

MINUTES

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Mary Rennie, Chairwoman
Terry M. Scutella, Vice-Chairman
Charlie Bayle
André Horton
Ellen Schauerma
Brian Shank
Jim Winarski

Erie County Courthouse
140 W Sixth Street Erie, PA 16501
Room 114A

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by Interim County Clerk, Nicole Inan.

Roll Call

County Council members present:
Charlie Bayle, Andre Horton, Mary Rennie, Brian Shank, Ellen Schauerma,
Terry M. Scutella, and Jim Winarski
Also present: Nicole Inan and Megan Moore.

Hearing of the Public

Freda Tepfer, Erie: Ms. Tepfer stated that with the new Board of Elections, she hoped to see continued practices, and a good job conducting elections. She also expressed a need for less movement in voting places and, as an incoming Judge of Elections, all the support possible from the Elections Office and the Board of Elections.

Nomination of Election Board Chair

Mr. Scutella nominated Mrs. Rennie for the position of Chairwoman of the Election Board. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Schauerma.
Mr. Horton moved to close the nominations.
Mrs. Rennie was elected as Chairwoman of the Board of Elections, 7-0.

Nomination of Election Board Vice-Chair

Mr. Winarski nominated Mr. Scutella for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board of Elections. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Shank.
Mr. Scutella was elected Board of Elections Vice-Chairman, 7-0.

Comments from the New Board Chair

Mrs. Rennie expressed how proud she is of the Elections Department and Council staff that have worked on elections. She expressed that there is a level of integrity that can't be found elsewhere in the office, and partisan politics are left out of the process. Mrs. Rennie explained the Erie County Elections are fair, efficient, effective, have integrity, and apply the same standards to everyone. She voiced that they are in a constant state of proving themselves and having public confidence. She thanked everyone.

Questions or Comments from Board Members

Mrs. Schauerma announced her delight to see Mrs. Rennie returned as Chairwoman of the Elections Board. She stated that she did an excellent job handling difficult situations with grace.

Mr. Shank welcomed Mrs. Rennie back as Chairwoman. He stated she had done a great job in the previous year. He stated that when working with Ms. Fernandez and the staff, it would be a good, clean, and fair election. He described

his experience working in the Elections Office to others, and that he stands with his colleagues and the Elections Office.

Mr. Horton offered his congratulations to Mrs. Rennie and Mr. Scutella. He stated that running the elections was no small feat, especially with all the transitions that took place with logistics, mail-in-ballots, machine purchases, but with the work of Mr. Smith and Ms. Fernandez was done with due diligence. He stated Erie County was the standard when looking at the state, and it looked as if it was done almost effortlessly. He expressed that people don't always understand what goes into elections, from the work of the Elections Board, poll workers, judge of elections, and trainings received. He said Kudos again to all, and looks forward to a great election in 2022.

Ms. Inan introduced Tonia Fernandez, the Elections Supervisor, to the new Council members. She stated that Ms. Fernandez does an outstanding job, and embodies integrity in action.

Adjournment

Mr. Horton made a motion to adjourn, and Chairwoman Rennie adjourned the meeting at 4:23 pm.