

Board of Elections Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 4, 2020

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

Minutes' approval: Dec. 2019 minutes approved

Financial Update/Budget 2020:

YTD Budget Report Attached

2019/2020 Revenue Allocation for State Aid Reimbursement: ~\$30,000 Early Voting Aid to Localities anticipated reimbursement had been divided between 2019 and 2020, so that \$15,000 was allocated to revenue line A1450 439060 EV19 and \$15,000 A1450 439060 EV20. However, most of the reimbursement will be claimed for 2019 due to the actual amount spent on Early Voting in 2019.

Old Business:

GE19 and Early Voting

New Business:

Commissioners attended Roundtable Discussion on Dec. 3rd with SBOE & counties in Syracuse regarding Early Voting and electronic poll books: what worked, what issues came up, what should be improved.

Reimbursement claims were submitted for Electronic Poll Books Capital Projects Grant (\$42,108.51) and SHOEBOX HAVA Program (\$77,312.00) to cover most of the 2019 Electronic Poll Books capital expense. The \$42,108.51 reimbursement has been received, SHOEBOX is expected to take a while. The application for Early Voting Aid to Localities Grant (\$31,606.42) has been submitted and approved. Claims for payment totaling \$29,548.12 for 2019 Early Voting will be submitted after forms are approved & signed by Treasurer, leaving \$2,058.30 to be claimed in 2020.

The SBOE 2019 Annual Report/Statistics for Tioga County BOE has been submitted.

Tioga BOE, Doug Camin and Drew Griffin met with Jeff Baez, Chief Information Security Officer from NYSBOE Secure Elections Center on Jan. 24 to discuss cybersecurity preparedness. The Grant Thornton Risk Assessment of Tioga County was returned the following week, though some of the high-risk areas that were indicated have already been addressed.

New voter registration forms have been distributed to Town Clerks, Post Offices, DMV, and BCC Satellite Campus.

With our election inspector numbers consistently too low, and the need for inspectors higher now more than ever, we've begun a new inspector recruitment initiative for 2020. Our office has reached out to organizations such as Rural Ministries, VFW, BCC, and others to advertise our need. We are holding two training classes in February to certify new inspectors ahead of the primaries.

To ensure our voting machines are in optimal condition for 2020 elections, we had Dominion Voting Systems replace old Mylar components in all voting machines; VMTs also refreshed batteries in all voting machines.

Resolutions: None