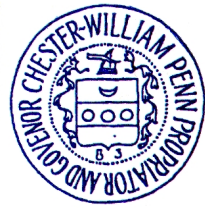




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BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

June 6, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Board of Elections was called to order at 9:02 AM on Monday, June 6, 2022 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by the Chair of the Board of Elections, Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Marian Moskowitz and Commissioner Michelle Kichline were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Board of Elections Meeting minutes from the last meeting on May 13, 2022. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2022 Board of Elections Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Amanda Prince, Sandra Bowman, Stephanie O'Brien, Bobbie Surrick, Steve Laret, Barbara Campbell, Stephanie Laret, Darren Tucker, Gary Heasley, Theresa Callahan, Marianne Essell, MaryJane Zimmerman, Barbara Lani, Karen Lampe, and Bill Borton expressed their concern over election security and the pending certification of the results from the May 17, 2022 Primary Election.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Rogers Howard, Judge of Elections for East Marlborough Township, recounted an example of potential fraud from his precinct and asked the Board for an update on the matter. An update was provided during the Voter Services Director Report.

Molly Wood and Peg O'Malley expressed their support of current election procedures and their confidence in the accuracy of the results from the May 17, 2022 Primary Election.

There was no further public comment on agenda items.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Maxwell. Commissioner Kichline made a motion to amend the agenda so that the Director of Voter Services would be permitted to give her report before the Board voted on resolution matters. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion to amend. All were in favor and the motion carried to amend the agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The underlying motion carried to adopt the June 6, 2022 Board of Elections Meeting agenda as amended.

5. VOTER SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Karen Barsoum, Director of the Chester County Voter Services Department, reported several updates for her department. She noted that for the May 17, 2022 Primary Election, over 89,000 Chester County residents voted in person, and over 34,000 residents voted by mail-in or absentee ballot. The election has also been fully reconciled, at the precinct level.

Director Barsoum addressed the potential voter fraud report from East Marlborough Township and explained that the matter has been referred to the Chester County District Attorney’s Office for further investigation. She also addressed an incident with the Avon Grove Library ballot drop box on May 15, 2022 and that following a thorough investigation, the drop box had not been tampered with and the ballots collected were counted.

Director Barsoum outlined many of the procedures that were updated for the Primary Election to help the process run more efficiently.

Director Barsoum reminded the public that questions and concerns can be directed to the department’s phone line - 610.344.6410 – or email – ccelections@chesco.org.

6. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution 38-22

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve Resolution 38-22 certifying certain official results of the computation of the May 17, 2022 Primary Election. The certification includes all races except the Republican Primary for United States Senator. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution 38-22.

b. Resolution 39-22

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve Resolution 39-22 certifying the results of the recount and recanvass of the Republican Primary for United States Senator race from the May 17, 2022 Primary Election as ordered by Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth’s Department of State, Leigh M. Chapman. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution 39-22.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Rogers Howard asked the room to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of the anniversary of D-Day.

Amanda Prince, Sandra Bowman, Gary Heasley, Steve Laret, Alberta Trafficante, Stephanie O’Brien, Steven Brown, Mary Bellemy, Bill Borton, Mike Winterode, Ada Nestor, and Dave Schumaker expressed concern over current election processes and expressed their support for an audit of previous elections.

**VOTER SERVICES
DIRECTOR REPORT**

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Lani Frank, Molly Wood, Peg O'Malley, and Tom Buglio expressed their support of and confidence in the current election procedures.

There was no further public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Kichline. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.

ADJOURNMENT



Taken by Taylor Pettit

On behalf of Chief Clerk Robert J. Kagel