

BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Brady Mr. Krzyzanowski
 Mr. Lanouette Mrs. Pase
 Mr. Pasquale Mr. Sterling
 Mr. Thurrell Mrs. Whittington

Guests Present: Ms. Cathy Grieco, Hopkins & Sons Moving
 Mr. Mark Pitrizzi, Hopkins & Sons Moving

Staff Present: Mr. Albence, Director
 Mr. Sholl, Deputy Director
 Mrs. Manlove, State Election Commissioner

1. Mr. Brady called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. Mr. Brady recognized guests present. Ms. Grieco & Mr. Pitrizzi stated their concerns about the recently completed bid process for the voting machine moving contract coordinated by the Office of Management & Budget (OMB). The Board and the Department thanked the guests for attending and stated their intention to relay these concerns back to OMB.
3. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Pase seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Sholl provided a recap of the Red Clay School District Referendum, held on February 28, 2012. The election went very smoothly overall. He recommended that the Board certify the election results. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Pase seconded the motion to certify the results of the February 28, 2012, Red Clay School District Referendum. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Sholl provided an update on the Department's financial status. Expenditures for the current fiscal year are on track. The Department is closely monitoring utility costs for the warehouse.
6. Mr. Sholl reported that the Voter Registration Unit is current on all work and informed the Board on the number of registered voters in New Castle County
 - Mar 1, 2012: 375,404
 - Feb 1, 2012: 374,219
 - Nov 1, 2010: 389,657

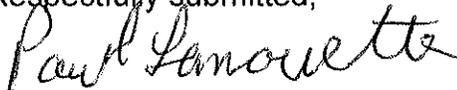
7. Mr. Albence informed the Board of the following 2012 elections:
 - Mar 13: Youth in City Government
 - Mar 28: Brandywine School District – Operating referendum
 - Apr 3: Delaware City
 - Apr 10: Newark
 - Apr 20: Elsmere-Special Election (6th Council District)
 - Apr 24: Presidential Primary
 - May 8: School Board
 - Sep 11: Primary
 - Nov 6: General Election
8. Mr. Sholl reported that activity on the Department's Web Site is consistent with expectation. He noted an increase in website traffic volume in February, which may be attributed to the party change deadline in advance of the Presidential Primary (2/24), and/or the Red Clay School District Referendum (2/28).
9. Mr. Sholl provided an update on Department work on redistricting following the 2010 Census/Redistricting:
 - The General Assembly passed the clean-up bills to address some outstanding redistricting issues.
 - Almost all issues were addressed. Two very small Election Districts were retained.
10. Mr. Albence provided an update on the Department's new warehouse. Construction has begun, with an estimated completion date of mid-June. Due to the delay in the project timeline, training of election officers for the Presidential Primary will take place in another portion of the Warehouse building.
11. Mr. Albence provided the following updates regarding proposed Federal legislation:
 - HR 3463: Bill eliminating the Election Assistance Commission
 - Bill passed House, but is expected to fail in Senate.
12. Mr. Sholl reported the legislation in the General Assembly regarding the following topics:
 - A bill amending Title 15 passed the House in June and is waiting to be considered by the Senate. It includes updates regarding list maintenance, a mandate for facilities receiving State funds to be available as polling places, and authorization to extend the option for electronic transmittal and return of absentee ballots to voters with disabilities.
 - A Title 15 "cleanup bill" should be introduced later this month. This bill modifies some dates related to the Presidential Primary, clarifies voter assistance, permits scanning of absentee ballots starting the Friday prior to an election, revises the formula used to calculate the

ratio of voting machines required per registered voters, and eliminates obsolete language in the Code.

- A constitutional amendment bill, introduced in June 2011, should also be considered this session.
13. Mr. Albence reported that materials to be archived are being prepared for delivery to the State Archives.
 14. Mr. Albence updated the Board on recent and upcoming outreach activities by the Department.
 15. Mr. Sholl updated the board that a Republican Presidential Primary is now scheduled. Four candidates have qualified for the election. Mr. Sholl also reported on the following election preparation:
 - The number of polling places has been reduced to 136
 - Affected voters (approximately 7500-7600) will be notified of the polling place changes
 - These changes will save approximately \$75,000
 - Ballots have been built for all three voting systems, with testing to be completed shortly.
 16. Commissioner Manlove reported the following updates from the Office of the State Election Commissioner (SEC):
 - Representatives from Dominion voting provided a “refresher” training on ballot building for staff from all three counties and the Office of the State Election Commissioner.
 - Recent press coverage on the ERIC program and related Pew Center for the States projects has been generally positive.
 - The office has completed upgrades to the campaign finance reporting system, which are being implemented shortly.
 17. Old Business: None
 18. New Business:
 - Mr. Thurrell moved and Mr. Pasquale seconded a motion to approve the polling place consolidations for the Presidential Primary Election. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Next regularly scheduled meeting: **Tuesday, April 3, 2012**
 19. Board Removals & Birth Date Corrections:
 - Mr. Sterling moved and Mr. Pasquale seconded the motion to:
 - Remove 85 names from the voter registration rolls due to a move out of state.
 - Remove 5 names from the voter registration rolls through the address verification process.

- Make 3 corrections to birth years noted in voter registration records.
Motion passed unanimously.
20. Mrs. Pase moved and Mr. Pasquale seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul Lanouette
Secretary