

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025, 3:00 PM. IN THE GOLD ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR
COURTHOUSE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219.

BOARD MEMBERS: HON. SARA INNAMORATO - CHAIR
HON. BETHANY HALLAM - MEMBER
HON. CYNTHIA KIRK - MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE: JAMES DAVIS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF ADMIN. SERVICES
DAVID VOYE - MANAGER, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CHET HARHUT - DEPUTY MANAGER, DIVISION OF ELECTION
LISA MICHEL - ASST. COUNTY SOLICITOR, LAW DEPT.

- I. CALL TO ORDER — Meeting called to order by Chair Innamorato. Roll taken by Ms. Michel. Chair Innamorato, Member Hallam, Member Kirk present.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT — Matthew Allen Van Bibber spoke about his experience observing Logic and Accuracy Testing of ballot scanning machines. He requested less distance between observers and testers and access to images from the scanners. He offered to draft a proposal of a resolution asking the BOE to change the way the testing is conducted.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9-15-2025 MEETING — Motion for approval by Member Hallam. Second by Member Kirk. Approved unanimously.
- IV. NOVEMBER 4, 2025, MUNICIPAL ELECTION PREPARATIONS — Mr. Voyer presented statistics ([full report posted here](#)) on the number of voters registered, the mail-in ballots sent and returned, the number of poll workers recruited, and the number of candidates on file. He said the numbers may change slightly as the elections division processes voter

registration applications from the state and other counties that arrived before the October 20, 2025, deadline.

Mr. Harhut described the process for curing unsigned ballots and noted that undated or incorrectly dated ballot return envelopes are being segregated so that they can be recovered if needed for legal purposes. However, undated ballots are no longer returned to voters for curing per the most recent court ruling on the matter. Ballots from those envelopes will be fully counted. Unsigned ballots or those that arrive without a security envelope are returned to their voter for completion.

Mr. Voye described the poll worker recruitment team as doing a “phenomenal job.”

Mr. Davis described the plans for satellite voting and ballot return, saying all equipment for the project has been delivered and tested with the help of the Department of Information Technology. Member Kirk questioned whether the ballot return locations would be staffed. Mr. Davis confirmed that county staff would be receiving the ballots and that the operations would be visible via closed circuit cameras linked to the elections office for the entirety of the process.

Mr. Voye described over-the-counter voting.

Member Hallam asked what notification voters receive that their ballot needs curing. Mr. Harhut described the process of notification, including email to the voters who have shared an email address with the division.

Member Hallam asked who would fill openings for poll workers that are still unfilled. Mr. Davis said that polls that were a member or two short could properly run with 3 workers (a full board is 5 members). He described the “bullpen” of county staff who are on call to sub for missing poll workers as needed.

Member Hallam, mentioning that she wanted to return to a question raised by Mr. Van Bibber, asked if processes for observing Location and Accuracy Testing had been changed in the past year in a way that restricted access. Mr. Voye said they had not.

V. NEW BUSINESS — None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT — Motion to adjourn was made by Chair Inammorato, seconded by Member Kirk, and approved unanimously.