

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, 5:00 P.M., IN GOLD ROOM, ALLEGHENY COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219.

BOARD MEMBERS: HONORABLE THOMAS BAKER, CHAIR-present
HONORABLE KATHRYN M. HENS-GRECO, VICE CHAIR-present
HONORABLE JOHN P. DEFAZIO, 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 5:00 PM. Meeting called to order by Chair Baker.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ron Bandes discussed impending vote for new voting equipment and system.
- David Tessitor discussed impending vote for new voting equipment and system.
- Juliet Zayvon, discussed impending vote for new voting equipment and system.

III. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM

-Mr. Voyer discussed the “stress test” conducted on September 10 and 11, 2019, where each of the three proposers, Dominion, ES&S, and Hart, demonstrated their systems processing of two elections, that is, a large turnout election with a shorter ballot (2016 Presidential Election) and a lower turnout in municipal primary with a large ballot (2017 Municipal Primary Election). Mr. Voyer indicated that ES&S performed appropriately but there were deficiencies with both Dominion and Hart.

-There was discussion by and among the Board with questions to and responses from Mr. Voyer.

-Judge Hens-Greco moved to purchase the voting system from ES&S that consists of paper voter marked ballots, precinct scanners and a ballot marking device for ADA purposes as well as the appropriate scanners for central tabulation purposes. Said motion included that the appropriate members of the County Voting Equipment Selection Committee shall negotiate the contract. Motion seconded by Mr. DeFazio. Vote conducted, 3-0 to approve Judge Hens-Greco’s motion.

IV. FINAL COMMENTS

Judge Hens-Greco stated that she felt the Board had no other choice but to approve the ES&S proposal given Allegheny County's ballot complexities and that the other proposers were not certified by the federal government and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to process the capacities that the County requires.

Statements in agreement were made by Chairman Baker and Mr. DeFazio.

V. ADJOURNMENT –Moved for adjournment by 3-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 PM.