



**City Council**  
**General Government**  
**Subcommittee**

36 Court Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
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**Justin Hurst (Chair)**

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**April 21, 2026**

**4:30 PM**

**City Hall - Room 200**

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**Roll Call**

**In-Person:**

Councilor Hurst  
Councilor Martin  
The Reminder (Press)

**Zoom:**

Erica Cruz (Constituent)  
Linda O'Connell (Constituent)  
Tracy Carpenter (Constituent)  
Councilor Click-Bruce  
Councilor Victor Davila  
Council President Whitfield

| <b>Attendee Name</b> | <b>Title</b>            | <b>Status</b> | <b>Arrived</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Brian Santaniello    | City Councilor At Large | Excused       |                |
| Gerry Martin         | City Councilor — Ward 7 | Present       |                |
| Maria Perez          | City Councilor — Ward 1 | Excused       |                |
| Malo Brown           | City Councilor — Ward 4 | Excused       |                |
| Zaida Govan          | City Councilor — Ward 8 | Excused       |                |
| Kateri Walsh         | City Councilor At Large | Excused       |                |
| Justin Hurst         | City Councilor At Large | Present       |                |
| Victor Davila        | City Councilor — Ward 6 | Virtual       |                |
| Michael Fenton       | City Councilor — Ward 2 | Excused       |                |

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| Jose Delgado      | City Councilor At Large | Excused |  |
| Lavar Click-Bruce | City Councilor — Ward 5 | Virtual |  |
| Melvin Edwards    | City Councilor — Ward 3 | Excused |  |
| Tracye Whitfield  | City Councilor At Large | Virtual |  |

### **Call To Order**

4:30 PM Meeting called to order on April 21, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

### **Public Portion**

1. Follow up on voting concerns with the 2025 elections.

### **Minutes:**

The General Government Committee met on April 21, 2026, chaired by Councilor Justin Hurst, and convened at 4:35 PM. The Chair referenced a difference between the election night results of 12,623 votes reported in 73 of 73 precincts and a later total of 13,100 votes, and requested an explanation of the reporting process.

Gladys Oyola-Lopez, Election Commissioner, stated that election outcomes were not affected and that election night results are unofficial. Chelsea Parmentier, Deputy Election Commissioner, described the process in which poll workers generate signed paper tapes and USB data, police transport materials, and staff upload results into an air-gapped Election Reporting Manager system, verify results against paper records, and post batch updates to a public website that displays periodic snapshots rather than live totals. Officials stated that an IT error caused the website to display 73 of 73 precincts reporting, despite incomplete uploads, and that the page was not refreshed during the reporting period. Gladys Oyola-Lopez stated the issue was identified following an external inquiry and confirmed that no formal notification was issued to candidates or the public when updated figures were posted.

Councilor Tracye Whitfield raised questions regarding notification procedures and stated she became aware of the issue through informal communication. Gladys Oyola-Lopez stated that broader notification could have been issued. Councilor Victor Davila referenced recount procedures and stated that candidates have 10 days after the election to request a recount, regardless of the margin, and noted that there is no evidence of impropriety.

Chelsea Parmentier stated that some precinct results were uploaded later in the reporting process, contributing to incomplete early totals. The Chair referenced an additional variation of approximately 17 votes beyond the primary reporting difference. Gladys Oyola-Lopez attributed

this to provisional ballots and standard post-election processing.

Tracy Carpenter raised questions regarding public communication and voter confidence. Gladys Oyola-Lopez stated that all votes had been counted and that the issue concerned reporting display timing rather than vote tabulation. Officials stated that coordination with the Secretary of State's office is ongoing regarding potential process updates, including disclaimers that election night results are unofficial, structured reporting intervals, and system safeguards. Councilor Whitfield requested that recommendations be shared with the Council and public, and Gladys Oyola-Lopez agreed.

The meeting concluded with acknowledgment that vote tabulation was unchanged, that election outcomes were unaffected, and that further meetings would address additional election topics. A motion to adjourn was approved.

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