

**LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020**

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**  
**Craig E. Lehman**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Lawrence M. George**  
**CHIEF CLERK**

**Lisa Johnson**  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK**

Also present was:

**Hilda Sierra-Marrero**  
**Resident**

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

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the approval of content only of the May 13, 2020 Election Board Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2020 Election Board Meeting Minutes and June 2-5, 2020 Election Board Meeting Minutes but postponed approval of the March 18, 2020 Election Board Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino noted with gratitude the reorganization today, appreciating two other members who served for the first half of the year - Jim Thomas and former County Commissioner Terry Kauffman; they were a great help especially during this extraordinary time.

**ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2020**

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ELECTION BOARD OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**, That Ray D'Agostino be nominated as Chairman of the Lancaster County Board of Elections.

Motion passed unanimously.

**ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2020**

On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ELECTION BOARD OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**, That Joshua G. Parsons be nominated as Vice Chairman of the Lancaster County Board of Elections.

Motion passed unanimously.

**ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2020**

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ELECTION BOARD OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**, That Randall O. Wenger be and is hereby appointed Chief Clerk to the Lancaster County Board of Elections.

Commissioner Lehman thanked Mr. Wenger for the robust and honest conversation last week. He wished him well and hoped the conversation was helpful.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lehman noted the prior Election Board approved Resolution No. 10 related to ballots that were received but were not in a secrecy envelope, he wanted to thank the Board for freely and unanimously deciding to following the Department of State's guidance in having those ballots counted in the Primary. He realizes the resolution indicated it was a non-precedent setting decision; however, he thinks it was the right one.

Commissioner D'Agostino gave an update regarding the Primary ballot scanning issue, the use of different paper for ballot printing and testing various scenarios. He also discussed the need for additional meetings to address equipment, money, people, and space necessities to prepare for the November election.

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Commissioner Lehman asked Mr. Wenger if he anticipated more than one printer responding to Purchasing's re-bidding request. Mr. Wenger responded that he hoped that there would be more than one printer responding adding that there were actually two parts to the request: part A is election day ballot printing and part B is mail in and absentee ballot printing and fulfillment. He also confirmed for Commissioner D'Agostino there are only about 20 Hart certified printers in the Country. Mr. Wenger said they processed and issued approximately 63,900 ballots and received mid to 50,000 range back prior to the Primary Election with an extended five weeks. The Department of State has already opened the online applications for absentee and mail-in ballots. Mr. Wenger envisions a modest number of 120,000 absentee and mail in ballots will be sent out for the General Election in November with a more compressed timeframe. He stated their office is in the process of designing social screening dividers to fully use the ten temp stations in their back office, but if they end up going offsite it will create additional supervisory and logistical challenges. Mr. Wenger said due to social distancing and power limitations, using conference room 102/104 will get them to about half of what they need for processing while social distancing and about a quarter of what they need for pre-canvassing if they need to do it all in a single day.

Commissioner D'Agostino said in order to have an election result out of Lancaster County if not on election day, then in the morning hours of the following day, we are going to need some help from the General Assembly in making some changes to the timeline by which we can get those applications in and when we can start pre-canvassing. He explained we can only start pre-canvassing the morning of the election so if the General Assembly allows more time it will dramatically cut the number of people and space needed. If we can only open the ballots the day of the election, we are going to need about three or four times the amount of people and space, potentially anywhere from 80 to 100 people, working non-stop to get these ballots open and scanned; or we could have 20 to 30 people working for days.

Commissioner Parsons said there is no higher priority for the County than running this election, noting we need a meeting scheduled so the public can weigh in and then discuss what actions are needed so we can move forward.

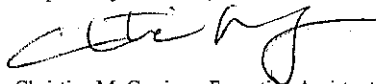
Commissioner Lehman noted the reason conference room 102/104 was used was because they did not have any choice, but now we have a little bit of time and hopefully can find a space that will accommodate all arrangements. He agreed with Mr. Wenger, it would be better to have one location even if it is a large, spread out location because there is going to be a high interest in the counting of ballots.

Mr. Wenger answered questions from Ms. Sierra-Marrero regarding polling place changes, voter notification and ballot printing.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine M. Carrigan, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office