



Board for Registration of Voters

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 6:00 PM,

Police Department Community Room, 1 North Ave, Burlington, VT, 05401 OR remotely via Zoom.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Members in Attendance: Jeanne Keller, Lauren Ebersol, Michelle Lefkowitz, Alison Harte, Annie Schneider, Kevin Lewis, Colleen Montgomery, Karen Rowell, Miriam Stoll, Lesley Gendron, Janet Stambolian, and Youth Member Will Cunningham.

Members Absent: Adam Franz

Also present: Sarah Montgomery, Assistant City Clerk

2. Agenda

Kevin Lewis made a motion to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Alison Harte. Passed unanimously.

3. Announcements

Miriam shared that she learned that voters can respond to challenges online through their voter portal.

Alison & Miriam said they registered a few voters at the YMCA. Karen Rowell said she registered some folks at a Republican event at the library. Colleen also tabled at the YMCA on a different date where she spoke to people about voting, but did not register anyone new.

Miriam shared that the BRV's 1st article was published in the North Ave News. She said that there is a space for the board to publish another article prior to the election. Miriam will coordinate with members for content prior to the 10/15 deadline.

Will Cunningham said he is hosting a naturalization ceremony at his school (Rice) on 10/15, where 34 individuals are being naturalized. He asked board members to attend to help register people to vote after the ceremony.

4. Meeting Length

The meeting was set to end at 7:00pm.

5. Adopt Minutes

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

6. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

7. Clerk's Report

Sarah Montgomery reported that there are currently 29,924 registered voters in Burlington. Out of that total number, 5,952 are challenged. In September, 212 voters newly registered in Burlington, 139 were transferred to other VT towns, and 45 were removed from the checklist.

For the upcoming General Election, Sarah reported that ballots were mailed to all active registered voters, which equaled to roughly 23,500 ballots issued. To date, 285 ballots have been received back voted.

Sarah shared that the Ward 4 polling place is moving from the Elk's Lodge to Burlington High School.

8. General Election Prep

Lauren Ebersol said that there will be a BRV training on Thursday, 10/29 at 5:30pm – 7:00pm in the 1st floor conference room in City Hall.

Lauren Ebersol asked if any members were unavailable to work on Election Day. Members shared their preferences for where they would like to work and all said they are available to work the full day. Lesley Gendron noted that if there is enough coverage, a floater could also be scheduled to give people breaks during the day. Lauren or Alison will send out the schedule to the board via email once it is finalized. Karen Rowell has some volunteers she will send to Alison. Lauren Ebersol asked other members to also share names if they have anyone they know who is interested in working. Alison will share the volunteer spreadsheet with all board members.

Lauren Ebersol noted that the city email now requires additional authentication using an app – members should try to log in to VEMS soon to see if they have any issues.

Alison Harte asked about the data collected about how many voters BRV members helped during the August election. Lesley Gendron shared the data showing which wards were busier – with ward 2 having seen the highest volume. Annie Schneider noted that since there were contested races in certain wards, that likely affected turnout, which will be different in the General Election. Lesley Gendron will work to normalize the data to reflect the amount of ballots cast in each ward.

Miriam Stoll asked if we ever look at voter participation numbers per ward in order to do targeted outreach. Lesley Gendron shared that she had run the numbers previously, and while she thinks it is too late to do anything with that data prior to the General Election, she agrees it would be beneficial to revisit it prior to the Annual City Election.

Will Cunningham suggested doing some additional training about registering voters who are experiencing homelessness.

Miriam Stoll asked what happens if a voter does not bring their ballot to the polling place. Sarah Montgomery said the voter would just need to sign an affidavit before being issued a new ballot.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Adjournment

Kevin Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.
