



BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Monday, June 7, 2021, 1:00 P.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Elections was convened at 1:07 PM by Chair of the Board, Commissioner Steven Dershem.

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator Margaret Gray, Voter Registration Coordinator Latisha Stefanko, and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

Guests present included Betsy Dupuis, Guest, Phyllis Austin, Jennifer Dellantonio, Michelle Schelberg, and Cathy Zarillo.

Media present included Gary Sinderson.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Dellantonio, Philipsburg, Rush Township offered public comment regarding community trust and audits for the 2021 Municipal Primary Election results.

Phyllis Austin, Bellefonte offered public comment regarding community trust.

Michelle Schellberg offered public comment to apologize and correct her statement from the Tuesday, May 25 Board of Elections meeting regarding Republican ballots and voting in Potter Township. Commissioner Pipe stated an email was received from Jessica Whitford, who also wished to correct the record regarding Potter Township.

Cathy Zarillo, State College offered public comment on accountability.

III. MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the Board of Elections meetings held May 13, and May 18, 2021.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Final Certification of the May 18, 2021, Municipal Primary Election Results

Voter Registration Coordinator Latisha Stefanko presented the following items:

Final Certification – Certification stating the Board certifies the return as being true and correct.

- i. Certification of Election Returns – Certification stating the Board certifies the official returns that appear on the record of votes cast at the Municipal Primary on May 18, 2021.
- ii. Certification Affidavit – Certification stating the Board affirms the report of vote totals that are required to be sent to the State.

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to ratify items New Business items A. i-iii

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B. Update on Risk Limiting Audit 2021 Primary Election

Commissioner Pipe reported that on Wednesday, June 2, Jodi Nedd received an email about a number selected at random, by rolling of dice. The audit software ARLO produced a random sample of ballots to be examined in a Risk Limiting Audit. Centre County was not selected to participate in the Risk Limiting Audit.

Commissioner Dershem suggested that the County ask the Department of State to participate. On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to generate a letter petitioning that Centre County be included in the pilot Risk Limiting Audit for the 2021 Municipal Primary.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. The Board discussed important election dates to remember. The last day to circulate and file nomination papers is August 2.
- B. The County is still accepting applications for the vacant Director of Elections position.

VII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

A. Gary Sinderson - WJAC

- i. Is the County going to be receiving any outside money, like Zuckerberg money?
- ii. How much of the planning for November is done?

VIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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