

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2020, 2:30 P.M., PUBLIC MEETING-VIRTUAL MEETING VIA
MICROSOFT TEAMS, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Allegheny County Board of Elections commenced at 2:30 PM. Meeting called to order by Chair Fitzgerald.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emails constituting public comment were received from the following people:

- a. Nora Blithe Runsdorf-Judge of Elections, Pittsburgh 4-7;
- b. Hugh Davidson-Judge of Elections, Pittsburgh 14-19;
- c. Elizabeth Rambeau-Fox Chapel;
- d. Joseph Wassermann;
- e. Joann Siefried;
- f. Juliet Zavon-Malvern Avenue, Pittsburgh;
- g. Robert Howard-Marshall Township;
- h. Diane Schmitt-Kennedy Township;
- i. Christine Hunsinger;
- j. George Danko-Majority Inspector, Pittsburgh 14-19.

III. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF POLLING PLACE CONSOLIDATION RESOLUTION

Explained by Mr. Tyskiewicz and Mr. Voyer that a Board Resolution is necessary to request consolidation of polling places by Allegheny County for the June 2nd primary election only. Moved by Chair Fitzgerald. At that time no second.

Further discussion, Member DeMarco inquired as to ballot custody. Mr. Voyer responded.

Member DeMarco inquired as to the expenditure of taxpayer dollars for mail-in ballots and wanted to see the national change of address list. Response by Mr. Tyskiewicz and Mr. Voyer.

Ms. Hallam inquired as to the jail lockdown, how were new registrations and mail-in ballots being processed. Mr. Voye indicated that he would be in communication with the jail to process mail-in ballots as normal.

Chair Fitzgerald again moved for approval of the polling place plan. Seconded by Member DeMarco. In favor Chair Fitzgerald and Member DeMarco. Against Member Hallam. Resolution passed 2-1.

IV. PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PREPARATIONS

Mr. Tyskiewicz discussed the envelopes ordered and needed for mail-in ballot applications and ballots.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Member Hallam inquired about signature requirements for third-party candidates given the COVID-19 situation. Mr. Voye indicated that the signature requirements and deadlines were governed by state law.

VI. ADJOURNMENT –Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.