

Board of Elections Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Meeting Attendees:

Election Commissioners Toombs & Wahls

Legislators: Dennis Mullen, William Standinger, Martha Sauerbrey and Cliff Balliet

January Minutes approval: First by W. Standinger, seconded by D. Mullen. No February Meeting due to snowstorm.

Financial Update/Budget:

2021 YTD Budget Report attached; no significant expenditures anticipated within the first quarter of 2021.

Old Business:

Dominion trainings (Tech 1 & 2) scheduled for March 16 thru 18 at their Endicott facility. New VMT and Deputy will take required training for the voting machines.

New Business:

Per the Governor's Executive Order for 2021, Signature reduction for 2021 petitions by 70% due to pandemic, NO Opportunity to Ballot Petitions, (OTB), the Updated Running for Elective Office booklet is available on the BOE website as well as in our office to potential candidates.

Our vendor NTS, has completed the necessary upgrade for the Packets Petition Module for the tracking of petitions to be filed from March 22 - 25. There are currently 56 positions this year inclusive of Legislative, Countywide, and Town offices.

NVRA – National Voter Registration Act required us to purge inactive voters who were listed as inactive on or before, and had not voted since, the federal election two years previous. This maintenance occurs after each general election where federal offices are on the ballot (every two years). Over 2,000 inactive voters were purged from our voter rolls following this maintenance.

NCOA – The National Change of Address process in conjunction with the USPS updated in-county and out-of-county movers totaling just shy of 1,000 voters. This is an annual process done within the month of February.

Our annual Mail Check file was provided to our NTS vendor this week for preparation of Mail Check Cards for nearly all active county voters. These cards will be mailed to 30,105 active registered county voters in late spring.

Duplicate Management/ NYSVOTER is ongoing through the state database.

Per Election Law, Enrollment/Party changes are to be in a virtual “Locked Box” holding those changes during Feb 16 – June 28. These will take effect one week post-Primary 2021.

Personnel:

Democratic Voting Machine Technician Vacancy – 2 applicants; interviews were conducted, with neither candidate accepting the part time position.

Commissioner Wahls reached out to other qualified applicants for Tioga County employment opportunities and interested in part-time work – including Alichia Hatch, who will accept the position.

Resolutions:

B08 – Authorize Appointment of Democratic Voting Machine Technician – Alichia Hatch with a start date of March 10.