



State of Delaware
Department of Elections

December 23, 2019

Minutes

Certification of the Appoquinimink School District's December 17, 2019, Referendum

1. Commissioner of Elections Anthony Albence called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 p.m. on December 20, 2019.
2. Commissioner Albence introduced New Castle County Office Deputy County Director Howard Sholl and the Christofer Ramos the Department's Director of Information Technology. No members of the public were present.
3. Commissioner Albence reviewed the results. Deputy County Director Sholl noted that there were no significant issues during the election. One machine at Marion Proffitt Training Center had to be re-started after a malfunction. There were a few other minor maintenance issues that staff quickly resolved. The Poll Books worked well, although there were some delays in getting all of them connected to the central server. Return of the USBs with the results, the Secure Card Containers, and Election Documents occurred without incident. Results were reported shortly after 9:20 p.m.
4. County Director Sholl and Commissioner Albence declared the results reported following the election as Official and signed the Certification Document. County Director Sholl also signed the documents forwarding copies of the Official Results to the Appoquinimink School District Superintendent and the State Election Commissioner.
5. Department staff then selected the machine and the Polling Place to be audited by drawing slips twice from a container. One drawing was from slips with the numbers of the voting machines used in the election, and the other drawing was from slips with the names of the polling places. Machine NCC-0012 from Lorewood Grove Elementary School would be audited on December 23, at 2 p.m. at the Department's Warehouse. All the machines from Old State Elementary School would be audited within 60 days at the Department's Warehouse.
6. The meeting was recessed at 2:50 p.m. until December 23 at 2 p.m. during which the ballots from machine NCC-0012 will be recounted. The results of this recount will be included as part of these minutes. The results of the audit of the machines used at Old State Elementary School will be audited at a separate Public Meeting that will be posted sometime in January.
7. Commissioner Albence reconvened the meeting at on December 23 at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Sholl, and Mr Brooks were present. Mr. Brooks retrieved the Secure Card Container for

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8. machine NCC-0012. Commissioner Albence then cut the seal at the top of the container and removed the ballots. Mr. McNeill joined the group at approximately 2:20 p.m.
9. Commissioner Albence and Mr. Sholl each counted approximately 50% of the ballots for Question 1. Mr. Brooks and Mr. McNeill then counted the ballots. Mr. McNeill found that there was a 1 vote difference in the group he and Mr. Sholl had counted. He recounted the group and verified that his count agreed with Mr. Sholl's count. Mr. Sholl recounted the group and verified that his count agreed with Mr. McNeill's second count. The recounted totals for Question 1 were 88 for and 39 against. These were the same as reported on Election Night.
10. Commissioner Albence and Mr. Sholl then each counted approximately 50% of the ballots for Question 2. The initial count showed a 1 vote difference in both the for and against responses. Mr. Brooks and Mr. McNeill recounted the ballots and found that the results were the same as reported on Election Night. Commissioner Albence and Mr. Sholl recounted the ballots and confirmed the results. The recounted totals for Question 2 were 91 for and 35 against.
11. Commissioner Albence and Mr. Sholl then each counted approximately 50% of the ballots for Question 3. The initial count showed a 2-vote difference in the for \$30,727,300 response. Mr. Brooks and Mr. McNeill recounted the ballots and found that the results were the same as reported on Election Night. Commissioner Albence and Mr. Sholl recounted the ballots and confirmed the recounted totals for Question 3 were 84 for \$30,727,300 and 33 for \$13,931,400.
12. After the recounts, the ballots were secured in a tamper-evident container.
13. The audit of machine NCC-0012 showed that the results for all three questions were the same as reported on Election Night. There were discrepancies in the initial recount of each question. Subsequent recounts of each question found that there were no discrepancies and that the results were the same as reported on Election Night.
14. The meeting was adjourned on December 23rd at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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