

LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

The Board of Elections met today for an Election Board Meeting.

Present at today's meeting were:

Ray D'Agostino, Chairman
Donald R. Geiter, Vice-Chairman
Alice Yoder
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

Michael Fitzpatrick, Communications Director
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Chief Registrar
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the March 5, 2025, Election Board meeting minutes.

ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2025

On motion of Mr. Geiter, seconded by Commissioner Yoder;

WHEREAS, There are vacancies on various election boards in a number of election districts in Lancaster County which remain unfilled; and

WHEREAS, Section 405 of the Pennsylvania Election Code authorizes the County Board of Elections to appoint qualified electors who have been trained by the County to perform the duties of election officers to fill vacancies on election boards that occur within five days of the date of any election; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Elections has a pool of qualified electors who have been trained by the County to perform the duties of election officials and are willing to serve at the Special Election to be held on March 25, 2025, and desires to make the authorized appointments; and

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Election Code authorizes the County Board of Elections to appoint a qualified registered elector from the county to serve as a machine inspector in any election district in which more than one voting machine is utilized; and

WHEREAS, There are a number of election districts in Lancaster County in which multiple voting machines are used; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Elections desires to appoint qualified registered electors as machine inspectors in those districts in which multiple voting machines are used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF LANCASTER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 405 of the Election Code, the Board appoints the persons identified in the Court Appointment Report attached to this Resolution to fill vacancies in the various election boards as more fully set forth in the Report. The appointments shall be valid only for March 25, 2025, the day of the

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Special Election. Any election board position filled by appointment herein shall be deemed vacant as of the day following the Special Election.

2. Pursuant to Section 404 of the Election Code, the Board appoints the persons identified in Court Appointment Report attached to this Resolution as machine inspectors in those election districts where multiple voting machines are utilized, as more fully set forth in the Court Appointment Report. The appointments shall be valid only for March 25, 2025, the day of the Special Election.
3. Pursuant to Act 12 of 2020, the Board appoints the persons identified in Exhibit A attached to this Resolution to assist with pre-canvassing and canvassing of ballots. The appointments shall be valid for the March 25, 2025, Special Election and shall continue until all pre-canvassing and canvassing duties have been completed.

Motion passed unanimously.

Update on the March 25, 2025, Special Election and May 20, 2025, Primary Election

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Chief Registrar

Christa Miller reported that there are currently 184,569 eligible voters for the upcoming Special Election. As of this morning, the Election and Voter Registration Office has received 15,780 mail-in ballot requests, with 12,184 mail ballots already returned. She also mentioned that they were pleasantly surprised by a 75% return rate on mail ballots. Christa Miller stated that on Election Day tomorrow, all mail ballots received through the rest of the day will be included in the pre-canvassing process. A group of approximately 25 volunteers will begin preparing for the opening of all 12,000 mail ballots, which will start promptly at 7:00 a.m. The plan is to open, scan, and process the ballots, then shut down the pre-canvass area before 7:00 p.m. After that, the pre-canvassing will resume at 7:00 p.m. to continue processing any additional mail ballots received throughout the day until 8:00 p.m. A meeting will be held tomorrow morning at 7:00 a.m. to kick off the pre-canvassing. Additionally, there will be a meeting on Friday at 9:00 a.m. to begin the canvassing process, where the official reconciliation will take place.

Michael Fitzpatrick, Communications Director, added that press updates will be provided at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Election Day, offering updates on the vote count and any emerging issues. Furthermore, the website has been updated with all necessary information for voters, including polling locations, ballots, and other important details. Michael Fitzpatrick expressed his excitement for a successful day tomorrow and emphasized the commitment to maintaining transparency throughout the process.

The board thanked Christa Miller and her staff for their hard work.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Mr. Geiter, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office