

Board of Elections Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Meeting Attendees: Election Commissioners Toombs & Wahls, Legislators Balliet, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Sullivan

October Minutes approval: First by Dennis Mullen, seconded by Loretta Sullivan

Financial Update/Budget:

YTD Budget Report attached was attached; it was reviewed, no questions.

Old Business:

Grant reimbursements for HAVA CARES and remainder of Early Voting Aid to Localities have come in, still awaiting HAVA SHOEBOX reimbursement for the central count system, but that was expected to take longer.

Temporary clerks last day was 11/20, and we were very grateful for their assistance. Running a successful election this fall would not have been possible without them.

We were also very grateful to Public Health for the borrowed use of their storage space to secure our absentee and Election Day ballots, and it helped tremendously with organization.

New Business:

2020 General Election

- 77% total turnout of 32,411 registered voters:
 - Absentees – 4,955 issued; 4,306 received
 - Early Voting – 6,280 total voters, 10-12 inspectors per day + 4-5 BOE staff
 - Election Day – 14,379 voters, 193 inspectors
- We heard many good remarks from voters and election workers about how smooth everything ran during Early Voting and Election Day, especially during the pandemic, and Legislators reiterated the sentiment.

- Recanvass & Certification – four election workers were employed for the recanvass rather than our usual two, in order to ensure timely certification for such a high-turnout election; results were certified on Nov. 25 (except NY-22 congressional race, pending per court order)

Claudia Tenney v. Oswego BOE et al., the court case involving the NY-22 congressional race, continues. Neither campaign had objected to Tioga County BOE's rulings on absentee or affidavit ballots, and campaigns presented no issues with Tioga County's canvass process. However, we are unable to certify the results in that race until the judge allows it.

Inspector payments have been processed and are scheduled to be printed with the next check run (Dec 10th).

Our next goal is to process and send affidavit letters – the letters we must send to each of the ~375 affidavit voters to notify them of how the commissioners ruled on their eligibility to vote in the election.

Resolutions:

None