

**MEETING OF THE
DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
August 12, 2024**

Present:

Ashley Lunkenheimer, Chairwoman, 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
Lisa Jackson, Campaign Finance

Public Comment:

Josie Szostek, Brookhaven
Patricia Bleasdale, Glen Mills
Dean Dreibelbis, Gradyville
Joy Schwartz, Upper Darby
Mike Maddren, municipal solicitor, Upland Borough
Laura Lewis, Radnor
Kathy Buckley, Edgmont
Joan Delross, Glen Mills
Nick Manganaro, Radnor Twp.
Cynthia Long, Upper Darby
Charlie Alexander, Marple
Caris Kocher, Concord
Donna Cantor, Middletown
James Small, Marple
Bill Lawrence, Springfield
Joanne McLoughlin, Brookhaven

Meeting called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consideration of Agenda.

Public Comment. Ms. Szostek, Ms. Bleasdale and Mr. Dreibelbis commented on cleaning up the voter rolls. Ms. Schwartz spoke on using vendors for voting equipment and other services, and Radnor Township redistricting. Ms. Devaney commented on electronic poll books and staffing needs. Ms. Marie discussed voting integrity. Mr. Maddren spoke on the Upland liquor referendum question. Ms. Lewis spoke on voting machines and hand counts and same day voting. Ms. Buckley spoke on the Radnor redistricting, electronic poll books, and drop boxes. At various points, Mr. Allen spoke on questions about the voter rolls and the county's complete compliance with federal laws, state laws and court cases that date to 1993, consistent with all standards set by the Department of State. Mr. Allen also addressed questions about the electronic

poll books and the voting equipment. Ms. Lunkenheimer spoke on the Radnor redistricting as well as drop boxes. Mr. McBlain commented on the two-year public process involved in the Radnor redistricting.

Public comment, continued: Ms. DelRoss, a poll worker, spoke on electronic poll books and a League of Women Voters webinar. Ms. Lunkenheimer thanked poll workers in attendance for their service. Ms. Manganaro asked about the finalization of Radnor re-districting, and asked whether the voting software operated on an older Windows platform. Mr. Allen responded that the re-districting was under final review by the Department of State and noted that the voting software operates on a current Windows platform within a closed network. Ms. Long discussed clean voter rolls, hand counting, opposing redistricting, voter service center and hash testing vs. logic and accuracy. She also discussed poll worker training dates and poll worker training chain of custody forms. Mr. Alexander spoke of the old voting equipment and drop boxes videos. Ms. Lunkenheimer, Mr. McBlain and Mr. Allen responded to the questions. Ms. Kocher spoke about Radnor Twp. and staff oaths. Mr. McBlain and Mr. Allen discussed both items. Ms. Cantor discussed on elections improving, and suggested more constable training and the publication of the notice-and-cure process be published. Mr. Allen responded. Mr. Small spoke on drop boxes and surveillance. Mr. Lawrence spoke of drop boxes and the need for watchers at the Wharf be able to have same rights as those at the polls. Ms. McLaughlin spoke on paper ballots, redistricting, and drop boxes. Mr. Alberts spoke on the use of paper ballots.

Mr. McBlain made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024 meeting. Mr. Alberts seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen addressed the concerns of the NCOA, and offered supporting documents of randomly selected voters from the list of those submitted. All of the random selections were checked and their proper status was verified, and none qualified for removal under current laws. Mr. Allen then stated that Voter Service Centers remain under study. Mr. Allen gave updates on plans to pursue the purchase of newer, certified scanners that operated more efficiently. The board was informed that voter registration had completed 60% of the initial review of the Poll Pads. Mr. Allen then informed the board that the Voting Machine Warehouse was in the process of calibrating the Touch Writers and making sure all precincts are properly stocked. Mr. Allen then stated that we are currently awaiting approval by the Department of State who are reviewing the Radnor redistricting to determine that no census blocks were split. He went on to inform the board that the township and county are working together to make sure that there are ample mailings, signage and other outreach and safeguards to inform voters of any changes. Mr. Allen informed the Board that he had been notified minutes before the meeting that the Commonwealth Court was taking another case on mail ballot envelopes.

Polling Place Changes. No action is needed at this time. The polling place for Radnor Twp. 6-2 was discussed but more staff review is needed. Ms. Dunn stated that after consultation with party leaders, polling place for Ridley Twp. 4-1 will stay at its current location. The location for Lansdowne 9 does not yet have bipartisan agreement. Mr. McBlain inquired about District courts being used and Mr. Allen discussed how the Courts are now open on Primary dates,

meaning those voters would need to change locations every other election. Ms. Dunn stated that no replacement site has been found yet for Chester City 1-2 & 1-8.

Sharon Hill Drop Box. Mr. Allen explained the issue related to the camera there and discussions with Borough leaders. Mr. Allen stated that the equipment will be examined for possible solutions, but there also are 3 other drop boxes nearby.

Campaign Finance. Ms. Jackson presented a waiver request from Media Borough Republican Committee for that committee's first infraction. Mr. Alberts moved to grant the waiver request of fees. Mr. McBlain seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Next meeting, if needed, will be August 27, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned.