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BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

April 13, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 13, 2023 in Courtroom 2 of the Chester County Justice Center by Judge Bret Binder. Judge Analisa Sondergaard and Commissioner Michelle Kichline were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Binder asked Dr. Raffi Terzian to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Barsoum, Director of the Chester County Voter Services Department, reported several updates for her department. She noted May 16th, 2023 as the date of the Municipal Primary Election and informed voters that specimen ballots can be found on the County's website (<https://www.chesco.org/election>). Director Barsoum reported that poll worker training has started and is on-going. She noted that there are election information videos on the website and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/chescovoterservices>). The Director noted several approaching dates. Logic and Accuracy testing is scheduled to start on Monday, April 17th, 2023; April 21st, 2023, is the deadline for Student Poll Worker sign-up; May 1st, 2023 is the Voter Registration deadline; May 9th, 2023 is the absentee and mail-in ballot application deadline; and on May 2nd, 2023 the Drop Box Program will begin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the November 28, 2022 Board of Elections Meeting were accepted as submitted.

MINUTES APPROVED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Mary Buemi expressed general concerns about Resolution 24-23.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Hanik, Jean LoCastro, Ted Leisenring, and Don Mancini expressed concerns about the polling place location for Precincts 780 and 790 and requested Precinct 790's location be changed.

There was no further public comment on agenda items.

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Judge Sondergaard. All were in favor; motion carried to adopt the April 13, 2023 agenda.

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7. RESOLUTIONS

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a. Resolution 24-23

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Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve Resolution 24-23 authorizing polling location changes and ratifying the list of all polling locations for the 2023 Municipal Primary Election. Judge Sondergaard seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution 24-23.

Judge Sondergaard made a motion for the Board to consider moving Precinct 790 to Saint Thomas Church. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1 to approve the consideration of moving Precinct 790.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Paul Linkmeyer, Heidi Vander Wal, Sarah Marvin, Sally Mininger, Bill Borton, Sandra Bowman, Diane Houser, Jean LoCastro, Amanda Prince, Bobbie Surrick, Melissa Webber, Doug Wineman, Elise Fine, Joanne Mercer, Jennifer Maybee, Steve Brown, Dave Shoemaker, Cathy Ingham, Susan Straupe, Deb Swagely, Kevin Straupe, Mary Buemi, Barbara Powers, and Mike Winterode expressed concern over current election procedures.

Lynn Strauss expressed her support of and confidence in the current election procedures.

There was no further public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Judge Binder made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Kichline. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.



Taken by Taylor Pettit

On behalf of Chief Clerk Robert J. Kagel