

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012, 10:00 A.M., IN CONFERENCE ROOM #1, FIRST FLOOR  
COURTHOUSE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219.

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BOARD MEMBERS: HON. JOHN P. DEFAZIO, CHAIRMAN  
HON. RICH FITZGERALD, MEMBER  
HON. HEATHER S. HEIDELBAUGH, MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE: MARK WOLOSIK – MANAGER, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
ALLAN J. OPSITNICK - ASST. COUNTY SOLICITOR, LAW DEPT.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Fitzgerald at 10:00 a.m.
  
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Audrey Glickman, Vote Allegheny, had concerns about the iVotronic voting machines. Mr. Wolosik will address these concerns in a letter at a later date. (Submitted notes attached).  
Returns were not posted on website. Mr. Wolosik will check with the Division of Computer Services.  
Annette Shimmer suggested we consider pre-paid postage on absentee return envelopes.  
Marty O'Malley stated that if we have plans to realign voting districts, he suggests we utilize Pitt students at no cost to the County.
  
- III. **CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION:**  
Motion to Certify votes cast at November 6, 2012 Election:  
Mr. DeFazio – Yes; Mr. Fitzgerald – Yes; Ms. Heidelbaugh – Yes.
  
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS:** The 2013 Election Calendar was distributed.  
  
**DISCUSSION:**  
Ms. Heidelbaugh suggests we look into changing the law to eliminate constables at various polling locations.  
  
Mr. Fitzgerald suggests re-districting in some precincts due to the long lines at the past election.  
  
Absentee Ballot challenge in 39<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.
  
- V. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Mr. Fitzgerald, meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



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### Notes on the General Election from VoteAllegheny

1. **The condition of the voting machines.** We know these machines are computers that are at least seven years old, and we all know how good our old computers are, especially if they are slung around, left sitting in the cold or heat, and shipped about on trucks.

a. How many machines failed during the course of the election on Election Day? How many were taken out of service by Judges of Elections?

b. How many machine batteries died during the course of the election on Election Day? We heard that a few died in the east end of the City.

c. How many batteries does the County have in stock? How old are they? We know that Luzerne County bought batteries for their iVotronics far ahead of need with their HAVA money, but not all have been used yet, and now they are dead or dying.

d. Is the number of screen calibrations needed on Election Day going up? We note that the Perry County, Pa., video showing vote-jumping has made it around the world, and it was an iVotronic.

e. Did any candidate request a recount? What does the County do in that case, especially since there is nothing physical to recount that shows the intent of the voter in the casting of the ballot?

### 2. Machine preparation.

a. Was the programming of the election (the ballot definition, etc.) done by ES&S rather than County employees? We heard this at Machine Preparation.

i. If so, did ES&S program the flashcard, the PEB, or both?

ii. If so, did the County pay ES&S for this service?

iii. If so, why? The County has been proud of not needing help from ES&S to program elections.

iv. Since 2006, which elections were programmed by ES&S and which were done in house?

b. Did the County have 300 extra iVotronics for this election? We heard this at Machine Preparation.

i. If so, were they borrowed or rented, and from whom?

ii. If so, were they running the same firmware as the County's original machines? How do we know?

iii. If so, were they in the warehouse and thus in the same pool for the random testing? We heard that they were not. How can we be certain of their security, then?

3. **Number of machines per precinct.** How was the deployment of additional machines per precinct allocated? Why would Pittsburgh 15-2, for instance, need four machines rather than the usual three?

4. **Parallel testing.** We look forward to reading the results of the parallel testing. We note that when the reports are posted on line, one cannot read the addenda, appendices, and attachments – they appear only as icons, not as clickable links.

Audrey N. Glickman  
Voter@VoteAllegheny

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Response to the "Notes on the General Election from VoteAllegheny" presented at the December 3, 2012 meeting of the Allegheny County Board of Elections

**The condition of the voting machines.**

1. a. 5, 1.
1. b. None. By way of explanation, if not connected properly on the iVotronic itself or plugged in to an electrical supply, the battery will not charge.
1. c. 50 rechargeable stick batteries. 6 months old.
1. d. No
1. e. No. The procedures for Recounts are found at 25 P.S 3031.18 of the Pennsylvania Election Code.

**Machine preparation.**

2. a. Not done by ES&S.
  - i. Not Applicable
  - ii. See above
  - iii. See above
  - iv. Since the 2007 Primary, all elections were programmed by Allegheny County
- b. The County had 150 extra iVotronics
  - i. Owned by Allegheny County
  - ii. Yes. Verified by Allegheny County as part of iVotronic testing.
  - iii. Were in warehouse and were subject to random firmware verification testing.
3. Based upon registered voter totals, projected turnout and deployment at the previous 2008 Presidential Election.
4. All icons are clickable links.