

**THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**May 12, 2021 PRE PRIMARY MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Gerald Lawrence  
Ashley Lunkenheimer  
James Byrne, Jr.  
J. Manly Parks, Solicitor

Also Present: Jim Allen, Director of Election Operations  
Laureen Hagan, Bureau of Elections  
Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration Office  
Christina Iacono, Poll Worker Coordinator  
Patty Carfagno, Training Coordinator

Mr. Lawrence called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Allen adjusted the agenda for postage under item 6 should change from report to action agenda as well as item #8 fairly settled and should be tabled.

Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2021 Board Meeting. Mr. Lawrence made a clarification on an explanation in regard to receipts in the last set of minutes but stated that there did not need to be any changes made to the minutes. Ms. Lunkenheimer moved to approve the April 28, 2021 board minutes and Mr. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion to approve the amended April 28, 2021 Board minutes approved 3-0.

Supervisor of Voting Machine Warehouse

Mr. Savage informed the Board that there were 9 emergency polling place changes as follows: Radnor Twp. 5-1; Chester City 1-4, 2-1, 2-3 & 4 are moving to their historical pre pandemic locations; Chester City 7-2; Upper Darby Twp. 7-3 and Norwood Borough 1. Mr. Savage stated that all the new locations were either prior polling places or were currently used polling places and therefor had all necessary paperwork on file. It was then stated that signs were hung, SURE was updated, new cards were being mailed out, party leaders were notified, and map and website were being updated. Mr. Byrne moved to retroactively approve the above 9 polling place changes and Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded the motion. Motion to retroactively move the aforementioned polling places approved 3-0.

Mr. Savage then stated that the Logic and Accuracy testing went fine, and the machine operated nearly perfectly and any with problems were swapped out. Mr. Savage went on to state that it was completed 4 days ahead of schedule despite a later start and the state was notified. Mr. Savage updated the board that all the deliveries that were already loaded were delivered and the incoming trucks will be loaded not and that everything is going well, and the warehouse was staged in loads.

Director of Elections

Mr. Allen stated that there were no action items. Mr. Allen went on to inform the Board that overall the Vote by Mail is on time and the SURE reports emails are timelier and more accurate. Mr. Allen stated that the deadline vote by mail was the day before and now the only options available are 4 emergency reasons. Mr. Allen then stated that they have had the 1<sup>st</sup> of several

“Ask Anything” calls the night before with Mr. Parks, Ms. Carfagno, Ms. Hagan, Ms. Iacono and Ms. Winterbottom also in attendance as well as poll workers and that it went well. Mr. Allen stated that they were in communications with security and community services with regards to pick up this Saturday in Upland Park, Rose Tree Park and Emergency Services as well as a lot of communication with the Judges of Elections. Mr. Allen then addressed the drop boxes and stated that all 41 were online and cameras working however that in Nether Providence a hard wiring project would need to be done as the sun angle in the fall is not optimal for charging the cameras in the fall months. He also added that Ms. Winterbottom was working on the poll books and provisionals.

Mr. Lawrence inquired as to if Newtown had a drop box or what was the circumstances surrounding that. Mr. Allen stated that the township had cut out and removed the drop box in Newtown prior to this however there were talks of a new contract and having the drop box reinstalled by the fall election.

#### Old Business

Mr. Allen stated that the County Council are doing testing for in person meetings aimed for June 2, 2021 so the Election Board should still be on target for early June. Mr. Lawrence stated that the next meeting which is the certification meeting would hopefully be in person.

Public Comment. There were two more statements as follows:

- 1) James & Jessica Bergeman – Springfield – the couple used the drop box and it was easy and uneventful.
- 2) David \_ Bennett – Springfield – Thanked the board for all of their hard work among many obstacles. He stated it was a smooth, easy, reliable, fair, accurate and trustworthy election.

No new business.

The next meeting Mr. Lawrence stated his recollection was 20 days after election for certification which was agreed on by Mr. Parks. Mr. Allen stated it should be the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. It was discussed and decided the date and time would be determined offline and published.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.