

**LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

The Board of Elections met today for an Election Board Meeting.

Present at today's meeting:

**John B. Trescot, Chairman**  
**Christina L. Hausner, Vice-Chairman**  
**Judge Jeffery D. Wright**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Larry George, Chief Clerk**

Also present:

**Lisa Dart, Deputy Chief Clerk/Registrar**  
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**Melissa Ellis**  
**EPHRATA**

**Theia Hofstetter**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY RESIDENT**

**Danielle Lindemuth**  
**Grassroots FreePA**

**Tom Lisi, Reporter**  
**LNP**

**Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Registrar**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Jacquelyn Pfursich**  
**SOLICITOR**

**Phil Stoltzfus**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY RESIDENT**

**Tim Stuhldreher, Writer**  
**ONE UNITED LANCASTER**

Commissioner Trescot called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Commissioner Trescot announced that an executive session was held December 20, 2022, at 12:10 p.m. regarding the legal case of NAACP v. Chapman, 1:22-CB-339 and a Title III complaint.

Commissioner Trescot announced the approval of December 14, 2022, Election Board meeting minutes.

**Update on the 2023 Primary Election**

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk & Registrar

Ms. Miller reported that currently there are 345,013 voters, 2,186 mail and absentee applications that have been processed and the office has started to receive back the 74,000 of the annual request letters that were sent county residents. Of that, about 2500 paper applications have been processed. Petitions begin next week and dates are February 14 and March 7. The new deputy has started and has been fielding questions. The ballot sorter has arrived, which brings the number up to 12 sorting devices. Hart software is being updated currently and they will be ready to go for the spring election. The six new scanners are on the way.

Ms. Hausner asked the time frame for when referendum questions will be on the ballot.

Judge Wright asked how the elections office is doing in getting people to work at the polls.

Mr. Stoltzfus asked about his father voting by mail, Ms. Lindemuth asked about the calibration process of the Hart software and if it could be made public. Mr. Stuhldreher had questions about the Home Rule referendum being on the ballot.

**Update on Knowink Electric Poll Book Pilot**

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk & Registrar

Ms. Miller said they are looking into piloting poll books and has met with Knowink Electric Poll Book Company. She said they are hoping to try it

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out on three to five precincts in the spring municipal primary which is a much lower turnout election. Poll book reconciliation could be done the next day where now it takes weeks after the election.

Ms. Ellis discussed a report she read about problems with poll books in California. Ms. Miller responded by saying California is different in what they are allowed to use, such as the use of cellular updates.

Ms. Lindemuth said as soon as she heard the County was planning on using something electronic during the elections, she became concerned because it is electronic and can be manipulated.

Ms. Hofstetter said she also has similar concerns about going electronic with the polling books because the capability of connecting to wifi or cellular.

Mr. Trescot said this is a pilot and they are examining it. One of the reasons it was placed on the agenda is so the public knows the County is looking at possibly implementing this. He said information will continue to be made public and the board will look at the benefits and concerns.

Judge Wright said he appreciates the public speaking out and keeping on top of this.

On motion of Ms. Hausner, seconded by Judge Wright, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office