

**PRE-ELECTION MEETING OF THE
DELAWARE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD
March 1, 2023**

PRESENT: Ashley Lunkenheimer, Chair, Delaware County Board of Elections
John P. McBlain, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections
Scott Alberts, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections
Jim Allen, Director of Elections
Nick Centrella, Solicitor
Jackie Dunn, Voting Machine Warehouse
Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration
Lisa Jackson, Campaign Finance
Trisha Bandstra, Know Ink
Public Comment:
Caris Coker – Glen Mills
Charlotte Hummel – Lansdowne
Joy Schwartz – Upper Darby
David Cleary – Concord Township

Ms. Lunkenheimer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes. Mr. Alberts moved to approve the January 24, 2023 minutes and Mr. McBlain seconded the motion, to approve the January 24, 2023 minutes put forth. Motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of the Agenda. Mr. Allen listed agenda items and requested that the E-Pollbook Pilot Project (Section 6 – C - #3) be moved ahead to allow for public comment, and to allow vendor to proceed to meeting with Voter Registration staff.

Vendor KNOWiNK Sales Director Trisha Bandstra presented on the ability use pollbooks to check in voters efficiently, capture voter history more quickly (within days of Election Day instead of weeks after certification), provide more election security, assure consistent instructions to voters, and to help re-direct voters who arrive in the wrong polling place. Board members posed questions, as did members of the public. Mr. Allen responded to some of the questions. Mr. Allen referenced that current plan is to provide a pilot program of the pollbooks for a limited number of precincts at the May Primary at no cost to the County.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen spoke of various topics including the following: status of the annual mailer of vote by mail applications, status and decisions on candidate petition circulation and filings as well as preparations being taken for the May 16, 2023 Municipal Primary. Mr. Allen then spoke about the ballot printing of the Election Day ballots as well as the Absentee and Mail In ballots. Mr. Allen also reminded of upcoming deadlines.

Polling Place Changes. Mr. Allen mentioned possible polling place changes in Eddystone Borough as well as Tincum Township but as they were not action items would be revisited in the next meeting. Mr. Allen then stated that due to changes in the county holidays there may be further polling locations impacted by this change.

Drop Box Status. Mr. Allen updated the board that Bethel Township voted to have their box removed and we will work with them to have that removed. He then gave an update on the status of Upper Chichester Township.

Mr. Allen reminded both the board and those in attendance in person or watching via video that the remap that is on the agenda for Upper Providence Township and Radnor Township it is not a quick process and will not be

completed before the May Primary based on the various required steps and processes. Mr. McBlain questioned the steps for Radnor Township redistricting and Mr. Allen explained.

Mr. Allen discussed the remap of the Magisterial District Judge districts and it has all been verified by the staff and is completed timely.

Campaign Finance. Ms. Jackson presented 3 waiver requests from the Yeadon Democratic Committee, Friends of Paula Brown and Qualified Judges of Delaware County along with histories for these. Ms. Hummel spoke on behalf of the Yeadon Democratic committee circumstances. A motion was made by Mr. McBlain and seconded by Mr. Alberts to waive the fines for the above 3 committees. Motion carried 3-0.

Next meeting date was discussed.

Meeting recessed.

Voter Registration Meeting was called.

Mr. Allen reported on activities being undertaken by the office.

Public Comment. Ms. Coker gave public comment and answers from the board were given.

Voter Registration meeting adjourned.

Bureau of Elections Meeting was resumed.

Executive session was held on the matter of attorney fees from 2022 elections. There will be no vote on this recommendation from the Solicitor.

Meeting adjourned.