

LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

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

Present at today's meeting:

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

Also present:

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar
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Andrew Walls
DAVE MCCORMICK'S CAMPAIGN

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced postponing approval of the May 16, 2022, Election Board minutes and the May 17, 2022, Election Board minutes.

Update on the May 17, 2022 Primary Election Results and Remarking Process

Ms. Miller said the remarking process is done and has been uploaded to the results page. So far, there are 111,418 total voters that came out on Tuesday, which is a 38.5 percent turnout. Some precincts were over 50 percent. There were 89,534 votes that came from the polls and 21,884 mail votes so far. There are just under 600 provisional ballots and 25 military and overseas.

Commissioner D'Agostino said he is grateful and proud of what the voter registration staff has done and the volunteers that came in to get 16,000 mail ballots remarked in a couple of days.

Commissioner Parsons said he has had Commissioners reach out from all over the Commonwealth saying they have had similar problems and they would like to reset the system back to before Act 77 was passed. He said the system is too complicated and the logistics of elections are too difficult, and they are creating problems that cause voters to have doubts about the system. He said these problems will continue to happen around the Commonwealth until Act 77 law gets repealed. He commended Ms. Miller in executing the mission of remarking and getting the two parties together and handling the media.

Mr. Walls, who is part of Dave McCormick's campaign, asked what the number of mail-in votes is as of this morning. Ms. Miller said so far, there are 21,884 mail-in and absentee votes. Ballots received to date (deadline to receive military and overseas ballots is Tuesday, May 24).

Convening the count and Canvass Process

Ms. Miller explained they can start scanning in poll books so that voters can get the records at the polls that they voted and will begin opening provisional ballots on Tuesday. There are 15,000 write-ins to get through.

Commissioner Parsons said the recount is governed by state law and once they have more information, will hold another meeting to discuss it.

Commissioner D'Agostino said they will be looking into the issue with the vendor and the solicitor has been in contact with them as well.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to convene the count and canvass process.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office