POST-ELECTION MEETING OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS November 14, 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

Manly Parks, Solicitor

Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration

Lisa Jackson, Campaign Finance

Pamela Lairdieson, Poll Worker Coordinator

Provisional Ballot Comment: Ms. Shelly Chauncey

Election Board workers from challenged provisional ballots:

Rachel Moore (Upper Darby Twp. 1-7 email)

John Schoenberger (Concord 5)

Linda Holobovich (Concord 9 & 10)

Linda Dessert Mager (Edgmont 1 email)

Kathy Wohlschlaeger Edgmont 1 Minority

Pamela Graziano (Haverford 7-2 email)

Pamela Polk (Lansdowne 5 email)

James Ziegelhoffer Media West

Ariel Senko Middletown 2-2

James Ted Robb Middletown 3-3

Michael Mayer Nether Providence 2-2

Thomas Gallagher Nether Providence 4-1

Jennifer Fay Darby Boro 2-1

Colleen Dunn Glenolden 3

Caroline Stewart (Radnor 2-1 email)

Shawn Taylor (Thornbury 3 email)

Allen Hughes (Yeadon 5 email)

Cynthia Brock (Yeadon 9 email)

Ms. Lunkenheimer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Allen reviewed the action and non-action items on the agenda.

Public Comment. No public comment.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen spoke on the election outcome and also spoke on the poll pad roll out. He discussed the likelihood of 100% poll pad roll out for the 2024 Primary. Also discussed were improvements in the drop-off process, drop boxes and reporting of results. The Election Board expressed appreciation.

The Board began consideration of Provisional Ballots and consideration of any objections to recommendations on Provisional Ballots. Ms. Winterbottom spoke on her views of the poll pads. Ms. Winterbottom then spoke on the various provisional ballots and the rulings that determined whether provisional ballots were counted fully, partially or not at all. Mr. McBlain made a motion to accept the recommendations on the unchallenged provisional ballots. Mr. Alberts seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Parks read the code section referring to the challenges. Mr. McBlain asked for clarification on signatures on the challenged provisional ballots. Ms. Chauncey spoke on the provisional ballot challenges and argued that several provisional ballots that were not going to be counted should be counted based on Judges of Election who testified by email or in person that their errors on the paperwork (not getting a Minority Inspector signature on the exterior envelope) should not be held against the voters' ballots. The Board heard a combination of email and inperson testimony from Judges from Upper Darby 1-7, Concord 5, Concord 9/10, Darby Boro 2-1, Edgmont 1, Glenolden 3, Lansdowne 5, Media West, Middletown 2-2, Middletown 3-3, Nether Providence 2-2, Nether Providence 4-1, Radnor 2-1, Thornbury 3, Yeadon 5 and Yeadon 9. The Judges and other poll worker who testified confirmed the voters' having cast provisional ballots and urged the Board to count those ballots. Mr. McBlain moved to approve the group of provisional ballots referenced by Ms. Chauncey where "authentication" testimony was presented to cure the lack of a Minority Inspector signature. Mr. Alberts seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Ms. Lunkenheimer moved to approve the second category of provisional ballots referenced by Ms. Chauncey, where there were signatures by the Judge of Election but no testimony about the lack of a Minority Inspector signature in Chester 2-3, Ridley Park 4, Ridley Township 3-1 and Tinicum 4. Mr. Alberts seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1, with Mr. McBlain voting nay.

The Board then discussed authorizing electronic signature and certification of election results to the Department of State. Mr. Alberts moved to authorize electronically signing and reporting of the results to the Department of State. Mr. McBlain seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Thomas Lawrie, representing the Edgmont Township Republican Party, inquired about filing objections to provisional ballots, claiming there was insufficient notice of the process. The Board Solicitor noted that: notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the Board's web site. Secondly, the deadline to file such objections had already passed, before the meeting. One reason is that the Election Code requires any voters affected by objections to be notified prior to the provisional-ballot meeting.

Campaign Finance Waiver requests. Ms. Jackson presented waiver requests from Friends of Edward Brown, Candidate Malcolm Yates and Candidate Matthew Dadich. Mr. McBlain moved to waive the 3 waiver requests as presented. Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Poll Worker Pay Consideration. Mr. Allen discussed and requested the Board's authorization to dock the pay for poll workers that do not fully complete their duties. The issue was tabled.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Parks spoke on court filings and relatively close contests that are being monitored for potential recounts.

Next meeting date was discussed and is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2023 at 9 am.

Meeting Adjourned.