

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017, 10:00 A.M., IN CONFERENCE ROOM #1, FIRST FLOOR
COURTHOUSE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219.

BOARD MEMBERS: HONORABLE JOHN P. DEFAZIO, CHAIR
HONORABLE RICH FITZGERALD, MEMBER
HONORABLE SAM DEMARCO, MEMBER

All present.

IN ATTENDANCE: JERRY TYSKIEWICZ – DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES
MARK WOLOSIK – MANAGER, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
ALLAN J. OPSITNICK - ASST. COUNTY SOLICITOR, LAW DEPT.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Called to order 10:05 AM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Kate Luxemburg, Wilkesburg Borough Democratic Committee Treasurer expressed displeasure with elections result website software and felt that it was not organized in an easy to understand format and was acquired without public discussion. She inquired as to cost and purpose of acquisition.

Director Tyskiewicz discussed the download and favorites capability. Councilman DeMarco indicated that the easily downloaded primary election results. Mr. DeMarco and Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that the prior system generated numerous complaints. The current system has generated plaudits. Mr. Tyskiewicz indicated that he would have someone work with Ms. Luxemburg should she desire and further indicated that the old system shall not be returning.

B. Ron Bandes, 1531 S. Negley Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217, distributed an email from Ms. Luxemburg to Vote Allegheny regarding the above website (copy attached) and agreed with Ms. Luxemburg as to problems with new website. Inquired why Scytl was used when they are a Spanish company. Also inquired as to cost. Director Tyskiewicz was unable to comment on the cost but indicated that this format was used by Luzerne County which was satisfied with it. Allegheny County acquired it in time for rollout at the May 2017 primary.

Mr. Bandes inquired as to whether or not there were any problems on Election Day. Mr. Wolosik indicated that it was a very quiet day and there were no machine problems.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 2, 2017 meeting. Moved to approve, Mr. Fitzgerald. Seconded, Mr. DeMarco. Approved 3-0.

IV. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS - MAY 16, 2017 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY-results approved and certified 3-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS - Mr. Wolosik made the following comments:

- a. Democratic turnout 22.5%;
- b. Republican turnout 14.82%;
- c. Total turnout 17.28%;
- d. 157 provisional ballots cast
 - . 112 not counted
 - . 40 partially counted
 - . 5 fully counted;
- e. Slightly less than 4,100 absentee ballots issued;
- f. As to certain write-in races - Mr. Mullen received 1,656 Republican write-in votes for Sheriff. Mr. Satler received 1,545 votes;
- g. County Council District #1 - Mr. Betkowski received a sufficient number of write-in votes to claim the Democratic nomination;
- h. County Council District #4 - Mr. Pantzoulas received a sufficient number of write-in votes to claim the Republican nomination.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. DeMarco moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald. Passed 3-0. Adjournment at 10:30 AM.