

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

Chairman Belefonte called the September 24, 2018 meeting of the Delaware County Board of Elections to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance – 9:33 a.m.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti approving the Minutes of the May 29, 2018 Post Primary Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence approving moving the polling location of Haverford 5-3 from Coopertown Elementary School to Haverford College, seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously. Mr. Belefonte acknowledged correspondence from Andy Lewis supporting the change of location.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti authorizing the Proclamation of General Election and Special Election for the 7th Congressional District seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Possenti authorizing advertisement of legal notices; Central Tabulation Equipment Testing, Inaccessible Polling Site, Provisional Ballot Count, Return Board Tabulation, Official Absentee ballot scan and Military & Civilian Overseas ballot count, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence approving the appointment of Machine Inspectors for the November 6, 2018 General Election, seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence approving waiver of fines for late filed campaign finance reports by Darby Borough Republican Party, Haverford Township Democratic Committee and Chester City Regular Republican Campaign Committee. Mr. Possenti inquired if other aspects of these committee's reports are current and Ms. Hagan advised that they are. Motion seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence approving removing Political Campaign Committees Better Delco and Rutledge Democrats from suspended status as Ms. Hagan advised each had satisfied their committee filing issues, motion seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hagan advised the Board regarding seven precincts where individuals served for the day on the local election Board who were not registered voters of Delaware County, as is required by law. Board agreed that the local Board members who served lawfully could be paid but those who were not there lawfully or involved with their serving are not to be paid.

Ms. Hagan reported to the Board that the Bureau reviewed the Write In items raised by J. Manly Parks, Solicitor for the Delaware County Democratic Committee at the previous meeting and that the Bureau's report listing the write in variations matched completely with the tabulation reports created by the bipartisan tabulation teams, thus no correction report could be submitted as requested by Mr. Parks. Mr. Lawrence inquired if the office the write ins were cast for was a party office and if therefore the party bylaws could address the approval of said write variations

and Ms. Hagan agreed that as a party office the Bureau has no jurisdiction to decide a winner but only to report the results.

OFFICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION:

Ms. Headley advised Board of correspondence Voter Registration Department received from Swarthmore Borough requesting students of Swarthmore College to register to vote from the College office address rather than their dormitory. Mr. Belefonte and Mr. Lawrence discussed with Swarthmore College representative that the law requires the voter to register from where they reside which would be the dormitory.

Ms. Headley also reported on a complaint she received from Michael Burbo about a Voter Registration drive at Neumann University conducted by NexGenPA. The complaint stated that NexGenPA was telling students they could be registered at school as well as at home. No contact information was available to individuals conducting the drive.

VOTING MACHINE WAREHOUSE:

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence to approve changes to polling sites for Clifton Heights 1, Upper Darby 2-7, Tinicum 2, Aston 1, Chester City 11-1 and Nether Providence 6-1, seconded by Mr. Possenti and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charlotte Hummel, Democratic Leader in Lansdowne Borough inquired about Student Poll Workers. Ms. Hagan advised that the Bureau will post a form listing the criteria for Student Poll Workers on the Bureau's website. Students will have their parents and school official sign the application granting their approval and submit the form to the Bureau for authorization. Ms. Hummel also spoke regarding past service of students and payment for their service. Mr. Lawrence said if the past student workers secure the paperwork they will be paid.

Emily Wisegrout representative of Swarthmore College spoke to request to have students registered from 500 College Avenue address rather than from dorm.

Betsy Larson Swarthmore Borough Council spoke regarding students registering with 500 College Avenue. Mr. Lawrence discussed constraint of the law that you must be registered at the physical building where "you lay your head." Mr. Belefonte also stated he hears their issue but must follow the law, "we cannot look the other way." Mr. Belefonte also pointed to the one building on Haverford College campus that is in Montgomery County, those living there must register in Montgomery County.

Jack Stollsteimer stated he was appreciative of the Boards vote to approve Haverford 5-3 move to Haverford College. Mr. Stollsteimer also mentioned mailing from Voter Registration regarding change. Mr. Belefonte explained inactive voter versus active voter's status and that the inactive voters require an additional letter.

Rich Migliore, of Haverford Township stated he made a special effort to attend the Board meeting and was glad he did; it was heartwarming to see support and he got a lesson on how democracy works. Thank you.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.