

MINUTES

OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026, 11:30 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: JESSICA GAROFOLO - DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF ADMIN. SERVICES
DAVID VOYE - MANAGER, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CHET HARHUT - DEPUTY DIVISION MANAGER, 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 in person, Member Rose present via Teams.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT – No requests to make public comment were received.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 05-05-2026 MEETING – Chair Innamorato called for a motion to approve, Member Hallam offered same, Member Rose seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- IV. 2026 GENERAL PRIMARY CERTIFICATION – Mr. Voyer asked that the board certify the primary and offered a summary of results in terms of turnout and requests for, as well as returns, of mail-in ballots.
 - Turnout was 22.87%.
 - 209,272 people voted by mail and in person.
 - 111,915 voters applied to vote by mail. 87,084 of those returned a mail-in ballot, for a return rate of 77.8 %. 381 mail-in ballots were returned to voters to be “cured” of

problems that would prevent them from counting. Of that number, 247 were returned to the elections office timely.

- 1,250 provisional ballots were cast. 607 were fully counted. 252 were partially counted. 391 were rejected; 241 of those were rejected because the voters were attempting to vote in party races for which they were not registered.
- Five write-in candidates received enough votes to qualify for ballot placement as Republican candidates in the November election in races for state representative. There were a large number of county committee write-in winners: 93 in the Democratic Party and 39 in the Republican Party.
- Payments were issued by mail in the form of checks to 6,197 to poll workers.
- Winning candidates for Democratic and Republican county committee person who appeared by name on the ballot will receive certification of the results by mail in coming days. 1342 Democratic candidates and 425 Republican will receive such certification.

Member Hallam asked how long write-in candidates for county party office had to return paperwork necessary for their certification for office. Mr. Voye said the materials candidates must complete would be mailed after the board voted to certify the election and that recipients have 10 days from the date of the mailing to respond to the Elections Division. Mr. Voye said he understood from party officials that candidates could take the materials with them to any party organizational meeting that might be scheduled before the deadline for return to the Elections Division and that possession of the materials would be sufficient to qualify write-in winners to participate in any organizational or other activities of the parties.

Member Rose asked how many ballots were disqualified for arriving after the voting deadline. Mr. Harhut said he did not have an exact number, but that the total was

approaching 1,000. Mr. Voye said the number of late ballots would likely continue to grow in coming days. Mr. Harhut said five late ballots were received Friday.

Chair Innamorato asked where poll workers with payment inquiries should direct questions. Ms. Garofolo said workers should call the Elections Division, where their service could be verified and that they would then be connected to the Controller's Office to determine when payment had been sent.

Member Hallam offered thanks to the county staff who worked the primary election, complimenting their professionalism.

Chair Innamorato called for a motion to approve the certification of the 2026 primary election. Member Hallam so moved and Member Rose seconded. The vote "for" was unanimous.

V. NEW BUSINESS – None received.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Innamorato called for a motion. Member Hallam so moved, Chair Innamorato seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.