



Northampton Board of Registrars

Meeting Agenda Date: March 12, 2026 12 Noon

Via Zoom

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1. Meeting Called To Order

The meeting of the Board of Registrars is held on line via Zoom and is open to the public. The meeting is video and audio recorded.. All votes of the committee will be taken via roll call vote.

2. Review Meeting Minutes From The Previous Meeting

2.I. Approve Minutes Of December 11, 2025 & February 12, 2026

Documents:

[2025 12-11 MINUTES - BOR.PDF](#)

[2026 02-12 MINUTES - BOR.PDF](#)

3. Monthly Topics Based On State Calendar

January Annual Street Listing, Additional Inserts

February: Annual Street List Status Update

March: Annual Street List Status, Second Mailing for Non-respondents

April: Inactive Voter Status & Outreach

May: TBD

June: Plans for Vote By Mail Applications

July: TBD

August Early Voting Plans, Accessible Vote System (Omniballot), Election Warrant and other Election items

September: State Primary Election Wrap-Up

October: , Early Voting Plans, Plans to Count Overseas Ballots After Election, Election Warrant and other Election items

November: Approval for Additinal Inserts for Annual Street List Mailing

December: State Election Wrap-Up

4. ROV Statistics

5. New Business

6. Adjourn

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12/11/2025 - Minutes

1. Meeting Called To Order

At 12:06pm Clerk Powers called the meeting to order. Present were Registrars Boulrice and Tarantino along with the Clerk. Registrar Stuart was absent. Clerk Powers announced that the meeting was being video and audio recorded. All votes will be taken as a roll call vote.

2. Election Update

All Election closeout procedures for the November 4, 2025 election have been completed, including certifying the election. All voted ballots are stored for a minimum of 22 months. Clerk Powers will call for a shred truck once the hold period is over for securing blank ballots. The required process for notifying election winners by mail is complete. The inauguration will be January 5th at 10 am at the Northampton Senior Center when newly elected and reelected officials are sworn in. Anat Weisenfreund is the exception; by charter, an appointed candidate is sworn in immediately when filling a vacated position. The Mayor's Office is handling the arrangements for the inauguration.

3. Review Meeting Minutes From The Previous Meeting

Registrar Boulrice moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2025; Registrar Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 Yes (Tarantino, Boulrice, Powers), 0 No, 1 absent (Stuart).

3.I. Minutes Of 9/11/2025

(see above)

4. Annual Street List Plans

The annual street list is on track for a mid-January send out by our vendor. Three items will be included; annual appeal envelope for NEF; annual appeal envelope for Dollars for Scholars; and a public service insert from Community First Partnership about a grant available to residents. The three envelopes will meet the first class postage limits. There will be over 15,000 envelopes mailed.

Approx. 9,000 out of 24,857 people in Northampton have a census year prior to 2025, meaning that they have not voted, nor have they responded to the annual street list sent out in early 2025. Other ways to update census year are to sign a petition or add or update a driver's license or conduct a transaction at a partnership agency (DTA, for example). (Note: the city census population amounts are always lower than the Federal Census amounts collected every 10 years. This is because the city only uses a mail out response method versus the US Census which uses mail out response method **plus** door-to-door canvassing for non-responders).

4.I. Annual Appeal For Mailer Inserts...

See above

5. ROV Statistics

Clerk Powers will provide a breakdown of the details of a complete extract from the state database for the next meeting.

On Jan 12, 2026, the state will be rolling out a new system for collecting information about voters and

residents. Users are being trained in early 2026. One of the new features promised by the state is that when an agency transaction is completed, and there are no changes to the information, then the Clerk's Office will not need to perform any actions to accept the record.

6. New Business

Next Meeting: rescheduled to January 15, 2026 @ 12noon

7. Adjourn

Registrar Tarantino moved to adjourn the meeting @ 12:50 pm Registrar Boulrice seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 Yes (Boulrice, Tarantino, Powers); 0 No; 1 Absent (Stuart).



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February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

At 12:16 pm the February 12, 2026 meeting of the Northampton Board of Registrars was called to order. Present at the meeting were Registrars Joseph Tarantino and Mary Lou Stuart. Clerk Pamela Powers was also present. The meeting was held via zoom and was video and audio recorded. All votes were taken via roll call vote.

Street Listing Distribution Plans

The Northampton Board of Registrars discussed the upcoming annual street listing distribution, which will include over 15,000 envelopes and involve using senior work-off staff to help open and pre-sort envelopes. Clerk Powers explained that the street listings were delayed due to a check payment delay from Central Services, but the printer has now received the check and work is underway. The board agreed to postpone voting on the January meeting minutes until the March meeting, and Clerk Powers outlined the process for handling voter registration changes, noting that only signed forms can make party changes while other minor updates can be made without signatures.

Registrar Stuart asked about updates to the Voter Registration System when a person passes away. Clerk Powers explained the process for verifying deaths of voters, noting that proof is required for out-of-state deaths but is systematically available for those who die in Northampton or Massachusetts. She mentioned that the city clerk's office provides monthly lists of deceased residents. Clerk Powers also discussed the transition back to the old voter registration system after issues with a new system introduced in January, which had promised improvements but was plagued by glitches. She expressed uncertainty about the future of the new system but noted that it would likely be reintroduced during a period without elections. Clerk Powers concluded by mentioning the increasing requests for early voting and mail ballots, emphasizing the need to manage these requests efficiently to avoid duplication.

Election Updates and Meeting Schedule

Clerk Powers announced the upcoming state primary election on September 1st and general election on November 3rd. She confirmed the next meeting will be held on March 12th at 12 noon using the same Zoom link, and noted that reminder notifications may need to be adjusted as some participants did not receive them. Registrar Stuart reported difficulties accessing the meeting at the scheduled time, but was able to join after calling in.

ADJOURN: At 12:26 PM Registrar Stuart motioned to adjourn the meeting; Registrar Tarantino seconded the motion. the motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 Yes (Stuart, Tarantino, Powers), 0 No, 1 Absent (Registrar Boulrice).

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2026 @ 12 noon. Committee members may use the same link for that meeting.