

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013, 10 A.M., IN CONFERENCE ROOM #1, FIRST FLOOR
COURTHOUSE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, 15219.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: JERRY TYSKIEWICZ – DIRECTOR, ADMIN. SERVICES
MARK WOLOSIK – MANAGER, ELECTIONS DIVISION
ALLAN J. OPSITNICK - ASST. COUNTY SOLICITOR

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Mr. DeFazio at 10:01 a.m.

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Barbara Danko, Pittsburgh, 14th Ward. Requested that postage be placed on absentee ballots by the County. Mr. Wolosik stated it would be costly, and once it was done, the voter would request postage on applications as well.
Example of cost: Delivery & Return per election.
2009 Mayoral - Primary/General - 10,517 ballots @0.46 x 2 mailings = \$9,765.
2012 Presidential - Primary/General - 42,194 ballots @0.46 x 2 mailings = \$38,818.

Redistricting: Requires that a petition be filed in the Court of Common Pleas. The last Court-ordered Redistricting was in 1989. In order to do a County-wide redistricting would require an additional full- time staff.

Eliminate Constables at Polling Locations: 25 P.S. Section 3047 - the Constable or Deputy of each borough, township or ward shall be present at each polling place. In order to eliminate constables, the Election Code would have to be amended through legislation.

- III. **MAY 21, 2013 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY:** Voter Registration is down 45,000 from the previous November Election. All Polling Locations are now accessible to elderly and handicapped voters. Voter ID will be the same in November, i.e., photo ID will be requested but not required.. However, regardless if voters have photo ID or not, they are permitted to cast their vote on the voting machines. First time voters at their polling place are still required to have present ID in order to vote. Projected Voter Turnout: 25% Republican, 35% Democratic, 40% Democratic, City of Pittsburgh.

- IV. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Mr. Fitzgerald, meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.