

Tuesday, November 2, 2016 4:00 PM

- I. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**: Statement read by Chairperson Lynn Caterson
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Pledge was led by Secretary John Mooney
- III. **ROLL CALL**: Chairperson Lynn Caterson, Secretary John Mooney, Commissioner Ernest Aponte and Commissioner Mary Jo Coutts were present.
Office Staff: Clerks Susan Sandman, Bill Sacchinelli, Henrietta McKenzie, and Hope Bertino
- IV. **BALLOT REVIEW**:

A motion was made to review the ballots at 4:00 pm.

- **Motion**: Secretary Mooney
- **2nd**: Commissioner Aponte
- **Vote**: 2- yes 2- no

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda and review the ballots after Public Comment.

- **Motion**: Chairperson Caterson
- **2nd**: Commissioner Coutts
- **Vote**: 2- yes 2- no

Secretary Mooney suggested the Chair, Secretary and the Clerks to the Board have a conference call with the Attorney General to ask the question if they could skip to the Agenda and review the ballots after Public Comment.

A motion was made to call the Attorney General.

- **Motion**: Secretary Mooney
- **2nd**: Chairperson Caterson
- **Vote**: yes – Coutts no - Aponte

According to conversation with the Attorney General, it is up to Board to decide if they wanted to allow Public Comment before Ballot Review.

A motion was made to open up Public Comment first and then review ballots.

- **Motion**: Secretary Mooney
- **2nd**: Chairperson Caterson
- **Vote**: Unanimous

A motion was made to open Public Comment.

- **Motion**: Commissioner Aponte
- **2nd**: Commissioner Coutts
- **Vote**: Unanimous

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**:

- A. Keith Davis - Linwood, Republican Party Chairperson; he was concerned about a letter that was sent to all Democratic Poll Workers from the Democratic Party concerning Provisional Ballots. He felt that all Poll workers should be notified in a letter stating the correct procedure for allowing a voter to vote by Provisional Ballot according to the Attorney General.
- B. Mary Slomine - Margate, Democratic Party Vice Chairperson; she discussed 5 items that were in the Poll Worker Manual that were cause for giving a provisional ballot to a voter. We do not want to suppress a vote and uphold the Constitution.

- C. Michael Suliman – Galloway Township, Democratic Party Chairperson; he expressed his views pertaining to the Provisional Ballots. We should not suppress anyone's vote.
Commissioner Coutts would like it on the record that the Poll Workers work for the BOE not for the Democratic or Republican Parties.
- D. Randolph Lafferty - Mays Landing; he feels the letter sent to the Democratic Poll Workers is contrary to the law and contrary to training. A letter should go out to all Poll Workers to disregard said letter.

Secretary Mooney said that the BOE will train according to Title 19. Our training is in compliance with Title 19.

A motion was made to close the Public Portion of the meeting at 5:15 pm.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Coutts
- **2nd:** Commissioner Aponte
- **Vote:** Unanimous

VI. CLERK'S UPDATE:

- A. **Teamsters Contract** – A letter was sent to Teamsters to change titles on the new contract.
- B. **Meet with Postmaster**– The Clerk's to the Board met with the Postmaster to discuss delivery of ballots on Election Day.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Policy and Procedure on Requesting DAG opinions** – Commissioner Aponte says we should accept advice from the DAG only if we ask for his opinion. He's concerned about them giving advice when we don't ask for it. The whole Board should be in agreement of the questions asked. A motion was made to make the WHOLE Board in agreement of questions asked to the DAG before we contact them.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Aponte
- **2nd:** John Mooney
- **Vote:** 2 – yes 2 - no

- B. **Role of DAG and their opinions relative to the Board as a whole** – same as above

- C. **Selfies** – Chairperson Caterson says to maybe send out a letter to Municipal Clerks to give to couriers about Selfies. Mr. Sacchinelli says to just deal with Selfies based on case by case situations.

A motion was made to add to the letter to contact the BOE if any concerns come up.

- **Motion:** Secretary Mooney
- **2nd:** Commissioner Aponte
- **Vote:** Unanimous

A motion was made to send a letter to all Poll Workers to ignore the letter from the Democratic Party and to follow proper instructions from Title 19.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Coutts
- **2nd:** Chairperson Caterson
- **Vote:** 2 – yes 2 - no

D. **Attorney Generals' e-mails** – Discussion ensued to ignore unsolicited advice.

E. **Parking at Oakcrest High School** – Board discussed having more reserved parking for handicapped drivers. The Municipal Clerk should call Oakcrest to find out what can be done. The bus drivers should also be contacted.

IX. **WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Correspondence from Keith Davis – In prior discussion

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

- **Motion:** Chairperson Caterson
- **2nd:** Secretary Mooney
- **Vote:** Unanimous

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