

M I N U T E S

MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018, 10:00 A.M., IN CONFERENCE ROOM #1, FIRST FLOOR
COURTHOUSE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219.

BOARD MEMBERS: HONORABLE JOHN P. DEFAZIO, CHAIR-present
HONORABLE RICH FITZGERALD, MEMBER-present
HONORABLE SAM DEMARCO, MEMBER-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** – The meeting of the Allegheny County Board of Elections commenced at 10:00 AM. Meeting called to order by Chair DeFazio.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**- No public comment.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**-Minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting were approved. Moved by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. DeMarco. Approved 3-0.
- IV. The March 6, 2018 City Council Special Election results were certified. Moved by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. DeMarco. Approved 3-0. Mr. Wolosik commented that turnout was 15.51% and there were two provisional ballots, neither of which were counted.
- V. The March 13, 2018 Special Election 18th Congressional District results were certified. Moved by Mr. DeMarco, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald. Approved 3-0. Mr. Wolosik commented that turnout was 48.05% and there were 131 provisional ballots cast, 14 of which were fully counted and 29 partially counted. However, as there was only one office on the ballot, 43 were actually counted. Mr. DeMarco questioned reports of erroneous polling place information. Mr. Wolosik responded that was not the case but there was confusion throughout the County about the election districts where voting was to occur. Mr. Fitzgerald commended the Elections Division personnel for doing a fantastic job indicating that “the eyes of the country were on us.” Mr. DeMarco congratulated Mr. Wolosik for doing a great job and also commented that media communications director Amie Downs did an excellent job in her play-by-play email reporting of the formal tabulation.
- VI. Also, as to the 18th Congressional Special Election, Mr. DeMarco mentioned that in North Fayette District 1 only two individuals of a three person board appeared to process voters but the two person board handled things efficiently. Mr. DeMarco asked for a written

explanation of the regulations for various parties and representatives to access the tabulation area on election evening. Mr. Wolosik said he would provide that to the Board.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Opsitnick discussed the agenda initiative case where an appeal from Commonwealth Court was taken from Judge James' Opinion dismissing the agenda initiative as not proper for consideration by Allegheny County council. Mr. Opsitnick indicated that Judge James' Opinion will be distributed to the Board Members.
- Mr. Wolosik estimated that the cost for new voting equipment in Allegheny County would be \$23-\$26 million dollars.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM. Moved by Mr. DeMarco, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald. Approved 3-0.