

**RESOLUTION R-2021-51  
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution of the Luzerne County Council Declaring a Vacancy on the Luzerne County Board of Elections*

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter establishes procedures, qualifications, and restrictions for appointments to Luzerne County Authorities, Boards, and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter Section 8.04 establishes a Board of Elections and Registration and specific provisions for appointments to that Board, one of which is that at the time of appointment and for four years prior to appointment no member of the Board shall be or have been an elected County official; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter Section 2.04 provides that no member of County Council shall serve as a member of any County authority, board, or commission; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration take an oath of office prior to serving on the Board, whereby they pledge to uphold the Luzerne County Charter; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2021, a majority of the current seated members of the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration violated the Luzerne County Charter and the Oath of Office by appointing Stephen J. Urban, a sitting member of the Luzerne County Council, to the Chairmanship of the Board;

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter Section 8.02.E provides that positions on County Authorities, Boards, and Commissions may be declared vacant when a member has knowingly or willfully violated any section of the Charter;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Luzerne County Council, that the seat on the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration heretofore filled by Keith Gould is now declared vacant due to his vote to appoint a current elected County official to the Chairmanship of that Board in direct violation of several points of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the present Resolution has been duly adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021, in duly advertised and convened public session.

This Resolution will become effective upon adoption.

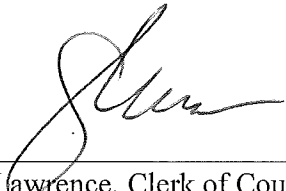
Adopted by Luzerne County Council on March 02, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE (10-1)

YES: Griffith, Haas, Houck, McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Saidman, Schnee and Vough  
NO: SJ Urban

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Tim McGinley  
Tim McGinley, Chair

Attest:   
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: David Pedri  
C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager