

LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS MEETING MINUTES MARCH 9, 2022  
CALL TO ORDER 5:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Audrey Serniak here, Patrick Castellani yes virtually, Danny Schramm yes, Denise Williams yes

Denise Williams welcomed Danny Schramm to the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt Audrey Serniak 2nd Patrick Castellani, unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 minutes)

Alyssa Fusaro, Luzerne-Regarding the English/Spanish ballot, don't we have to add all of the other languages to make it fair?

Denise Williams-the bilingual ballot was approved at the last meeting; it was discussed because

Mike Susek clarification on the issue. The reason for the Spanish ballot is the high Spanish/Latino population in Luzerne County. Only one county in Pennsylvania is required to have ballots in two languages. That is Philadelphia with ballots in Spanish and Chinese (Mandarin?).

MINUTES

Motion to approve Patrick Castellani 2nd Audrey Serniak, unanimous

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Paula Radick reported that the DA's investigation into the 2021 primary is ongoing. BUREAU OF ELECTIONS REPORT

Special Election-Mike Susek said that the AOPC would provide a certified Spanish translation of the ballot; the ballot is almost ready for printing; the voter list should be transmitted tomorrow (SURE system not designed for a special election); L&A testing will be done; the audio will also be in Spanish. The drop boxes should go in March 21st; the pull date should be up to the Bureau as long as adequately advertised; retrieval by the deputies.

Campaign Finance-Mike Susek thought all of the campaign finance reports had been posted but some are still in intake due to the work on the special election. They can be made available if needed.

The Election Group report-no update.

Primary Election-The Bureau is receiving local petitions for Democratic committee positions. There will be certified translations for local ballot questions. The local petitions do not have to

be notarized but there is a separate affidavit that needs to be filled out. That form is available at the Bureau.

Write in Candidates-The information for write in candidates is now on the website and Bureau employees are aware of the process.

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS REPORT

Political Signs at Polling Places-Patrick Castellani will send out a cover letter and the polling place experience questionnaire to the Board for review and suggestions and then get it to the Bureau for printing.

Paula Radick will work with Patrick Castellani to set up a meeting with the party chairs to discuss these issues. Denise Williams and Patrick Castellani will attend.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 minutes)

Alyssa Fusaro-She is excited to serve as soon as she can.

Claudia Glennan, Salem Township-Thanked Ms. Fusaro for volunteering but has concerns because she holds a position in Teddy Daniels' campaign. This is a conflict of interest. When Denise Williams became chair, Walter Griffith claimed her work with the non-partisan Fair Districts was a conflict and she resigned that position. Ms. Fusaro should either resign from the campaign or from the Board.

Alyssa Fusaro responded by reading her letter of resignation from Teddy Daniels' campaign which was effective immediately. (See attached to agenda – next page)

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Patrick Castellani 2nd Audrey Serniak, unanimous NEXT MEETING

March 23, 2022 at 5 PM

ADJOURNED 5:40 PM