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MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023, 9:00 A.M., PUBLIC MEETING-GOLD ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR OF
THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

BOARD MEMBERS: HONORABLE RICH FITZGERALD, CHAIR-present
HONORABLE THOMAS DUERR, MEMBER-present
HONORABLE CYNTHIA KIRK, MEMBER-present, by telephone

IN ATTENDANCE: JESSICA GAROFOLO-DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
JAMES DAVIS-DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES
DAVID VOYE – MANAGER, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
ALLAN J. OPSITNICK – ASST. COUNTY SOLICITOR

I. CALL TO ORDER –Meeting called to order by Chair Fitzgerald at 9:00 AM. Roll was taken by Mr. Opsitnick.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None, either in person or by email.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 MEETING

Moved by Member Duerr. Seconded by Member Kirk. Approved 3-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19 SPECIAL ELECTION CERTIFICATION

Moved by Member Duerr. Seconded by Member Kirk. Approved 3-0.

V. COMMENTS RE: SEPTEMBER 19 SPECIAL ELECTION

Mr. Voyer indicated that 79 voting precincts were used and were fully manned. The election ran smoothly. 5,870 mail-in/absentee ballots were requested. 4,078 of said ballots were returned. Turnout was 23.47%.

Director Garofolo discussed mail-in ballot opening and scanning which was completed by 2:20 PM. The results of mail-in/absentee votes were posted at 8:00:11 PM. In person totals posted at 9:45 PM

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting is October 24th. Mr. Davis discussed mail ballots. Mr. Voye indicated that logic and accuracy testing for the November election was to begin Wednesday, October 4th with the initial batch of ballots to be mail on October 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Member Kirk indicated a concerning disparity in the number of registered voters in various districts and shall meet with Mr. Opsitnick in the near future. Chair Fitzgerald paraphrased Member Kirk's comments regarding making precinct sizes more equal. Mr. Opsitnick indicated that he spoke to Member Kirk on Friday, September 29th and will meet again upon her return from a family visit.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM by Chairman Fitzgerald.