

Board of Elections Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Meeting Attendees: Peter DeWind, Martha Sauerbrey, Dennis Mullen, Loretta Sullivan, Bill Standing, Cliff Balliet and Election Commissioners Toombs & Wahls

Minutes Approval from August 2019: First by Loretta Sullivan and second by Cliff Balliet

Financial Update of Year to Date attached for review.

Old Business:

Commissioners attended Election Commissioners Association Conference. Conference program was made available to review the three days of topics for training.

Ten Election Inspector training classes have been hosted through October. Availability of sufficient inspectors remains a high concern, perhaps because of the nearly 17-hour workday.

Capital Projects Grant for Early Voting – Electronic Poll Books from New York State and remaining Shoebox funds from HAVA are expected to cover the cost of the Electronic Poll Books.

New Business:

Logic and Accuracy Voting Machine Testing and Test Deck validations on the Voting Machines for Absentee/Affidavit Ballots, Early Voting, and Election Day has been completed by the Machine Technicians.

Military, Absentee/Affidavit ballots were delivered and are being processed for the applications currently on file. Election Day Ballots are on order for the November 5th election.

The NYSBOE visited to do a random Voting Machine Asset Audit of the machines. All components are accounted for according to Election Law.

NTS provided a training regarding the Software Updates installed over the prior month. These enhancements of the program allow more comprehensive list generation as well as compliance with the new Election Laws.

Robis Elections, Inc. provided our staff with on-site preliminary training of the Electronic Poll Books (aka AskED). Ten Electronic Poll Books have been delivered to date as well as the four on demand printers for Early Voting. The remaining fifty-eight units are anticipated during the last week of October.

Early Voting Inspector assignments and Election Day inspector assignments continue to be revised per availability.

Chapter Law 316 of NYS took effect on September 26, 2019 allowing a voter to now change their political affiliation immediately upon submission of a new voter registration form. The exception is a change of enrollment filed between February 15 and seven days after the June primary. This eliminated the “sealed enrollment box” also known as the “locked box” and any pending enrollment changes during the February to June period is now publicly available information. This Election Chapter Law also changed the annual enrollment date for calculating signature amounts on Designating Petitions to February 21st.

Early Voting Aid to Localities Grant /contract has been received from NYSBOE, and we plan to present a resolution next month regarding this funding toward Early Voting and Electronic Poll Books.

Current Resolutions:

Authorize Agreement with Robis Elections, Inc. to procure Electronic Poll Books