

**LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2020**

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

The meeting was conducted remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency Declaration. The public was invited to view and participate in a live, moderated broadcast.

Participating in today's meeting were:

**Ray D'Agostino, Chairman**  
**Terry Kauffman, Vice-Chairman**  
**James Thomas, Esquire**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Lawrence George**  
**CHIEF CLERK**

Also participating was:

**Randall Wenger, Chief Clerk/Registrar**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the postponement approval of the March 18, 2020 Election Board Minutes, May 13, 2020 Election Board Minutes and May 20, 2020 Election Board Minutes.

**ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2020**

On motion of Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Thomas;

**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 General Primary to be held on June 2, 2020, 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 Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution to fill vacancies in the various election boards as more fully set forth in the Exhibit. The appointments shall be valid only for June 2, 2020, the day of the General Primary. Any election board position filled by appointment herein shall be deemed vacant as of the day following the General Primary.
2. Pursuant to Section 404 of the Election Code, the Board appoints the persons identified in Exhibit "B" attached to this Resolution as machine inspectors in those election districts where multiple voting machines are utilized, as more fully set forth in Exhibit "B". The appointments shall be valid only for June 2, 2020, the day of the General Primary.

**NOTE: Exhibit A and Exhibit B are on file in the County Commissioners' Office and the Election/Voter Registration Office.**

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner D'Agostino reported that the Department of State sent out an email weighing in on their feelings with respect to mail-in ballots that come back not in privacy envelopes. Their contention is that the law does not stipulate what to do with them and there is no statutory law to set them aside. Solicitor Mel Newcomer had a different opinion in the intent of the law which states if the inner envelope has any markings that can identify a vote, that ballot should be set aside and not counted.

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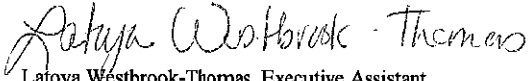
The guidance came from the Department of State throwing this whole issue into question. Mr. D'Agostino had a suspicion that it may be challenged before the election so we can have this cleared up. After discussion it was recommended that on election morning there will be a process and way for people to see that when a privacy envelope is not attached they will be placed in a secure location and held onto until the end of the process and make a determination on what to do at that point.

Mr. Thomas commended Mr. Wenger and his team on the extraordinary amount of work performed which is impressive and phenomenal.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Westbrook-Thomas, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office