

## **Delaware County Board of Elections – Minutes – Meeting of March 4, 2025**

Board and staff in attendance

Ashley Lunkenheimer, Chair

Scott Alberts, Member

John C. McMeekin II, Member

Jim Allen, Election Director

J. Manly Parks, Solicitor

Jackie Dunn, Voting Machine Warehouse Chief Custodian

Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration Chief Clerk

Olan Yancy, Voting Machine Warehouse Technician

Lisa Jackson, Campaign Finance Supervisor

Meeting called to order

Pledge of allegiance

Review of agenda

### **Public Comment**

Paul Rumley spoke in opposition to precinct consolidations. Joy Schwartz spoke about the Commonwealth not releasing cast-vote records and processing mail/absentee ballots in the precincts. Kyle Palmer asked to table a measure on moving two precincts in Chester City. Laura Lewis spoke against the use of the vote-tabulation equipment that is required under state law. Carris Kocher spoke of pending litigation over the January Board meeting.

### **Polling Place change**

#### **Springfield 1-2 and 1-3**

With construction under way at the Municipal Building, staff is recommending temporarily relocating these two precincts to Springfield High School, where Springfield 1-1 already is voting. Member Alberts made the motion that was seconded by Member McMeekin to authorize the change. Motion was approved.

Mr. Allen reported that staff had completed the removal of seven drop boxes in Clifton Heights, Ridley Park, East Lansdowne, Rutledge, Marcus Hook, Millbourne and Colwyn, per the Board's vote in January. In response to a request from Member McMeekin, Mr. Allen said the Board could consider removing drop boxes in Eddystone, Darby Township and Parkside, and that he is not making those recommendation yet, based on the distance to the next nearest drop box. Member McMeekin remarked that the topic should be revisited periodically. Member Alberts agreed.

Mr. Allen and Ms. Winterbottom discussed a review of records from the Department of State and Newtown Township, and the determination was that no precinct-line correction was necessary.

Ms. Winterbottom reported that Delaware County currently has 407,000 voters and that the department completed mailings to move 2,369 voters to inactive status. Processed 30,000 applications, including transfers and cancellations for deceased voters and others who requested cancelling their registrations.

Mr. Allen reported that staff posted an agenda online on Jan. 10 ahead of the Jan. 14 meeting, and the agenda listed all of the proposed consolidations for the Jan. 14 meeting. However, ahead of that

meeting, it was discovered that one item listed Chester City 7-1, 7-3, but not 7-4. The third precinct (7-4) was only listed on the revised agenda that was posted online Jan. 13. Mr. Allen asked the Board to confirm the vote on that specific consolidation of Chester City 7-1, 7-3 and 7-4. Member Alberts made a motion that was seconded by Member McMeekin to confirm the authorization for pursuing consolidation of all three precincts.

Mr. Allen provided the recommendation from Campaign Finance Supervisor Lisa Jackson that the Board approve a proposed campaign-finance waiver. Member Alberts made a motion that was seconded by Member McMeekin to waive the campaign-finance fine for Friends of Kazi Hossain. Motion was approved.

Mr. Allen provided information for candidates who might be filing petitions on or before the March 11 deadline: to be sure to properly list the jurisdiction of the candidate on the petition; to be sure voters sign the petition and list the jurisdiction properly (Upper Darby Township, as opposed to Drexel Hill, for example); to be sure to collect signatures only from voters from the correct political party from addresses in that district/jurisdiction; to file the original statement of financial interest with that agency (municipal clerk, school district secretary or the county clerk, depending on the office) and then file a copy of that statement of financial interest with the petition at the Bureau of Elections; to pay any filing fee in cash, certified check, cashier's check or money order with the County Treasurer before filing the petition; and to call the Bureau of Elections with any questions about preparing or filing the petition.

The Chair made a motion that was seconded by Member Alberts to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved.