



# County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County  
Government Center  
at The Globe  
123 Wyoming Ave  
Scranton, Pennsylvania  
18503

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Elections

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Monday, November 15, 2021

11:30 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

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#### Call To Order

Meeting was called to order 11:34 AM.

**Present** 3 - Debi Domenick, Jerry Notarianni, and Chris Chermak

#### Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerry Notarianni, seconded by Commissioner Chris Chermak, that this be Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Debi Domenick, Jerry Notarianni, and Chris Chermak

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#### Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

#### Motions

##### [21-4028](#)

Motion to certify the results for the Special Election for the Representative in the 113th Legislative District.

**Beth Hopkins:** Due to State Representative Thom Welby from the 113th district is being sworn in tomorrow the state had asked us to certify his results independently from the other election results.

**Commissioner Chris Chermak:** I need to get some answers on some of the mail and so you know, we had like 12,000 mail ins. This has nothing to do with Thom Welby, this has to do with entire election. Current guidance on the mail in ballots and absentee ballots under section 4.1. states third party delivery of absentee ballot is not permitted. How many of these that were dropped off were unauthorized, how many were set aside that were unauthorized drop offs?

**Beth Hopkins:** No one came into our office to drop off a ballot that was not the authorized voter.

**Commissioner Chris Chermak:** Any that would have been unauthorized that were put into a drop box potentially?

**Beth Hopkins:** None to my knowledge. I have authorization forms here that voters designated an authorized person to bring their ballots in and I have copies of all those forms with me.

**Commissioner Chris Chermak:** The problem with this it that it's going to continue so I can't consciously certify the election with some of these mailings that are dropped in the drop boxes that are unsecured. We don't know who's putting them in. It is hard for me to certify this. I am a no.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Debi Domenick, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Notarianni, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 2 - Debi Domenick, and Jerry Notarianni

**Nay:** 1 - Chris Chermak

#### **Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board**

**No comments.**

#### **Member's Other Business**

**No comments.**

#### **Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM**

**Aye:** 3 - Debi Domenick, Jerry Notarianni, and Chris Chermak