



THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

November 22, 2021

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Marian D. Moskowitz called the Board of Elections Meeting to order on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 8:30 AM in the Historic Courthouse. Commissioner Josh Maxwell and Commissioner Michelle Kichline were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Maxwell made a motion to approve the Board of Elections Meeting minutes from the last meeting on October 29, 2021. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2021 Board of Elections Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Hobie Clark, Sandy Bowman, Lynn Webber, Don Nerbanich, Linda Moore, Gary Heasley, Carmella Cilibirti, Kevin Stroud, Susan Stroud, Brigitte Delaney, Jason Stewart, Dee Miller, Ying Young, Sheila Dragon, Bill Borton, Meredith (last name unknown), Matt Schuster, Ada Nestor, Kathy Collins, Steven Brown, Pat Frick, Christa Collins, Carmen Hock, and Jean Locastro expressed concerns surrounding the 2021 General Election and related procedures, asking the Board for their support of a forensic audit of the election and to delay certifying the election results.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A woman that did not share her name expressed her support of the current election procedures and that she does not support an audit of the election.

County Solicitor Nicole Forzato addressed a few of the concerns expressed by constituents surrounding the election.

There was no further public comment on agenda items.

4. RESOLUTIONS

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a. Resolution 50-21

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Commissioner Maxwell made a motion to approve Resolution 50-21 certifying certain official results of the computation of the November 2, 2021 General Election. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. Commissioners Moskowitz and Maxwell voted in favor of Resolution 50-21. Commissioner Kichline voted against Resolution 50-21. Motion carried to approve Resolution 50-21.

b. Discussion on review of 2021 General Election

Chair Moskowitz asked the Board to take time to address the election process and openly discuss with one another.

Commissioner Maxwell expressed the need to maintain trust in the system. Commissioner Kichline encouraged constituents to reach out to their state legislators to encourage change to the process and confirmed that she has not seen any evidence of fraud during this election process while also noting that there are issues that should be altered for the better.

Liz Swain, lawyer for the Democratic party, and Michael Taylor, lawyer for the Republican party, expressed their willingness to provide details of their views on the process and their observations, as well as to continue to work together and with the County. They expressed support for a review of the process and commended the County on their practice of transparency at every level of the process.

County Administrator Bobby Kagel explained that he would like the Board, Voter Services, the party solicitors, etc. to work together to come up with a review plan potentially by an outside party, to which the Board expressed their support.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Brian McClaire, Sandy Bowman, Bill Borton, Dee Miller, Gary Heasley, Paula Salvo, Jennifer Stewart, Rita Maser, Laura Maticka, Don Nerbanich, Paul Linkmeyer, Brigitte Delaney, Angela Phillips, Matt Schuster, Suzie Smith, Amanda (last name unknown), Kathy Collins, and two women that did not give their names further expressed their upset and concern surrounding the 2021 General Election, its procedures, and the executed certification of results.

There was no further public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Commissioner Maxwell made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Kichline. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.



Taken by Taylor Pettit

On behalf of Chief Clerk Robert J. Kagel