

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026, 10:00 AM IN THE GOLD ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR COURTHOUSE,
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219

BOARD MEMBERS: HON. SARA INNAMORATO – CHAIR
HON. BETHANY HALLAM - MEMBER
HON. ALEX ROSE - MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE: JAMES DAVIS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF ADMIN. SERVICES
DAVID VOYE - MANAGER, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
MICHELE CIPCIC - OPERATIONS MGR., DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
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 Rose present.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT - Chair Innamorato granted an acceptance of a late submission of public comment by David Tessitor. Mr. Tessitor expressed concern about electronic poll books being rolled out by the state and burdens placed on individuals in “marginal populations.”
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11-24-2025 MEETING – Chair Innamorato called for a motion to approve, Member Hallam offered a motion, Member Rose seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- IV. 42nd LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION CERTIFICATION – Mr. Voyer said the election was uncomplicated and went well. About 48,000 voters in 68 precincts were eligible to vote. The Democratic candidate won overwhelmingly with a 5-to-1 ratio of votes for the winner vs. the loser. Some 12,800 ballots were cast, with 26 percent turnout, slightly higher than the last special election. Member Hallam asked how many of the 28 ballots

submitted without a secrecy envelope were cured. Mr. Voye said 13 were cured, 15 were not. Member Rose asked about 333 mail-in ballots that were uncanceled due to their delivery after election day. Mr. Voye said the bulk of those uncanceled due to lateness were received one day after the election. Chair Innamorato asked about state reimbursement for the cost of conducting special elections. Mr. Voye responded that the state pays for voting machines and for the wages of elections officers who staff the polls. The state no longer reimburses for county elections employees' time associated with conducting a special election, and reimbursement is less than in the past. Chair Innamorato called for a motion to certify the results of the 42nd district election. Member Rose offered the motion and Member Hallam seconded, and approval was unanimous.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 2026 GENERAL PRIMARY PREPARATIONS – Mr. Davis described a [resolution](#) to provide ballot return and satellite voting locations before election day and asked if the board had any amendments to the resolution. Member Hallam asked for a motion to approve the resolution and Member Rose offered a second. Member Hallam then asked for a discussion of the resolution. Member Rose offered an amendment to the resolution to include a location for satellite voting near the University of Pittsburgh. There was a discussion of the academic scheduling of students in the period of time when satellite voting for the Primary Election could be available, and the members concluded that there would be only one day when students would be likely to take advantage of such a service. There was a discussion of the cost of setting up an extra site—approximately \$3,000 per site—and whether the return on investment would justify the cost. Mr. Davis said that the question could be reconsidered for the General Election in November 2026, when academic scheduling would mean more eligible voters

would be likely to be in the area to take advantage of a University of Pittsburgh satellite voting location. Chair Innamorato asked the members to be mindful that funds spent at the Primary Election would reduce resources for the November General and noted that the Elections Division was working strategically to serve voters throughout the county. Member Rose withdrew his amendment and asked that the creation of a satellite voting location near the University of Pittsburgh be strongly considered for the General Election. Chair Innamorato called for a vote on the resolution without any amendments, Member Rose made the motion, Member Hallam seconded and approval was unanimous.

- Mr. Voye asked for input on scheduling pre-Primary meetings for the board and Member Hallam asked for two meetings before the Primary with scheduling to be determined.
- Member Hallam asked if there are contingency plans to deal with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) interference at polling places. Mr. Voye said plans for assuring unimpeded voting are in place and reported that the Pennsylvania Secretary of State had met with Homeland Security leadership and received assurance that no officers are to be deployed to polling places.
- Following up on Mr. Tessitor's public comment, Member Hallam asked about the introduction of electronic poll books. Mr. Voye described those used by other counties and said there are 4 or 5 vendors certified to supply them. He described the way such books can be used and noted that a proposal to purchase them was open in the last County Executive's term and that it was tabled in deference to the new administration that was incoming at that time.
- Member Rose expressed his thanks to the Elections for their work and Chair Innamorato echoed his comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Innamorato called for a motion to adjourn, Member Rose offered the same, Member Hallam seconded, and approval was unanimous.