

**City of Easthampton**  
**Ranked Choice Voting Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 20, 2021**

**Members Present:** Councilors Owen Zaret and Tom Peake, City Clerk Barbara LaBombard, Chris Korczak, and Sara Amoroso

**Others Present:**

**Approval of minutes not previously approved:** On motion made by Sara Amoroso and seconded Barb LaBobard by it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of January 21, 2021.

On motion made by Councilor Peake and seconded Sara Amoroso by it was voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of April 15, 2021 (Councilor Zaret abstained).

**New Business:**

Committee received feedback from city solicitor. Most changes were minor wording, phrasing, and formatting changes which did not require any deliberation.

In addition to a number of stylistic edits, the committee discussed several questions from the solicitor, including:

What specifically can the public do during the adjudication process (the process should be open to observation).

In the case of a panel, does a vote need to be unanimous or a majority (majority) or if a panel never accepts a ballot (they have to keep working until it passes).

A request to add more clarity to the section pertaining to write-in resolution (referenced the applicable state law)

On motion made by Councilor Zaret and seconded by Sara Amoroso, it was unanimously voted to accept the amendments and to send the measure back to the solicitor for further review.

The Committee's next meeting was set for June 17<sup>th</sup>.

On motion made by Sara Amoroso and seconded Councilor Peake by it was unanimously voted to adjourn.