

**Board of Registrars**

Lucia Foley  
April Bellafiore  
Karl Grochowalski  
Sara B. Gmeiner, Town Clerk

**Board of Registrars Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 3:15pm**  
Town Clerk's Office, M11, 116 Main Street, South Hadley, MA 01075

Present: Lucia Foley, Sarah Gmeiner, Karl Grochowalski

Absent: April Bellafiore

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion made by Lucia and seconded by Sarah to approve meeting minutes as edited for November 17, 2022; December 8, 2022; and January 12, 2023 was approved unanimously.

**Old Business**Election updates:

Openings still remain for some Town offices on the ballot in the April 11, 2023 Town Election. As of February 9, the Town Clerk's office has received 649 requests for mail-in ballots.

Sarah reported that the Massachusetts OCPF (Office of Campaign and Political Finance) has provided guidance the Board of Registrars is not charged with voter education and as an elected committee cannot produce its own videos.

**New Business**Voter history research project:

Following an inquiry from a town resident to the Town Clerk about state and local voting data history, it was found that some South Hadley voting data from the 2020 general election was not reflected in state records.

Staff in the Town Clerk's office reviewed and went through the local records from 2020 and confirmed that all votes were counted at the local level and accurately recorded in the election results.

Some local voter data from the 2020 general election didn't match the state voter history archive, however, possibly as a result of a new local equipment implementation at that time which required an additional entry step for some early votes to also capture them in the state's data.

The Town Clerk's office has now reviewed and updated records from the 2020 general election and the Massachusetts Secretary of State's office has been providing assistance to ensure that all records are accurately reflected in the state's voter history, including South Hadley's voter turnout percentage.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 3:15pm