

Tuesday April 5th, 2022

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

5:32 Meeting called to order by Chairperson Lynn Caterson
Statement read by Lynn Caterson

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge led by John Mooney

III. ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Lynn Caterson, Secretary John Mooney, Commissioner Creed Pogue, Commissioner Mary Jo Coutts
Supervisor Clerks of the Board Bill Sacchinelli and Bernadette Pacitti
Principal Clerk of the Board, Iris (Melissa) Baez, Clerk of the Board, Katherine Penate

IV. ADA COMMITTEE:

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee 2022
Introductions of County employees/representatives for ADA
Responsibilities of Committee explained for record
Concerns: the last accessibility checks performed were highly compliant
However, still of concern, need to check status of Somers Point, Groveland Ave Senior Center, need status of fixes
State Forms due by May 15th
Compliance vs accessibility explained in detail
Also, inspection needed of early voting locations
Public Grievance read aloud from Nov general election – hard copy to be provided to Board of Elections

V. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Passing of Poll Worker Doris Michel who served with 20 years of service
Continued conflict in Ukraine
Moment of Silence

MOTION TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM OF PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BE HEARD NOW,
AS MANY IN ATTENDANCE

Motion by Lynn Caterson
Seconded by Mary Jo Coutts
Voted all in favor

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lisa Tilton representing Buena Vista Township on concerns of Early Voting Centers
Mayor of Egg Harbor Township Paul Hodson on concerns of Early Voting Centers
Commissioner Andrew Parker on concerns of Early Voting Centers
(Michael /Galloway Twp) on concerns of Early Voting Centers
Victoria Druding; League of Women Voters on issues of Early Voting Centers “it is our responsibility to provide access to voters”
Jason Howell resident of Atlantic, present and recording meeting

6:32 pm Motion by Lynn Caterson to end public comments
Seconded by Creed Pogue
Voted all in favor

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made to accept meeting minutes from March 8th, 2022
Motion: Lynn Caterson
Second: Mary Jo Coutts
Vote: Creed Pogue abstained as he was not present on March 8th, rest of Board in favor

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Re-warding and redistricting
All completed and maps signed by all Board members

VIII. CLERKS OF THE BOARD UPDATES:

A. Preparations for 2022 Primary

Bill Sacchinelli: "Get lists approved tonight so we can move on"

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tentative list of Poll workers for 2022 (too lengthy to attach) in-progress
34 pages - vacancies will be filled as classes completed

Motion to approve: Creed Pogue

Seconded: Mary Jo Coutts

Voted: All in favor

B. Tentative list of polling sites for 2022 / in-progress / attachment #3

Problem locations - clarification needed 1-3 AC New Shiloh Baptist

Church/approval conditional, next: Buena Boro - move to Blessed Sacrament,
pending ADA review

Northfield missing contact sheet on two locations - same as general 2021

Margate - City Hall under renovation - primary only move to Tighe School

Pleasantville - 1-4, New Hope church , 2-4 Faith Baptist

Weymouth Twp - back to Oaks of Weymouth

Changes because of post-COVID

Ventnor Community Building, Municipal Clerk stated as it is now a nutrition
center and so it must be cleaned after election day (invoice attached)

Bernadette Pacitti requested to State if cleaning would be reimbursed; response
pending

Motion to Approve Conditionally (Ventnor) with Clerks of the Board to have final
say

Motion: Creed Pogue

Seconded: Mary Jo Coutts

Voted: All in favor

Motion to table janitorial invoice submitted by City of Ventnor

Motion: Lynn Caterson

Seconded: Mary Jo Coutts

Voted: All in favor

C. Tentative list of Early Voting Polling sites for 2022 / in-progress /attachment #4

Motion to approve 6 existing Early Voting Centers

~open discussion on adding additional voting center~ OUT of ORDER

Motion: Mary Jo Coutts

Seconded: Lynn Caterson

Vote: Lynn Caterson:YAY; Mary Jo Coutts:YAY; John Mooney:NAY; Creed
Pogue:NAY

Tie Vote on record. Final Decision to be made by Joe Giraldo, County Clerk

Consecutively alternative locations of adding early voting center discussed, voted and tied – All to be compiled and presented to County Clerk for decision (see letter attached)

D. Poll worker compensation increase / Bill Sacchinelli announced \$300 a day and hourly rate is \$21.44

E. Discussion of invitation to County Commissioners for tour and observance of poll worker training session ; personal letters to be sent out with training schedule.

TBD an invite to a meeting to local dignitaries

After primary: to host a week of open house events for community

F. Discussion of possibility to create press releases which should be function of the Board

Press stories - Chair should not be the only spokesperson / important to acknowledge and keep bi-partisan

G. Discussion of a consideration request from the Superintendent of Elections to print name line voting authority / attachment #5

New technology of e-pollbook -needs signature line and print name in order to reconcile

Motion to approve change

Motion: John Mooney

Seconded: Mary Jo Coutts

Voted: All in favor

H. NJAEO Conference update - logistics and details will be clarified/verified
Lynn Caterson will prepare the basket for donation "Sunshine Committee"

I. Resolution to move Buena Borough Fire Companies Fire District elections to the month of November / attachment #6 - effective 2022

Motion to approve

Motion: Mary Jo Coutts

Second: Creed Pogue

Voted: All in favor

Bill Sacchinelli presented said Resolution for signatures by all Board members

X. Public Comment:

7:54 Motion to re-open public comments

Motion: Lynn Caterson

Seconded: Creed Pogue

Voted: All in favor

Public Comments:

Lisa Tilton; Buena Vista Township would like to thank you for the consideration
But go on record that the Early Voting numbers presented are skewed
They should be per municipality and based on percentages

Motion to close public comments

Motion: Lynn Caterson

Seconded: Creed Pogue

Voted: All in favor

XI: COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

John Mooney: worked well together to get Egg Harbor Twp for Early Voting
Center

Discussion ensued about possibly moving Board of Elections and how County
Admin is involved/communication

Notify County Admin that all communications should go to both Chair and
Secretary

Creed Pogue: letter to clerk on Early Voting Center should be reviewed by all
Board members

XII: ADJOURNMENT:

8:19 PM Motion made to adjourn meeting

Motion: John Mooney

Seconded: Mary Jo Coutts

Vote: All in favor