

**LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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:

**Tene Darby**  
**LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT**

**Kent Kroehler**  
**JUDGE OF ELECTIONS**

**Dayna London,**  
**LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT**

**Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Mike Sturla**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Nelly Torres**  
**LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT**

**April Wefler, Clerical Specialist**  
**VOTER REGISTRATION**

**Michael Yoder, Reporter**  
**LANCASTER PATRIOT**

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:53 a.m.

Commissioner Parsons announced the approval of October 5, 2022, Election Board meeting minutes.

**Public Hearing re: Proposed Polling Place Changes**

Ms. Miller reported there are 11 proposed polling place changes for the upcoming election: Lancaster City – First Ward is moving from the Masonic Center of Lancaster County to The Ware Center due to its previous location no longer being available for public use; Lancaster City – Seventh Ward, First Precinct is moving from Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School to San Juan Bautista due to its previous location no longer being available for public use; Lancaster City – Seventh Ward, Fifth Precinct is moving from Washington Elementary School to Franklin Terrace due to its previous location no longer being available for public use; Lancaster City – Eighth Ward, Seventh Precinct is moving from Lafayette Elementary School to the Lancaster Rec Center due to its previous location no longer being available for public use; Lititz Borough – First Ward, Second Precinct is moving back from Lancaster Evangelical Free Church to its previous location of Luther Acres; East Hempfield Township – Pleasant View District is moving back from Church of the Apostles to its previous location of Woodcrest Villa; Lancaster Township – Second District is moving from Wheatland Middle School to Maple Grove Community Building due to its previous location no longer being available for public use; Lancaster Township – Fourth District is moving from Burrowes Elementary School to Lancaster Seventh-Day Adventist Church due to its previous location no longer being available for public use; Manheim Township – Second District is moving back from Oregon Dairy to its previous location of Landis Homes; Manheim Township – Twenty-Third District is moving back from Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home to Brethren Village; Penn Township – South Penn District is moving back from the Penn Township Municipal Building Maintenance Shed to Pleasant View Communities.

Ms. Darby, Precinct 7-5 resident, said the room at Franklin Terrace is going to be tight to vote in. She said she contacted Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology and Faith Tabernacle, and that pastor did say he would consider it but he would have to consult his congregation.

Commissioner D'Agostino said school districts and municipalities are supposed to be polling locations by law but they do not enforce the issue. The reason all these other places had to be found at the last minute is because the School District of Lancaster could not be a polling location this year.

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Ms. Miller said it would be too late to add Faith Tabernacle for this year's election, but they could look at that as a polling location going forward.

Ms. Torres, a 7-5 precinct resident, said she wants to know why the polling changes are happening less than a month before the election.

Ms. Miller said she works with the Lancaster Parking Authority, and they are able to get spots reserved. All polling locations do have contracts and it is written in the contract that with a 30-day written notice prior to election day polling locations are allowed to pull out of being a location. She said they did not find out about the School District of Lancaster until the middle of September which gave them only 2 and a half weeks to make decisions on how they were going to do things.

Rep. Sturla said he came to speak about the parking issue and said it is discouraging for people to have to pay to park so they can vote. Regarding contracts with polling locations, he said it should be that the location must provide 60-90-days' notice before it can stop being a polling place.

Ms. London, a city resident, said she is concerned about elderly residents who must walk a block or so to vote and feels it could be discouraging.

**ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2022**

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot;

**WHEREAS**, at a public meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, the Lancaster County Board of Elections approved posting notification of proposed polling place changes effective with the November 8, 2022, General Primary, and of a hearing to be held in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room on October 12, 2022, following the Board of Commissioners' public meeting which starts at 9:15 a.m., and

**WHEREAS**, proper notices of said changes were posted by the Chief Clerk of Elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, that the Board hereby designates the following polling places changes, effective with the 2022 General Primary Election.

**FROM**

**TO**

**#0100: Lancaster City – First Ward**

Masonic Center of Lancaster County  
213 West Chestnut Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

The Ware Center (Binns Room)  
42 North Prince Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**#0701: Lancaster City – Seventh Ward, First Precinct**

Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School  
466 Rockland Street  
Lancaster, PA 17602

San Juan Bautista  
425 South Duke Street  
Lancaster, PA 17602

**FROM**

**TO**

**#0705: Lancaster City – Seventh Ward, Fifth Precinct**

Washington Elementary School  
545 South Ann Street  
Lancaster, PA 17602

Franklin Terrace  
630 Almanac Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17602

**#0807: Lancaster City – Eighth Ward, Seventh Precinct**

Lafayette Elementary School  
1000 Fremont Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Lancaster Rec Center  
525 Fairview Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603

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**#1802: Lititz Borough – First Ward, Second Precinct**

Lancaster Evangelical Free Church  
419 Pierson Road  
Lititz, PA 17543

Luther Acres  
600 East Main Street  
Lititz, PA 17543

**#4914: East Hempfield Township – Pleasant View District**

Church of the Apostles  
1850 Marietta Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Woodcrest Villa  
2001 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17601

**#5302: Lancaster Township – Second District**

Wheatland Middle School  
919 Hamilton Park Drive  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Maple Grove Community Building  
1420 Columbia Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**#5304: Lancaster Township – Fourth District**

Burrowes Elementary School  
1001 East Orange Street  
Lancaster, PA 17602

Lancaster Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
151 City Mill Road  
Lancaster, PA 17602

**#5702: Manheim Township – Second District**

Oregon Dairy  
2900 Oregon Pike  
Lititz, PA 17543

Landis Homes  
(High Conf. Room in Crossings Bldg.)  
1001 East Oregon Road  
Lititz, PA 17543

**#5723: Manheim Township – Twenty-Third District**

Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home  
3110 Lititz Pike  
Lititz, PA 17543

Brethren Village  
3001 Lititz Pike  
Lititz, PA 17543

**#6202: Penn Township – South Penn District**

Penn Township Municipal Building Shed  
97 North Penryn Road  
Manheim, PA 17545

Pleasant View Communities  
2100 Town Square North  
Manheim, PA 1754

Motion passed unanimously.

**Start of Count & Canvas on Friday, November 11, 2022:**

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar, Board of Elections

Ms. Miller explained that although County offices are closed that day for Veteran's Day, the official start of the Count & Canvas will begin at 9 a.m.

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**Extended Office/Ballot Drop Off Hours:**

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar, Board of Elections

Ms. Miller said the office will be open during the following dates and times for ballot drop off:

Thursday 11/3 until 8 p.m.

Friday 11/4 until 8 p.m.

Saturday 11/5 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Monday 11/7 no extended hours due to Act 88 and having to have everything reconciled by 7a.m.

Tuesday 11/8 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Handling of Ballots with no dates**

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar, Board of Elections

Commissioner Parsons said the good news is there is most likely less undated ballots because word is getting out. Ms. Miller said there are instructions included in the ballot letting voters know that they must date their ballot. The information is written in Spanish and English.

**Update on the 2022 General Election:**

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar, Board of Elections

Ms. Miller reported that the voter total as of now is at 350,388 and they are receiving a lot of changes. Mail in requests are at 36,554. Of that returned are 12,938. She said her office is receiving several trays of returned ballots each day and the new system is making it easy to scan them all.

Mr. Kroehler, a Judge of Elections, asked several questions of the Commissioners including election security, the average amount of poll workers and what he thinks is a lack of appreciation from the Commissioners for the work volunteers do to get ready for Election Day.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office