



THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

May 12, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Board of Elections was called to order at 12:15 PM on Friday, May 12, 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 Sandra Bowman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Judge Binder announced that the Board of Elections met in Executive Session on Friday, May 12, 2023 to discuss legal matters.
- b. Karen Barsoum, Director of the Chester County Voter Services Department, reported several updates for her department. She noted that Election Day is Tuesday, May 16th, and polls will be opened from 7am until 8pm. Across the County, 13 Drop Boxes will also be open until 8pm. A summary of the ballot was given, and Director Barsoum noted that many additional resources can be found on the department's website and Facebook pages; www.chesco.org and <https://www.facebook.com/chescovoterservices>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve the Board of Elections meeting minutes from the last meeting on April 24, 2023. Judge Sondergaard seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2023 Board of Elections meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Sandra Bowman and Ada Nestor expressed concerns about the Central Scan Process.

Heidi VanderWal and Gale Newman expressed concerns about the Board's issued response to a letter they received regarding issues with the SURE system.

There was no further public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Judge Binder made a motion to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Kichline. All were in favor; motion carried to adopt the May 12, 2023 agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

7. RESOLUTIONS

a. Presentation on the Central Scan Process

Karen Barsoum, Director of Chester County Voter Services, gave a presentation outlining the County's Central Scan Process.

b. Resolution 31-23

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve Resolution 31-23 appointing poll workers for the 2023 Municipal Primary Election. Judge Sondergaard seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution 31-23.

c. Resolution 32-23

Judge Sondergaard made a motion to approve Resolution 32-23 appointing and authorizing certain individuals to act as members of the Return Board to assist in the computation for the 2023 Municipal Primary Election. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution 32-23.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Houser, Sandra Bowman, Bruce Lane, Paul Linkmeyer, Melissa Webber, Steve Schuster, Linda Moore, Mary Buemi, Bill Borton, Amanda Prince, Sue Stroup, and Karen Lampe expressed concern over current election procedures.

Lynn Strauss expressed her support over current election procedures.

Susan Miner asked the Board to consider opening drop boxes at 7a on Election Day, rather than 9a, to mimic the hours of the polls.

There was no further public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Binder made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Kichline. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.



Taken by Taylor Pettit

On behalf of Chief Clerk Robert J. Kagel

RESOLUTIONS

Presentation on the Central Scan Process

Resolution 31-23

Resolution 32-23

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT