

May 27, 2022

Westmoreland County Board of Elections

General Primary Election of May 17, 2022

The Westmoreland County Board of Elections met in Special Session on Friday, May 27, 2022 at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Meeting Room #101 2 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Vice-Chairman Douglas W. Chew, Secretary Gina Cerilli Thrasher and County Solicitor Melissa A. Guiddy.

The following business was conducted:

Mr. Kertes called the meeting to order at 11:01am

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the Election Board held May 12, 2022, as presented

Opportunity for Public Comment

No Public Comment

Mr. Kertes called the Challenge Hearings of Provisional Ballots to order at 11:02am

There were eight Provisional Ballot Challenges:

The challenge of one provisional ballot from Hempfield Township Todd was withdrawn, therefore the decision of the Provisional Board stands as Partial Count; no testimony was heard on this provisional ballot and the Election Board made no decision on this provisional ballot.

The challenge of one provisional ballot from Monessen 1-1 was withdrawn, therefore the decision of the Provisional Board stands as No Count, no testimony was heard on this provisional ballot and the Election board made no decision on this provisional ballot.

The challenge of one provisional ballot from Greensburg 2-4 was withdrawn, therefore the decision of the Provisional Board stands as Partial Count, no testimony was heard on this provisional ballot and the Election Board made no decision on this provisional ballot.

The challenge of one provisional ballot from North Huntingdon 1-3 was heard, the Provisional Board decided that this ballot should be a No Count due to the fact of a missing secrecy envelope. The Challenge was made by the McCormick campaign that no secrecy envelope is on the fault of the voter. The voter participated via conference call. Attorney Mercer from the McCormick campaign stated that the no secrecy envelope was an administrative oversight by the Judge of Election, and that the voter did everything they were told to do and the vote should be counted. Attorney from the Oz campaign stated that the Election Code is clear on this and it shall not be counted if missing a secrecy envelope and that no secrecy envelope should not count. Motion was made by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher, seconded by Mr. Chew and it was unanimously agreed to accept the one ballot from North Huntingdon 1-3.

The challenge of two provisional ballots from Jeannette 6th Ward were heard, the Provisional Board decided that these ballots should be a No Count due to the fact that the voters signed the poll book. The two voters attended, they were questioned by the Election Board. The voters stated that they were told to do the provisional ballot and to sign the book and did not vote twice. Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to count the two provisional ballots from Jeannette 6th Ward.

The challenge of one provisional ballot from North Huntingdon 6-3 was withdrawn, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to sustain the challenge and not count the ballot.

The challenge of one provisional ballot from Madison was heard, the voter attended the meeting and was questioned by the Election Board. The objection was withdrawn by the Oz campaign; therefore, the decision of the Provisional Board stands and remains a full out for the one ballot from Madison.

There were no additional matters of agency business.

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:25am

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli Thrasher, Esq.

Secretary