

LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
AND REGISTRATIONS MEETING
MINUTES April 7, 2021

Call to order 5:02 PM by Missy Thomas, Vice-Chair

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call-Kathy Roth, Richard Nardone, Missy Thomas, Audrey Serniak, Secretary; all present

Approval of Agenda

Change made from interview for Chair to post position
motion made by Kathy Roth 2nd Richard Nardone; unanimous

Discussion

Richard verified the Board needs to choose the Chair by 4/24/21 or anyone can petition the courts; a special meeting could be called to interview and vote on 4/21/21; Mike Butera (Board solicitor) advised that the court doesn't act on its own so there may be more time. An Election Board member cannot be Chair.

The notice would be posted on the county website and advertised in the Citizens' Voice. Both papers will do news stories. The Board was advised that the county advertising contract is with the Citizens' Voice and additional ads would have to come out of the budget. Mr. Butera thought that public notices were ignored by most people and that the news stories were more effective. Kathy Roth suggested email blasts; Audrey Serniak asked which email lists; it was suggested county council, elected officials, and interested citizens. Eryn Harvey will check in to the ability to do more than one advertisement. The ad will run for 5 days and the deadline for applications will be April 19th. The notice will go on the Board's Facebook page.
Motion made by Kathy Roth 2nd Richard Nardone; unanimous

All other business deferred to the next regular meeting.

Public Comment (4 minutes)

Mark Rabo, Hazleton-Thanked the Bureau for having the finance dates posted on the page. Advised the solicitors that the election law section 2675-C allows a temporary Chair to be appointed for Election Day and the day before, only,

Walter Griffith, Trucksville-Welcomed Bob Morgan. Said the Board's solicitor should have advised Charter (section 804F) allows the public to petition the court to fill the Chair, it is not a deadline for the Board. Feels it is more important to take the time to find a good candidate. Doesn't think anyone will petition due to filing fees. The County has the contract to advertise with the Citizens' Voice and we should check any other ad requests with the manager. Chair applications should go to the Board or HR. The agenda posted was for a regular, not special, meeting. He wants the names of candidates for Chair disclosed and public comments allowed And deadlines for online finance reports.

Brian Shiner, Kingston-Applications for Chair should go to the Board. There is a FB page for the Board of Elecions. Regarding the Chair deadline, Mr. Shiner assured the Board he would not be petitioning to fill the Chair.

Lynette Milano, West Pittston-Welcomed Bob Morgan and wished him good luck.

Audrey Serniak advised the Board that we have a FB page and that she is on as administrator.

Next Meeting-April 14, 2021; 5 PM, virtual

Motion to Adjourn by Kathy Roth 2nd Richard Nardone unanimous

Adjourned 5:40 PM