 1 voter with that status.

8. State Primary Election Prep

Lauren Ebersol reminded everyone about the pre-election training happening on 8/5 at City Hall from 5pm – 7pm.

Adam Franz asked if there are any differences between this election and Town Meeting Day. Lauren Ebersol noted the state districts, and that sometimes voters are sent to the BRV because they were in the wrong district line, so it is important to verify that.

Lauren Ebersol encouraged folks who are unable to attend the training to review the materials in advance and reach out to her or Lesley with any questions.

Lauren Ebersol shared the full schedule for election day, which included the members and volunteers.

Lesley Gendron reminded members about the tally sheets that will be included in their supplies, which record each type of help that is given. This data could help plan for staffing.

9. New Business

Miriam Stoll shared that she and Colleen did voter registration tabling at the library, and discussed other outreach the board could do. She suggested the board submit columns to the North Ave News with general voting information. Other boards publish columns like this in this paper. She suggested two members work

together on the first submission. Lesley Gendron agreed that it would be nice to do for the 2 months leading up to each election, since every month might be too often. Jeanne Keller agreed that it would be a great way to communicate about different issues with voters. Miriam Stoll will circle back with the folks at North Ave News, and bring back more information to the September meeting.

Colleen Montgomery said that the tabling at the library was wonderful. They registered two voters, but talked to many more. She suggested that it be done regularly, but not always on the same day/time so they could gauge when it is the busiest. Miriam Stoll noted that other good locations could be the North End library branch and the YMCA. She also suggested tabling on Church Street during events, such as the sidewalk sale. Jeanne Keller also suggested partnering with the Red Cross during a blood drive.

10. Adjournment

Kevin Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alison Harte. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:35.
