



BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING

October 31, 2019 – 1:00 PM

Courthouse
2nd Floor, Commissioners Hearing Room
Carlisle, PA

Minutes

Present: Al Whitcomb; Jim Hertzler; Dale Sabadish; Sandy Moyle, Chief Clerk; Commissioner DiFilippo; Jennifer Crum, Administrative Specialist; Bethany Salzarulo, Bureau of Elections; Mark Adams, IMTO; Jennifer Hipp, Assistant Solicitor.

Call to Order: Chairman Al Whitcomb called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Chairman, Al Whitcomb; Vice-Chairman, Jim Hertzler; Secretary, Dale Sabadish.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hertzler made a motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2019. Secretary Sabadish seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of Pool of Poll Workers: (see attached list) Commissioner Hertzler made a motion to approve the list of Poll workers. Secretary Sabadish seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Other Business:

New Law: Act 77 – will be in effect April 28, 2020

- **Mail-in voting:** New option to vote by mail without providing an excuse, which is currently required for voters using absentee ballots.
- **Fifty-day mail-in voting period:** Voters can request and submit their mail-in or absentee ballot up to 50 days before an election.
- **Funding for new voting machines:** The law authorizes a \$90 million bond to reimburse counties for 60% of their costs in purchasing new voting machines that have paper backups and enhanced security.
- **Extended registration period:** The deadline to register to vote is consolidated to 15 days from 30 days before an election, resulting in two less weeks for staff to meet deadlines.
- **No straight-party voting:** The new law bans “straight-party” voting, with a single button or a single blank on ballot, so voters will now have to choose all candidates from a single party on the ballot.

PA Marsy's Law Crime Victims' Rights Amendment:

This will be on the ballot; however, votes will not be tallied pending a court ruling.

Registrations:

- 175,000 registered voters
- Approximately 2,500 absentee ballots mailed out, 1,500 returned
- Sent out 2,700 notices with new ID cards to Dickinson College regarding their polling place change. 1,400 came back undeliverable.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Crum
Administrative Specialist