

**PRESENT:** Carmen Belefonte, Chairman  
Gerald Lawrence, Board Member  
Joseph P. Possenti, Jr., Board Member  
Francis Catania, Board Solicitor  
Laureen Hagan, Bureau of Elections  
Mary Jo Headley, Voter Registration Office  
James Kerns, Voting Machine Department

**Also Present:** J. Manly Parks, Solicitor to the Delaware County Democratic Committee  
Graham (Sandy) Harrison, Citizens for Better Elections  
Zachary Oberfield, Professor/Petitioner, Haverford 5-3 polling place change  
Kevin Madden, County Council Member and Haverford Resident  
Jack Stollsteimer, Haverford Resident  
Charles Wolf, Haverford Resident  
Kevin O'Neil, on behalf of Hank DiBenedetto Forrest and Monica Boccella  
Jason Magidson, Haverford Resident  
Faye Goldman, Haverford Resident  
Larry Abel, Haverford Resident  
Margaret Wright, Haverford Resident  
Brett Burman  
Annamarie Hessman, Radnor 7<sup>th</sup> Ward 1<sup>st</sup> Pct. Judge of Elections

Chairman Belefonte called the May 29, 2018 meeting of the Delaware County Board of Elections to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance – 4:03 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti approving the Minutes of the March 23, 2018 Pre-Primary Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence approving the updated Write In variations cast in the May 15, 2018 General Primary, as presented by J. Manley Parks, Solicitor for Delaware County Democratic Party, seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Belefonte to appoint Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Possenti as hearing officers for possible accumulation petitions of Write In votes for May 15, 2018 General Primary, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Mr. Belefonte inquired if there was anyone present who wished to file a petition to cumulate, hearing none Mr. Belefonte moved on.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti approving the Certification Results for the May 15, 2018 General Primary held in Delaware County, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti approving the Certification Results for the May 15, 2018 Special Election for Radnor Township 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioners, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti approving the request for State reimbursement of \$10.20 for Military Absentee ballots issued for the May 15, 2018 General Primary held in Delaware County, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti ratifying the Unofficial Election Returns for the May 15, 2018 General Primary held in Delaware County, filed with the PA Department of State May 22, 2018 seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti approving the payment of the Radnor 1-1 District Election Board for their additional service in operating as the District Election Board for Radnor 2-3 for the May 15, 2018 General Primary held in Delaware County, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence to waive late fees assessed to campaign finance reports filed by Republican Women of Western Delaware County and Chester Heights Republican Committee, seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence to waive late fee assessed to campaign finance report filed by Friends of Christopher Bagnato as committee was not required by law to file said report (as no activity during reporting cycle) following Boards past practice, seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence to consider the registered political committee, Eddystone REP Party terminated (closed) per the April 13, 2015 letter, seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti to consider the registered political committee, Friends of Michelle Schofield terminated (closed) per the December 15, 2015 campaign finance report filed reflecting a zero balance, seconded by Mr. Belefonte and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti to remove the registered political committee, Friends of Rob Holber from the Board's list of suspended political registered committees based on the committee's filing of all outstanding campaign finance reports and paid late fees, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti to add the following registered political committees to the Board's list of suspended political registered committees based on the committee's failure to file outstanding campaign finance reports and or paid late fees, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

ABEL FOR JUDGE, ASTON DEM COMMITTEE, BETTER DELCO,  
CAPITAL CHANGE PAC, DARBY TOWNSHIP DEM COMMITTEE,  
FRIENDS OF HAVERFORD WARD 7, MARPLE PAC,  
NORWOOD DEM COMMITTEE, PARKSIDE REP PARTY,  
RUTLEDGE DEMOCRATS, FRIENDS OF CHERYL TUMOLA AND  
FRIENDS OF CHARLES WILKINS

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS, reported:

Ms. Hagan updated the Board on its inquiry for software to manage electronic campaign finance reporting on a county level. Easy Vote has election management software which contains an element for campaign finance reporting. Bureau will collect more information on their system.

Mr. Catania spoke to the Board regarding correspondence sent to the Board by Mr. Sandy Harrison of Citizens for Better Elections and advised Board that item would be best addressed through the county Open Records Office. A brief discussion between the Board, Mr. Catania,

Ms. Hagan and Mr. Harrison followed regarding current status of the new voting machines submitted to EAC and DOS for certification.

Mr. Catania spoke to the Board regarding correspondence sent to the Board by J. Manly Parks, Solicitor for Delaware County Democratic Party. Reviewed PA Dept of State directive addressing the difference between police and deputy sheriffs to quell problems and clear lines if needed.

Mr. Parks also present spoke regarding his letter on behalf of the Democratic Party. Mr. Parks spoke against Election Day use of Deputy Sheriffs and recommended use of other County employees as well as expressed concerns of local district Boards knowledge of responsibilities.

Mrs. Hagan discussed 2007 Election Day guide written by County election team, which details the processes of running a polling place and includes photos and examples of forms used and advises when and how such items should be executed.

Mr. Parks stated that if given one he would offer it and mention it at the party training sessions.

OFFICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION, Ms. Headley stated she had nothing to report at this time.

VOTING MACHINE WAREHOUSE, reported:

Polling Place Changes -

Haverford Twp. 7-3. Mr. Kerns informed the board that the polling place change in Haverford 7-3 was a temporary move to the Skatium Ice Rink while the Haverford Twp. Administration Building was under construction and was moved back to the Haverford Twp. Administration Building prior to the primary.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence to ratify the polling place change for Haverford 7-3, seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

Upper Darby Twp. 6-2. Mr. Kerns stated that there was a petition to move the polling location to the Watkins Senior Center. Mr. Belefonte asked if anyone was here on behalf of the petition, there was no response.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence to deny the polling place change for Upper Darby 6-2, seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

Haverford Twp. 5-3. Mr. Kerns presented the Board with a petition to move the polling location from the Coopertown Elementary School to the Haverford College.

Mr. Stollsteimer addressed the Board in favor of the change

Mr. Zach Oberfield a professor at the college spoke in favor of the move and offered testimony of what the college has to offer as a polling site.

Mr. Possenti inquired if there has ever been a polling place on a college campus? Mr. Kerns reported Penn Tech School and Neumann University.

Mr. Lawrence stated that it is an "Open Campus."

Mr. Belefonte inquired about pedestrian traffic and how many employees they think they will need to assist on Election Day and Mr. Oberfield stated that probably 1-2.

Mr. Possenti inquired how long the polling place has been in Coopertown. Mr. Wolf, local Haverford resident believed the polling site has been located at Coopertown less than 25 years when it changed from a home on Belmont Ave.

Mrs. Headley then gave the numbers of active and inactive voters for both the college address and residential addresses.

Mr. Belefonte stated that there were a lot of inactive voters.

Mr. Kevin O'Neil approached and stated that he was there on behalf of two constituents (Hank DiBenedetto Forrest and Monica Boccella) speaking in opposition of moving the polling location.

Mr. Lawrence asked how case law compensates if a municipal site is used and to look at alternative sites.

Mr. Belefonte stated there was no statutory preference.

Mr. Jason Magidson, a local voter, highly supported the change and mentioned other public polling places.

Mr. Belefonte mentioned that other polling places bus voters.

Ms. Faye Goldman, a local voter, stated she highly supports the move and would find it more convenient.

Mr. Lawrence Abel stated that he has asked that it be moved since it was moved from Belmont and thinks that it should be within the voting precinct not outside of it as statute deems suitable.

Ms. Margaret Wright supports the change and wants it in a location closer to the community.

Mr. Kevin Madden, Haverford resident and County Council Member, spoke in favor of moving the polling location.

Mr. Parks offered comment supporting the change on polling location.

Mr. Possenti inquired how many times this request has been presented to the Board and reasons the petitions were denied in the past and asked Mr. Catania to review those items and get back to him.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence to approve the petition to change the polling site for Haverford 5-3, no second was made.

Mr. Possenti stated that he needs more information on the matter and a little more time based on the information he has received.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti to table the vote to change the polling site for Haverford 5-3, seconded by Mr. Belefonte and carried by a vote of 2-1

Mr. Belefonte asked if there was anything else to be discussed hearing nothing he moved on.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Brett Burman addressed the Board regarding how to file a petition or complaint to the Board.

Mr. Belefonte stated that contact in writing is the best way or call the Election Bureau and contact information is on the website.

Mr. Catania informed Mr. Berman that the state has a formal complaint form that may be a separate page on their website but also a complaint sent to [delcoelection@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:delcoelection@co.delaware.pa.us) would be accepted as well.

Mr. Burman made additional inquiry to the Board's procedures and authority to investigate matters.

Mr. Belefonte advised if post-election the necessary parties come before the Board however, there is no investigative power. If there is enough evidence the complaint can be sent to the District Attorney's office.

Mr. Catania then stated that there are judges and attorneys all day on Election Day and reported irregularities are investigated and can be reported to the District Attorney's office, however specifics are needed.

Mr. Burman then lodged his complaint in regards to the agenda not being available to the public and that it could not be found.

Mr. Catania informed him that a generalized agenda is what makes up the advertisement that is in the newspaper.

Ms. Hagan then inquired if Mr. Burman called or emailed the office as there were 2 people who did and they were sent the agenda when completed, to which Mr. Burman answered no.

Ms. Annamarie Hessman Judge of Elections for Radnor 7-1 addressed the Board next commenting that she was pleased meeting agenda is now on the Bureau's website. Ms. Hessman went on to state her frustration involving the Radnor Special Election and the need for additional Machine Inspectors. Ms. Hessman also requested for training videos to be online so someone could watch it if not able to make class.

Ms. Hagan acknowledged Ms. Hessman's requests and agreed to make the changes in future elections.

Mr. Kevin Madden wanted to applaud Mr. Possenti for wanting to be fully informed on the polling place move in Haverford 5-3 and how it has become politicized but just the facts should be considered.

There being no further matters nor public discussion, motion made by Mr. Possenti to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.