

**LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 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**  
**John B. Trescot**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Also present:

**Tom Lisi, Reporter**  
**LNP**

**Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar**  
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**Jackie Pfursich**  
**COUNTY SOLICITOR**

**Tim Stuhldreher, Writer**  
**ONE UNITED LANCASTER**

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the May 26, 2022, Election Board minutes.

**2022 Primary Election Wrap-up**

Ms. Miller reported there was a 38.8 percent turnout for 112,076 voters, (89,725 polls, 22,009 mail, 342 provision. The election was certified on June 6 and all documents were sent to the Department of State.

Commissioner Trescot asked that the numbers be put on the County website.

Commissioner D'Agostino thanked Ms. Miller and her team for the job they did, despite the problems that occurred during the past few elections.

**Results and recommendations from examination of NPC printing error**

Ms. Miller reviewed the issue that led to the inability of the central scanners to scan mail ballots: original ballot files sent to NPC had a redistricting error made by the Department of State, new files were sent to NPC with instructions to delete the original files. The two ballot files have different election codes which are printed on the ballots to ensure that only the correct ballots can be scanned. NPC originally stated they deleted the original files, but in fact they had not deleted them from their mail ballot folder. Sample ballots were sent to the County for test scanning, all of which scanned without a problem. When Voter Registration workers opened the ballots at 7 a.m. on election day and put them through scanners, many of the ballots could not read by the scanner. It was determined that NPC had used the original ballot files to print the mailed ballots, which were supposed to have been deleted, and the test ballots were printed from the updated ballot files. Ms. Miller then called NPC to make them aware and they immediately took responsibility.

Ms. Miller said that NPC is compensating the County the \$18,300 in costs that occurred due to the remarking that had to be done of the ballots.

After meeting with NPC about the primary, there are several changes that will be made on their end operationally for quality assurance moving forward. There will be sign-off on all changes by both the County and NPC. There will be additional test ballots to assure things are correct as well.

Ms. Miller said she recommends that due to the way they took responsibility, handled the problem, took care of costs, and have made changes to their QA that The County continue their partnership with NPC. She also recommends that they have NPC send the County a check for the \$6,224 difference so that they can close the books completely on the primary.

**Passage of SB 982 (act 88 of 2022) – State Election Funding for Counties**

Act 88 of 2022 has enabled grant funding through Senate Bill 982. This bill also does not allow for third party money to be used. It is about \$5.15 per registered voter that each county is eligible to apply for, which is approximately \$1.78 million for Lancaster County. The Voter Registration and Elections office is asking to be able to apply for this funding. This will be an annual grant going forward. The

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dates to apply are August 1-15, with funds arriving on September 1. The date range for eligible costs to cover is 7/1/22-6/30/23.

Funding from the "PA Election Integrity Fund" is granted based on the number of registered voters within a county and can be used for:

- a. Staff to pre-canvass/canvass Abs/MI Ballots
  - i. All staff and volunteer costs
- b. Physical Security & transparency costs for centralized pre-canvassing & canvassing
  - i. Ballot sorter
  - ii. Ballot openers
  - iii. Staffing costs
- c. Post-election procedures required under this act
  - i. Staffing costs
  - ii. Office supplies needed
- d. List maintenance activities related to the removal of electors
  - i. Staffing costs
  - ii. Mailer/postage
- e. The printing of ballots -
  - i. 50% election day at all primaries
  - ii. 100% election day at all generals
  - iii. All mail and absentee ballots
- f. Training costs for district election officials
  - i. Staffing costs and poll worker training costs
- g. Payment of staff at polling places on election day
  - i. All JOE, Inspectors, clerks, rovers, constables
- h. Secure preparation, transportation, storage and management of voting apparatuses, tabulation equipment and required polling place materials
  - i. Staffing costs
  - ii. Warehouse rent
  - iii. supplies
- i. Costs of duties related to processing voter registration applications
  - i. Staffing costs
  - ii. ID cards/postage

Mr. Lisi asked the Commissioners their opinions on pre-canvassing.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed to apply for grant funding under Act 88 of 2022 and to authorize the required signatures on the application.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Preparation for November 2022 General Election**

Ms. Miller reported she is currently working on hiring a deputy and working through approximately 8,000 voter and mail ballot applications. She said she is hoping to have ballots sent out end of September and temporary workers begin in mid-September.

Commissioner Trescot asked if the Voter Registration office does any active programs to register voters. Ms. Miller said they do not have the time but would like to figure out how to do. She said when someone calls who is conducting a voter registration drive, her office supplies the applications.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioners' Office