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Members: Robert Boulrice, Mary Lou Stuart, Joseph Tarantino, Pamela L. Powers

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.