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BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

December 4, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:16 PM on Thursday, November 2, 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 Michael Hart to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Barsoum, Director of the Chester County Voter Services Department, provided an overview of the voter turnout and statistics for the Municipal General Election. Director Barsoum also announced that a letter that was sent by the Board to the Pennsylvania Department of State about errant birth and voter registration dates in the SURE system, as well as a request for more detailed information about software changes when the Department of State is certifying software upgrades. The Director addressed concerns surrounding voter rolls which had been raised by the public, and reviewed the list of referrals that were sent to the District Attorney's office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Binder outlined a number of improvements that were made during this election cycle and will continue to be utilized.

MINUTES APPROVED

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Judge Binder made a motion to approve the Board of Elections meeting minutes from the last meeting on November 2, 2023. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2023 Board of Elections meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Gail Newman, Sandra Bowman, Dolores Troiani, Diane Houser, Eric Beyer, Mike Winterode, Stephanie O'Brien, Debbie Elmer, Nancy Gifford, and Kathy Angello expressed concerns about current election procedures, certification of the election, and their support of an audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kent Kingon and Dave Shoemaker expressed their support of current election procedures.

There was no further public comment on agenda items.

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Judge Binder made a motion to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Judge Sondergaard. All were in favor; motion carried to adopt the December 4, 2023 agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

7. NEW BUSINESS

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a. Resolution 56-23

Judge Binder made a motion to approve Resolution 56-23 certifying the official results of the computation of the November 7, 2023 Municipal General Election. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution 56-23.

Resolution 56-23

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie O'Brien, Sandra Bowman, and Doug Wineman expressed concerns about current election procedures and certifying the election.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Binder made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Judge Sondergaard. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT



Taken by Taylor Pettit

On behalf of Chief Clerk Robert J. Kagel