

Electoral Board Meeting

June 15, 2022

The Lancaster County Electoral Board met on June 15, 2022. In attendance were Carol Biscontini, Vice Chair; Susan Jett, Registrar and Kelsey Zentmyer, Deputy Registrar. Barbara Breeden, Chair, called into the meeting by phone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

The first discussion was on Brandon Frazier's resignation from the electoral board. Susan informed the board that the new chair of the republican committee was Dr. Steve Glessner, and that he was in the process of looking for a replacement for Brandon.

The next discussion was on the ballot on demand contract from DemTech. Everyone was pleased with the proposed contract that Mike Brown had sent us and felt we should move forward with acceptance and purchase of the system. Barbara clarified that the system was being purchased for use in early voting only. It was suggested that Susan take the contract to Don Gill for signing.

Next was discussion on sending out voter cards to all voters due to the redistricting process. The board felt it was better to send cards now, than to wait and rely on the state to send them in September, on or after early voting had already started, since the law only requires they be sent 15 days ahead of an election. The budget also had been set to cover the costs of sending these out, so it was agreed that we would go ahead and do so.

Kelsey apprised the board of her work with cybersecurity. She enrolled in a new Cyber Navigator Program created by ELECT. Universities from around the state have partnered with ELECT to provide two interns to each participating locality. Our interns are cybersecurity majors at George Mason. They will spend 10 weeks working with Kelsey and Glenn Rowe, the Director of IT, to produce security solutions tailored to our locality and our department, strengthen our locality's overall security posture, and learn how to better protect this aspect of our nation's critical infrastructure. They are expected to spend 3 days with us in-person with the remainder of the work being done virtually. The board was very pleased to hear Kelsey's suggestion that they go before the Board of Supervisors at the completion of their internship and present their accomplishments. It will be a good bridge to show our office is working to help everyone on these critical issues.

Susan concluded the meeting with updating the board of the current lack of filers for candidacy for Kilmarnock town council. Irvington also has one open spot that needs someone to file for. White Stone has all seats covered. The deadline to file is next Tuesday, June 21st. It is hoped that everyone files at the last minute to avoid write-ins.

Carol moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 AM.