

# MINUTES

## MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, June 23, 2022, 11:00 A.M., PUBLIC MEETING-GOLD ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR OF  
THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

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**BOARD MEMBERS:** HONORABLE RICH FITZGERALD, CHAIR-present  
HONORABLE BETHANY HALLAM, MEMBER-present  
HONORABLE SAM DEMARCO, MEMBER-present

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order by Chair Fitzgerald at 11:00 AM. Roll was taken by Mr. Opsitnick. All members present, in person.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments by email. As is customary, emailed public comment is posted online with meeting minutes:

- a. William Towne;
- b. Matthew Van Bibber.

In person comments:

a. Mary Jo Costello-Mt. Lebanon. States that elections process is not always transparent and that there is a lack of trust. Discusses voter rolls, indicating that there were 6,000 more votes than voters in 2020;

b. Matthew Van Bibber, Republican Party representative at Elections Warehouse. Compiled a report, submitted by mail and addressed above. Indicated that Mr. Voye and Mr. Harhut work very hard. His concerns were shared passwords, internet usage, unofficial network contains a vpn, air gap analysis, penetration report and use of and type of usb drives;

c. Erika Rocchi Brusselars-Pittsburgh. Stated that there is little information as to when write-in votes are counted and questions as to how write-ins are counted. Mr. Voye explained the manual write-in counting process and that it is not possible to state with certainty when write-in counts will be completed.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION**

CERTIFICATION OF 2022 GENERAL PRIMARY VOTE TOTALS, INCLUDING UNDATED  
BALLOTS

Mr. Voye explained the process and what is to be certified. Member asked whether or not any races were changed with these additional votes added in. Mr. Voye indicated in the negative. Motion by Member Hallam. Seconded by Member DeMarco. Approved 3-0.

**CERTIFICATION OF 2022 PRIMARY AND COUNTY COMMITTEE WRITE-IN WINNERS**  
Member Hallam asked Mr. Voye how long do write-in winners have the opportunity to claim the office and inquired required how write-in votes are determined. Mr. Voye indicated that, while there is no statutory deadline, Elections has always used a July date as a deadline for a write-in winner to claim the office. Mr. Voye had no opinion regarding the length of time that a write-in winner, for Committee, could claim their vote. Motion by Member Hallam, seconded by Member DeMarco. Passed 3-0.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Chair Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 11:17 AM.