

Board of Elections Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 6, 2019

**Meeting Attendees:** Election Commissioners Toombs & Wahls, Cliff Balliet, Dennis Mullen, William Standinger, Loretta Sullivan and Martha Sauerbrey

Guest: Rita Hollenbeck, John Holton

Minutes approval from July 2, 2019: Approved by Dennis Mullen, seconded by Loretta Sullivan

**Financial Update/Budget 2020:**

YTD Budget Report – Year to date financials presented, fifty percent of budget used through July.

Projected 2020 Budget Notes – the Treasurer’s Office will establish coding to break out the cost for Early Voting and revisions addressed. An updated copy of the anticipated budget will be sent upon completion.

**Old Business:**

NTS Software Update installation completed on staff computers. These updates to Suite and TEAM will make it easier to implement Early Voting. They will allow for imports and exports for Electronic Poll Books, as well as providing the new codes needed for sending Early Voter History to NYSVoter.

Inspector Recognition Certificates were mailed to our retired election inspectors with the remainder being distributed at upcoming Inspector Training classes.

**New Business:**

Certification of Primary Election 2019 are available on the county webpage under Board of Elections.

Outside the timeframe to file petitions for a new political affiliation the following Certificates of Nomination were filed for the GE19 Election:

Joseph Breitwieser – Libertarian – County Sheriff

Richard Purtell – Libertarian – Owego Councilman

Keith Price Jr. – Libertarian – Owego Councilman

A Certificate of Nomination was filed for the vacated position of Nichols Justice by the Republican Party for: Sandra Lute.

The Commissioners and Voting Machine Technicians attended the Tenex Electronic Pollbook Demo at the Broome Co BOE and took advantage of the opportunity to view a second time, the Robis product known as, "Ask Ed" Electronic Pollbook Demo at the Chemung Co BOE. Several regional county BOE staff attended with a consensus that; Robis is the top choice (amongst our colleagues) of the three SBOE approved products. This company is willing to offer a price break for the software expenses as a result of the quantities anticipated to be ordered (from several nearby counties) to comply with Early Voting. This consistency within the region will maximize the same training and signing in of a voter within the Southern Tier.

The Town of NV Justice eliminated a Town Justice position after potential candidates had carried a petition. This will not appear on the GE19 ballot.

The SBOE sent a Periodic Campaign Finance notice of delinquent filers within Tioga County. The Commissioners made contacts advising the Candidate/Committee of the need for compliance in their financials to the SBOE.

A spreadsheet documenting the Voting Machine turnover thus far in 2019 was presented. The VMT's must maintain, repair, test-deck, zero-out and prepare the machines for Village, School, local Primary, General Election, Absentee counting as well as for the inspector training classes scheduled to date. Early voting will bring new challenges to have machines as well as back up machines ready.

While ten Inspector Training classes have been set up for 2019, we are aware that not every inspector may be available to be assigned. Ongoing recruitment continues.

A drawing for ballot position of the two Libertarian candidates is anticipated within the next week.