



LUZERNE COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 29, 2012, 5:30 PM

The Luzerne County Board of Elections & Registrations met on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 5:30 PM at the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) for purposes of re-organization of the board and regular business.

Present were:

H. Jeremy Packard, Chairman
Thomas J. Baldino, PhD
John C. Ruckno
John F. Newman
Barbara J. Williams
Leonard C. Piazza III, Director of Elections
Michael I. Butera, Esq., Solicitor

This was the first meeting of the Board as a whole, since the selection of Mr. Packard as the fifth member and Chairman of the Board, pursuant to the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter.

Chairman Packard called the meeting to order, with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment. The first order of business was to organize the officers of the Board, into First-Vice Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. The following were duly designated by motion, second, and unanimous agreement by the Board for the positions indicated:

Thomas J. Baldino, First Vice Chair
John C. Ruckno, Second Vice Chair
John F. Newman, Secretary
Barbara J. Williams, Assistant Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the 2012 General Primary Proclamation as advertised was made by Mr. Baldino, seconded by Mr. Newman. All members voted in the affirmative.

A motion to certify the Official roster of Candidates for the Office or Member of the Republican County Chairman for the April 24, 2012 General Primary Election for Luzerne County was made by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Ruckno. All members voted in the affirmative.

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Mr. Piazza reported that there were two (2) withdrawals for the office of State Representative, and there were no challenges received by the bureau. Additionally, Mr. Piazza reported on year-to-date progress on election operations.

Mr. Newman indicated that Councilman Stephen J. urban asked at the County Council meeting on February 28, 2012 for the minutes of the Election Board meeting in which H. Jeremy Packard was selected as the fifth member and Chair of the Election Board, pursuant to the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter. The Board determined that they were not official, because the Chair had not been selected. Accordingly, Mr. Newman would prepare a position paper, and Mr. Piazza would forward it to county Council.

Mr. Newman stated that he received a verbal complaint from Mr. Fred Heller of Fairview Township, concerning the removal of signs at his polling place at the last general election. The Board discussed the situation, and it decided that Mr. Newman would follow up with Mr. Heller and report back at the next meeting.

There being no further business a motion to enter into recess was made by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Baldino. All members voted in the affirmative. Accordingly the meeting was recessed at the call of the chair.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

John F. Newman

Luzerne County Board of Elections & Registration
Secretary

ATTEST:

Leonard C. Piazza III

Director of Elections

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