

October 13, 2021 PRE ELECTION MEETING OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

PRESENT: Gerald Lawrence
Ashley Lunkenheimer
John P. McBlain
Michael Molinero, Solicitor

Also Present: Jim Allen, Director of Elections
Laureen Hagan, Bureau of Elections
Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration Office
Jim Savage, Voting Machine Warehouse
Lisa Jackson, Campaign Finance Supervisor
Ruth Moton – Upper Chichester

Mr. Lawrence called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Consideration of Agenda. It was agreed that Public Comment would be at the end of the meeting.

Approval of September 20, 2021 minutes: Motion to approve the September 20, 2021 minutes made by Board Member Lunkenheimer and seconded by Board Member McBlain. Motion approved 3-0.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen.

- A. There was informational discussion on the ballot preparations and testing status.
- B. There were informational statements regarding ballot mailing schedule with the first drop expected this week.
- C. There was discussion of why there would be a Voter Service Center only in Media this election along with the hours of operation.
- D. There was an update that all vote by mail/ absentee application processing was up to date.
- E. There was an update that the poll worker training was proceeding well.
- F. There was an update that the Logic and Accuracy testing at the Warehouse was being completed ahead of schedule.
- G. There was a statement that all Voter registration processing was current.
- H. The board was informed that the drop boxes were being opened the day of this meeting in preparation for use as early as Oct. 14.
- I. Pick up and Drop off locations were discussed, and it was stated there would be 3 as well as the locations and any other needed instructions for the process to be successful. There was further discussion on who could pickup the supplies if the Judge was unable.

Polling Place Changes. Mr. Savage.

- A. Mr. Savage discussed the change of Upper Darby 7-1 & 7-6 to Careview Community Church.
- B. Mr. Savage discussed the moving of Aston 2 to Aston Elementary School.

After discussion a motion was made to move the three discussed polling places to the suggested location by Ms. Lunkenheimer and seconded by Mr. McBlain. Motion approved 3-0.

Legal Notices. Ms. Hagan.

Ms. Hagan requested approval to run the list of public legal notices as further discussed in two general circulating newspapers regarding various tasks by the three offices. After further discussion it was also to be sent to the party chairpersons. A motion to approval the advertisement of discussed legal notices was made by Ms. Lunkenheimer and seconded by Mr. McBlain. Motion approved 3-0.

Campaign Finance Waiver Form. Ms. Jackson.

Ms. Jackson brought before the board the concern from the Libertarian party regarding a waiver form for nomination papers. After further discussion with the approval of the form from the Department of State which the party was using Mr. Parks informed the board no action needed to be taken as it was an administrative matter. Ms. Jackson then updated the board that no response has yet been received from Aston Township regarding prior matter.

Public Comment.

Ms. Moton discussed issues that occurred in 2020 in Chester City 11-4 & 11-6 and was informed that there was no prior accusation against 11-4 but that the accusations of 11-6 were turned over to the District Attorneys office. There was further discussion on the consequences from the Chester City 11-6 issue. Ms. Moton then discussed the issues with a voter service center in the Chester City Hall and other various issues and occurrences that happen in Chester City. Ms. Moton was instructed to write up a complaint and submit it to the board for review.

There was then discussion brought up regarding the Michael Puppio filing regarding an MDJ candidate, and how it had been referred to the District Attorney's office.

There were then various discussions regarding the watchers, election process, drop boxes and the live stream cameras, as well as the Park Police monitoring them 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Next meeting date.

After some discussion it was determined to target a meeting as early as November 18 for certification.

Meeting was adjourned.