

**POST-ELECTION MEETING OF THE
DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
June 1, 2023**

Present:

Ashley Lunkenheimer, Chair, Delaware County Board of Elections
John P. McBlain, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections
Scott Alberts, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections
Jim Allen, Director of Elections
Manly Parks, Solicitor
Laureen Hagan, Chief Clerk Bureau of Elections
Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration
Lisa Jackson, Campaign Finance
Public Comment:
Joy Schwartz
Paul Rumley
Caris Coker
Donna Cantor
Michael Straw
Mary Jo Headley
Frank Catania

Ms. Lunkenheimer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment. Ms. Schwartz commented on a request to view election envelopes. Mr. Rumley commented on request to count the envelopes and other issues. Ms. Coker commented on a variety of issues. Ms. Cantor praised that elections and other items have improved. Mr. Straw commented on the provisional-ballot process.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen spoke on the many improvements and the dedication of the staff. For the first time, all precinct returns were reported on Election Night; poll-worker drop-offs went more smoothly than ever, with most being able to get in and out of the drop-off site within 15 minutes or less; and poll-worker paychecks were processed and mailed the week of Memorial Day. Mr. Allen expressed gratitude for the assistance provided by various Elections divisions, and other County departments, including Park Police, Sheriff's Department, Facilities, Emergency Services, the Controller's Office, Personnel and the County Executive.

Mr. Allen requested Ms. Headley speak on behalf of the Return Board. Ms. Headley stated that members of Return Board completed their statutory reviews, and did not detect fraud or errors that should prevent the certification of the election.

Certification of Results of the May 16, 2023 Primary Election and the Special Elections in the 163rd State House District and 4th Ward Radnor Township Commissioner: Mrs. Hagan presented the board with the various reports that will make up the complete official election

results. Mrs. Hagan also discussed two ties and how that would be settled and determined. Mr. Parks commented on the appropriateness to certify with ties having occurred. Chester County write-in cumulations were discussed. Mr. Alberts moved to certify the statewide elections. Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Mr. Alberts moved to certify the computation of votes of Delaware County. Mr. McBlain seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Mrs. Hagan read the report on write-ins for each office and, where needed, if there was a cumulation. Mr. Alberts moved to accumulate those write-in votes from candidates who sought cumulation and qualified for cumulation. Mr. McBlain seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Mr. McBlain moved to decline the write-ins for those read that did not receive the minimum number of write-ins needed to win the primary. Mr. Alberts seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. McBlain moved to certify the tabulation of the irregular ballots as presented by Ms. Hagan with the provision to exclude the two candidates in Chester City who did not receive adequate write-ins. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

The Election Director sought a resolution from the Board to pursue precinct consolidations where voter registrations allow and pursue the acquisition and implementation of Electronic Poll Books. Mr. Allen spoke of long-standing goals to streamline operations through consolidations of smaller precincts in targeted areas, which also would help offset the cost of purchasing electronic poll books. These two steps would simplify and accelerate voter check-ins at all precincts, whether large or small, and especially at larger polling sites that host multiple precincts. Mr. Allen also spoke of the need for Electronic Poll Books to improve voter assistance and the ability to provide more timely and thorough voter history before the election is certified. The various benefits of Electronic Poll Books include being able to redirect voters who might arrive at the wrong location, provide poll workers with clear and consistent instructions for every voter situation, and provide poll watchers with more transparency through the ability to print lists of voters who had cast ballots that day. Board members commented about the dual goals of consolidating precincts and acquiring Electronic Poll Books. Mr. Alberts noted that in certain years, some precincts that were drawn nearly a century ago lacked even the minimum legally required number of voters, which, in turn, makes it difficult to recruit adequate poll workers. At the same time, Mr. McBlain emphasized that he wanted there to be clear and consistent guidelines for any precinct consolidations. Mr. Alberts made a motion to authorize the Elections staff to proceed with the dual goals of consolidating precincts and working to acquire electronic pollbooks Mr. McBlain seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Next meeting date was discussed and is tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned.