



**Luzerne County Council  
March 02, 2021 Special Meeting  
Video/Teleconference via TEAMS  
Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Special Meeting on March 02, 2021, at 5:31PM via TEAMS Video/Teleconference. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Tim McGinley.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Walter L. Griffith, Jr.  
Harry Haas  
Linda McClosky Houck  
Lee Ann McDermott  
Tim McGinley  
Chris Perry  
Kendra M. Radle  
Sheila Saidman, Esq.  
Robert Schnee (joined meeting at 6:34)  
Stephen J. Urban  
Matthew Vough

**Also Present**

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager  
Romilda P. Crocamo, Chief County Solicitor  
Vito DeLuca, Esq.  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

**Adoption of Special Meeting Agenda**

**Motion to Adopt Voting Session Agenda by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman and Mr. Vough

One (1) No by Mr. SJ Urban

**(Mr. Schnee was having technical issues and was not connected yet)**

**Motion Passed (9-1)**

**The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted**

**Motions**

**Motion to suspend Bylaws regarding the requirement a majority of those participating in the meeting must be physically present by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Vough

**Mr. McGinley confirmed that Mr. Schnee was connected.**

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Motion to suspend Bylaws regarding the conduct of public meetings to the extent that the current format is inconsistent with the term of the State's Emergency Declaration**

**by:** Ms. Saidman

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Vote:**

Ten (10) Ayes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Vough

One (1) Nay by Mr. Griffith

**Motion Passed (10-1)**

**Commentary regarding the February 23, 2021 Executive Session**

**Attorney DeLuca commented and stated Council met in Executive Session after the regular meeting on February 23, 2021 to discuss the litigation for Javitz vs. Luzerne County. The Executive Session was approximately 25 minutes and Council received a report from the Office of Law.**

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

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The following Citizens commented Verbally:

Ron Knapp (Nanticoke)

Mark Rabo (Hazleton)

Brian Shiner (Kingston)

Brian Dwyer (Larksville)

Denise Williams (Kingston Township)

Elaine Maddon Curry (Drums)

Claudia Glennan (Salem Twp)

Mark Shaffer

Lisa Napersky (Fairview Twp)

Mr. Haas read a text from Moderno “Butch” Rossi (Lehman Twp)

Mr. McGinley read Public Comment Emails from:

Andrea Glod

Rebecca Elfman (Kingston)

Rosalie Berezich (Trucksville)

Hillary Palencar (Larksville)

Karen Attanasio (Jackson Twp)

Anne Aston (Kingston Twp)

### **New Business**

#### **Statement from the Office of Law**

By:

Attorney DeLuca

### **Participant’s Statements**

By:

Keith Gould

Stephen J. Urban

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Discussion and possible Council action regarding the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration**

As Discussion had already taken place, Mr. McGinley moved to Item 2.

**2. Motion to declare a Vacancy on the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration (Chair)**

**Motion by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Vough

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

One (1) Abstention by Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (10-0) with (1) Abstention**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**3. Motion to declare a Vacancy on the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration (Dombroski-Gebhardt)**

**Motion by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

One (1) No by Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (10-1)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**4. Motion to declare a Vacancy on the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration (Gould)**

**Motion by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

One (1) No by Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (10-1)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

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**All commentary received by the following Citizens was in regard to the discussions and actions that took place throughout the meeting:**

**Hilary Palencar (Larksville)**

**Brian Dwyer (Larksville)**

**Lisa Napersky (Fairview Twp)**

**Ron Knapp (Nanticoke)**

**Alyssa Fusaro**

**Mark Rabo (Hazleton)**

**Jason Carr (Saylorsburg)**

**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Schnee**

**Second: Ms. McDermott**

**Vote:**

**Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:04 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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