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NOTICE

Board of Elections

Board of Election Commissioners

Thursday, July 22, 2021

5:00 P.M.

The Atrium

Government Center

AGENDA

1. Citizen Input
2. Nominate Chairperson & Clerk, Board of Elections
3. Updates of 2021 City of Fall River Census
4. 2021 Confirmation Card mailing
5. City Elections - September 21, 2021 & November 2, 2021
6. Minutes from meeting held on October 20, 2020

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CITY OF FALL RIVER
2021 – POLITICAL CALENDAR

(150 SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR CITY COUNCIL, SCHOOL COMMITTEE)
(300 SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR MAYOR)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
April 27	“NOMINATION PAPERS” are available from the Office of the Board of Election Commissioners for the offices of Mayor, City Council and School Committee. Each candidate must file with this office, before obtaining nomination papers, a signed statement containing the person’s name and address and the office for which the person intends to be a candidate. Anyone other than a candidate must also present the signed candidate’s authorization before securing papers in the candidate’s behalf. Each candidate can be issued only thirty eight (38) pages for Mayor and nineteen (19) pages for City Council, School Committee. (City Charter Section 7-2)
July 21 5:00 PM	Last day and hour for OBTAINING Nomination Papers.
July 23 5:00 PM	Last day and hour for SUBMITTING Nomination Papers for Certification with the Election Commissioners.
August 6 5:00 PM	Last day and hour for FILING Certified Nomination Papers with the City Clerk.
August 9 5:00 PM	Last day and hour for FILING withdrawals and/or objections of Nomination Papers with the Election Commissioners.
September 1 8:00 PM	Last day and hour for Registration of Voters for the Preliminary City Election at Government Center, Room 636.
September 13 5:00 PM	Last day and hour for ALL Candidates and Political Committees to FILE campaign finance reports.
September 14	Post Warrant for City Preliminary.
September 15 5:00 PM	Last day and hour for FILING Absentee Ballot by mail applications for the City Preliminary Election with the Election Office.
September 20 12:00PM	Last day and hour for Absentee vote in person.
September 21	CITY PRELIMINARY ELECTION – POLLS OPEN FROM 7AM TO 8 PM

2021 Political Calendar (cont.)

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- September 27
5:00 PM Last day and hour to FILE Recount Petitions, withdrawals of/or objections to nominations made at the Preliminary Election and for filing written acceptances by write-ins or sticker candidates who won a Preliminary with the Election Commissioners.
- OCTOBER 13
8:00 PM Last day and hour for Registration of Voters for the City Election at Government Center, Room 636.
- October 25
5:00 PM Last day and hour for ALL Candidates and Political Committees to FILE campaign finance reports.
- October 26
Post Warrant for City Election.
- October 27
5:00 PM Last day and hour for FILING Absentee ballot applications for mail in ballots for the City Election with the Election Office.
- November 1
12:00 PM Last day and hour for absentee voting in person.
- November 2**
CITY ELECTION – POLLS OPEN FROM 7AM TO 8 PM
- November 12
5:00 PM Last day and hour to FILE Recount Petitions.
- January 20, 2022
5:00 PM Last day and hour for ALL Candidates and Political Committees to FILE Campaign Finance reports.

Fall River Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
October 8, 2020
Government Center

Attendance: Kelly Souza-Young (Chair), Timothy Campos (Commissioner), David Dennis (Commissioner), Manny Leite (Commissioner)

- Ms. Souza-Young read the Open Meeting Law disclaimer.
- Citizens Input: None
- Ms. Souza-Young gave the results from the State Primary. There were 51,396 total votes and 12,299 ballots cast. Voter turnout was at 25%, more than doubling the election in 2018 (11%). The State Primary in 2016 had a 4.6% voter turnout.
- Ms. Souza-Young provided a forecast of the November election. There are 12,000 applications currently being processed.
- Fall River Elections were award a \$52,000 grant from *Tech & Civic Life*. Grant funds were used to purchase backup voting machines and bins.
- Ms. Souza-Young spoke on questions the citizens of Fall River are inquiring about. Examples: Wanting to know if they are registered, where do they vote, where ballots can be dropped off, will polls be open on election day.
- Early voting begins on October 17 at 8 am and lasts until October 30. The early voting schedule is available on the city's website.
- Commissioner Dennis thanked Ms. Souza-Young and the staff & volunteers in the Election Office. Their hard work is commendable.
- Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dennis; Seconded by Mr. Leite.

Meeting Adjourned