

LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

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

Present at today's meeting were:

Ray D'Agostino, Chairman
Joshua G. Parsons, Vice-Chairman
Alice Yoder
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

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 April 23, 2025, Election Board meeting minutes.

Resolution No. 9 of 2025: Election Board Appointments, Machine Inspector Appointments and Pre-Canvassing and Canvassing Appointments for the May 20, 2025, Primary Election

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Chief Registrar

Christa Miller explained that this resolution pertains to the appointment of all non-elected poll workers for the upcoming Primary Election. These appointments include substitute judges, inspectors, machine clerks, regular clerks, pre-canvassers, constables, and other essential roles across all 240 polling locations throughout the county.

Commissioner D'Agostino and Christa Miller expressed their gratitude to all the volunteers who have stepped forward to serve in these critical positions.

ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2025

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, 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 Municipal Primary to be held on May 20, 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

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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 May 20, 2025, the day of the Municipal Primary. Any election board position filled by appointment herein shall be deemed vacant as of the day following the Municipal Primary.
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 May 20, 2025, the day of the Municipal Primary.
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 May 20, 2025, Municipal Primary and shall continue until all pre-canvassing and canvassing duties have been completed.

Motion passed unanimously.

Update on the May 20, 2025, Primary Election

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Chief Registrar

Christa Miller reported that there are currently 294,390 eligible voters for the Primary Election. This total includes voters in Colerain Township, where a ballot question regarding Small Games of Chance allows all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, to participate in that vote. She also reported that 24,810 mail ballot requests have been received, and as of this morning, 16,787 ballots have been returned.

Christa Miller reminded voters in the Sixth Ward 8th Precinct of Lancaster City that there was an emergency polling place relocation last week. Due to an electrical issue at the original site, the polling location has been moved to the YWCA at 110 North Lime Street.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that the pre-canvass of mail ballots will begin tomorrow at 7:00 a.m. in Room 102/104.

Christa Miller also noted that provisional ballots will not be processed until Friday. As a result, provisional and write-in vote totals will remain at zero after Tuesday night and will not be updated until all write-ins are fully reviewed. She also mentioned that military and overseas ballots are still expected to arrive. The official canvass will begin on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

At Commissioner Yoder's request, Christa Miller reminded the public that the Election and Voter Registration Office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Four designated parking spaces will be available at the corner of Chestnut Street and Prince Street, and the parking garage at Chestnut and Queen Streets will be open and free of charge for voters.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Kovalchuk

Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office