

**LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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:

**Melissa Ellis**  
**EPHRATA BOROUGH**

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

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

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Commissioner Parsons announced the approval of October 12, 2022, Election Board meeting minutes.

**Update on Handling of Ballots with no dates**

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar, Board of Elections

Commissioner D'Agostino said the handling of ballots with no dates continues to be an ongoing issue and he hopes there will soon be a final determination on how to handle this. He said he thinks the ballots should be segregated and not counted, which is following the plain language of the law, and until there is final ruling from the state supreme court.

Commissioner Parsons said the role of the Board of Elections is to take the law and apply it. He said what the board is trying to do is find out what the law is and not inject their personal beliefs into that. He said he does not believe Act 77 is constitutional, however, the courts have ruled that it is so we have to follow their rulings. He said it is troubling to him that the Department of State appears to disregard court rulings. He has reviewed the caselaw and the current state of the law is to not count the ballots. He said the system does not work when the Department of State is misstating the law.

Commissioner Trescot said he thinks the County is doing the right thing by segregating the ballots. In the May 2020 election, he said the number of undated ballots was .38 percent. He said he anticipates that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court will make a ruling on a case about it and hopefully it will be a clear decision to count or not count. Until that happens, he said he will wait for that decision and decide what to do with those undated ballots at that moment in time is something changes.

**Update on the 2022 General Election:**

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar, Board of Elections

Ms. Miller said this has been the highest number of voters since she has been with the County, which is 352,837. Mail ballots and absentee ballot requests are at 45,344 and she expects requests to be at 50,000 next week. She said just under 28,000 or 62 percent of mail-in ballots have already been received. She is expecting about 12,000 more ballots to come back based on past numbers. She said the test ballots they have been receiving on a daily basis have been working fine and her team is ready for Election Day.

Ms. Ellis had questions about mail-in ballots.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioners' Office