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Erie County Courthouse
140 West 6th Street
Room 114A
Erie, PA 16501

1-22-26 ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 P.M. by Ms. Chillcott.

Roll Call

Members Present: Charlie Bayle, Rock Copeland, Chris Drexel (via phone), Ellen Schauerman, Terry Scutella, Jim Wertz, and Jim Winarski (via phone)

Others Present: Karen Chillcott, Jill Pennsy, and Tonia Fernandez

Hearing of the Public

Freda Tepfer, City of Erie: Ms. Tepfer commented on the need to improve access and efficiency to the voting process, requesting earlier pre-canvassing of mail ballots from the state legislature, the Save Act hindering voter registration, the possibility of drop boxes, and curing. She offered support for Jim Wertz as chair of the Board of Elections.

Nominations of Chair and Vice Chair for the Board of Elections

Ms. Chillcott asked for nominations for the position of Chair.

A motion to nominate Mr. Wertz for Chair was made by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Chair Wertz asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Drexel as Vice Chair of the Board of Elections by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 7-0.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Comments from the New Chair and Vice Chair

Chairman Wertz offered thanks to his colleagues for the vote of confidence in his ability to act as Chair and thought the Erie Election Office was the gold standard.

Mr. Drexel congratulated Mr. Wertz.

Questions and Comments from the Board

Mrs. Schauerman offered congratulations to Mr. Wertz.

Mr. Bayle seconded that the Erie Election Office was the gold standard and looked forward to that continuing.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.