

**PRE-ELECTION MEETING OF THE  
DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
January 23, 2024**

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  
J. Manly Parks, Solicitor  
Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration  
Karen Duffy, Notary, administered the oaths  
Public Comment: Joy Schwatz, Upper Darby

Ms. Lunkenheimer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Allen spoke of the County Council vote and reappointments of all three members to the Board of Elections for new 2-year terms. Mr. Allen then went over the agenda per Ms. Lunkenheimer's request.

Administration of Oaths of Office: Ms. Duffy administered and notarized the oaths of office.

Re-Organization Vote. A motion was made by Mr. McBlain to nominate Ashley Lunkenheimer as Chair. Mr. Alberts seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment. Ms. Schwartz commented on realignments of precincts and the acquisition of electronic poll books.

Approval of Minutes. Mr. McBlain suggested that future minutes capture who speaks in public comments and the topic. Mr. Alberts agreed. There was also a suggestion to post the minutes on the website. A motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2023, October 24, 2023, November 14, 2023, November 21, 2023 and December 19, 2023 was made by Mr. Alberts and seconded by Mr. McBlain. Motion passed 3-0.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen spoke of the Radnor Township redistricting being on hold and gave reasons. Mr. Allen then spoke that Upper Providence redistricting is currently in a court case and once that is resolved could then move forward. Mr. Allen spoke to the Upper Chichester redistricting and the issues as well as working with their solicitor on these matters. Mr. Allen then spoke on the realignments being a ways off. Concerns involved whether changes could be done before the Primary, given the candidacies of Committeemen and Committeewomen who were already circulating petitions to run based on current precinct boundaries on April 23.

Mr. Allen then requested an additional stipend for attending the Poll Pad training and that it be made universal to increase in person training from \$130.00 to \$150.00 to attend training, pass the test before Election Day, if the person also serves successfully on Election Day.

A motion was made by Mr. Alberts to approve the training pay as suggested by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. McBlain. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Allen discussed upcoming likely precinct relocations, including Brookhaven 2 most likely to be relocated to the municipal/community center. Also Nether Providence 4-1 & 4-2 still was being determined. Additionally, Darby Township would like to move 5<sup>th</sup> Ward precincts back to a County facility in a former firehouse that previously hosted those precincts.

**Mr. Allen then gave information on a poll worker survey results.**

- There already were more than 800 responses.
- Relative balance between responses from Judges, Inspectors, Clerks and Machine Operators
- Mostly experienced: 333 had worked 2-5 elections; 204 had worked 6-10 elections and 192 had worked 11 or more elections. Only 60 responses were from first-timers.
- 87% rated communications good or excellent; 11% acceptable; 3% poor or needs improvement
- 96% or more rated communications as (a) clear, (b) timely and (c) informative
- 80% rated hotline as good or excellent; 18% as acceptable.
- 98% rated training effective.
- 88% were evenly split in preferences between the guide (handbook) and in-person training, with 12% evenly split between favoring the open house or the training video.
- Large percentages also: felt ready to serve voters; used the guide to take the test; rated the pick-up and drop-off as excellent or good; understood the rules and processes; rated the teamwork in their precincts as “excellent”; rated the electronic poll books very or pretty easy to use with none rating it difficult and that they “agree 100%” the Poll Pad is a great tool for poll workers; that they plan to continue serving; and that the Elections Department has succeeded in streamlining their experiences.

Ms. Hagan gave an update on legal notices to be ready for the April 23, 2024 primary as well as updates of the mail and actions taken to be prepared for the election.

Campaign Finance Waivers. There were none to be considered

Tentative meeting February 27, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned.