

Meeting Minutes of the Sussex County Electoral Board

February 4, 2021

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The purpose of the meeting was to approve Officers of Election for the upcoming year.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Sussex County Electoral Board was called to order at 1:02 p.m. at the Office of the General Registrar of Sussex County by Electoral Board Chair LaVerne Ford.

ROLL CALL:

LaVerne Ford, Chair
Ronald Hicks, Vice Chair
Al Peschke, Secretary

A quorum was established. Also present at the meeting were:

William R. Jenkins, General Registrar of Sussex County
Sareese Messier, Assistant Registrar of Sussex County

AGENDA:

Minutes.

Mr. Peschke read the minutes of the January 28 Electoral Board meeting and moved to accept them as read. Mr. Hicks seconded. The motion was carried.

New Business.

Mr. Hicks requested Board members be provided with hard copies of the minutes. Mr. Peschke agreed to provide a hard copy of the previous meeting's draft minutes to the Electoral Board members at the beginning of each meeting.

The appointment of Officers of Election for the upcoming year was discussed. Mr. Hicks proposed to eliminate four individuals from the roster for various reasons. After discussion, both Ms. Ford and Mr. Peschke disagreed with Mr. Hicks' assessment.

Mr. Peschke noted that during elections sometimes poll workers at the last minute are unable to work or don't show up. As mitigation, he suggested delegating to the General Registrar the responsibility of placing Officers of Election in various precincts and positions as he sees fit.

Mr. Peschke moved to approve the full list of Officers of Election as presented by the General Registrar and to delegate to the Registrar the responsibility of assigning them to precincts and positions. Ms. Ford seconded the motion. Mr. Hicks abstained. The motion carried.

Mr. Hicks requested a discussion of a letter which a citizen mailed to him as Electoral Board Chair, with a copy to the Democrat Party. Ms. Ford asked what was in it, and he said he doesn't know but he has it in his file. Ms. Ford stated the Board cannot address a letter they do not have information on.

Mr. Jenkins reported the election cycles in 2021 will consist of a Democrat Primary in June and a general election in November. Republicans will not have a primary. He noted the June primary could be affected by redistricting, depending on the actions of the state legislature.

Adjournment:

Mr. Peschke made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Ford seconded, and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Next Meeting: To be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Peschke".

Al Peschke, Secretary
Sussex County Electoral Board