

LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
AND REGISTRATIONS MEETING  
MINUTES JUNE 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

May 27, 2021 4:15- 4:24 PM-Discussion of DA investigation and compliance.

June 2, 2021 8:57-9:15 AM – Discussed DA investigation and compliance  
Denise Williams explained the change in meeting was to comply with the State's change in  
deadline for certification of the State Senate District 22 race.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

ROLL CALL

Richard Nardone here, Kathy Roth here, Audrey Serniak here, Missy Thomas absent,  
Denise Williams here

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend the agenda to certify only the special election for state senate district 22  
Rick Nardone 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Roth unanimous, motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 minutes)

Ronald Knapp, Nanticoke- re: Special Election Senate District 22, wants to verify remainder of  
election and specifically his race is not part of this meeting. Mike Butera verified only Special  
Election will be certified at this meeting.

Arlene Lange, Hanover Twp-went to the polls with her mother; there was a gap in the scammer count  
between her vote (53 or 54) and her mother's immediately after her (57). Why the gap? Office  
of Law advised her to send an email with concerns.

AGENDA ITEM-SPECIAL ELECTION

Motion to certify Special Election Senate District 22 Rick Nardone 2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey Serniak  
Audrey Serniak yes, Rick Nardone yes, Kathy Roth yes, Denise Williams yes  
Motion carries, special election certified

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 minutes)

Ronald Knapp, Nanticoke-reference 'under God' from the pledge and read an inspirational piece. Wants to see justice from the debacle that transpired, to find out what happened. Asks that certification be delayed a month, to check with the DA on his progress and then leave it to God. Demand a dry run for the general election.

Stephen Urban, Wilkes Barre-looked at results and wants additional reports, how many scattered votes per ward and the over/under report. Wants these reports published.

Matt Krone, Freeland Borough-unofficial results show scattered ballots. Will we find out the actual names? As a registered Republican he doesn't feel disenfranchised; election not perfect but issue over dramatized.

Sean Donahue, Larksville-Is the complaint system in place? People want to know who the write ins were. He wants a policy meeting so that if he doesn't agree he can go to county council for an ordinance. Why aren't the results posted a week ahead of time?

Brian Dwyer, Larksville-"I'm literally sitting here twitching" because people were disenfranchised. Had problem voting because registered non partisan. Doesn't know how election can be certified. Frustrated that we can't get a simple process right.

Hilary Palencar, Larksville-also 'twitching'. She's 64 years old with a health issue and had to return to the polls because she was not sure, after media reports and other info received that her vote may not have been counted. Very upset that she had to return to the polls. She also had trouble logging onto this meeting. (Brian Dwyer said he also had trouble logging on.)

Arlene Lange-Questioned whether all of the votes were counted and sent this to the Office of Law. Romilda Crocamo advised there is no evidence that votes cast were not counted.

Claudia Glennan-Had no problem signing on to the meeting. Not impugning what anyone else said. Is aware of the hours the Board is putting in and thanks us.

## NEXT MEETING

Discussion regarding the timing of the next meeting on the certification of the election. A suggestion was made that this meeting be continued on Monday. After a point-of-order by Stephen Urban, who pointed out that the agenda had been amended, it was decided to adjourn this meeting and hold a Special Meeting on June 7, 2021 at 4:30 PM (court adjourns at that time).

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kathy Roth 2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey Serniak unanimous

ADJOURNED 9:44 AM