



STATE OF DELAWARE  
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### **Minutes of November 13, 2014 Board of Elections Meeting**

**Members Present:** Mr. Brady Mr. Krzyzanowski  
Mr. Kuhrt Mr. Lanouette  
Mr. Pasquale Mrs. Pase  
Mr. Sterling Mr. Thurrell  
Mrs. Williams-Mayo Mrs. Whittington

**Staff Present:** Mrs. Manlove, State Election Commissioner  
Mr. Albence, Director  
Mr. Sholl, Deputy Director

1. Mr. Brady called the meeting to order at 7p.m.
2. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Pase seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2014, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Sholl provided a recap of expenditures to date, and the schedule for upcoming hearings regarding the FY2016 Department budget.
4. Mr. Sholl reported that the Voter Registration Unit is current on all work and informed the Board of the number of registered voters in New Castle County:

a. Nov 1, 2014	388,923
b. Oct 1, 2014:	389,122
c. Nov 1, 2012:	388,862.
5. Mr. Sholl reported that activity on the Department's website increased near the recent General Election, but that overall traffic was somewhat lower than for prior elections.
6. Mr. Albence reported on upcoming elections:
  - a. Feb 24, 2015: Red Clay Referendum
  - b. May 12, 2015: School Board Elections.
7. Mr. Sholl provided a recap of the November 4, 2014, General Election. A variety of data regarding activities during the day, voter turnout, absentee voting statistics, and undervote statistics, were presented.

8. Mr. Sholl reported that Mr. Albence will represent the Election Center at a meeting with the United States Postal Service in Washington DC later this month, and that he and Mr. Albence will travel to Washington, DC, in January for the annual JEOLC meeting, sponsored by the Election Center.
9. Mr. Sholl reported that there are no updates regarding State legislation.
10. Mr. Sholl reported on the following Federal legislation
  - a. S1728: SENTRI Act (Impacts Military and Overseas Voter Program)
    - i. Reported out of committee on April 9, 2014
  - b. HR376: The Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act
    - i. In committee, unlikely to be voted out of committee
  - c. HR3899 & S1945: 2014 Voting Rights Act Amendment
    - i. House Bill in committee on January 16, 2014
    - ii. Senate Bill in committee on January 16, 2014
11. Mr. Albence provided an update on the iVote.DE.gov site, which serviced 11,694 users statewide on the day of the General Election.
12. Mr. Sholl stated that he Department has received authority from State Archives to destroy 2009 and prior years School Election and 2012 Primary and General Election records.
13. Mr. Sholl provided an update on the most recent data processed via the ERIC program. The Department has processed 36,049 records since the program's inception.
14. State Election Commissioner comments:
  - a. The Commissioner provided a recap of the situation regarding the Kent County Recorder of Deeds race.
  - b. A number of campaign finance issues (e.g., appropriate attributions on campaign signage and mailers) are currently being handled.
  - c. The Commissioner will be speaking at some upcoming conferences regarding innovations by the Delaware elections community, highlighting the collaboration between Elections and the Division of Motor Vehicles.
  - d. The audit of HAVA funds continues, and should conclude fairly soon.
15. Old Business:
  - a. Mr. Pasquale moved and Mrs. Pase seconded a motion to delete the January 6, 2015, meeting from the proposed 2015 Board meeting schedule. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Mr. Kuhrt moved and Mr. Thurrell seconded a motion to approve the modified 2015 Board Meeting Schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

16. New Business:

- a. Next meeting: **Tuesday, December 2, 2014**, at the Department's offices.
- b. Mr. Pasquale moved and Mr. Sterling seconded a motion to deny the request from the Red Clay Consolidated School District to add the Central School as a polling place for the February 24, 2015, Referendum. Motion passed unanimously.

17. Board Removals & Birth Date Corrections:

- a. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Whittington seconded the motion to:
  - i. Remove 2,321 people from the voter registration rolls because they moved out of state.
  - ii. Remove 239 people from the voter registration rolls because they have verified that they no longer live in Delaware.
  - iii. Remove 1 person from the voter registration rolls based on personal requests.

Motion passed unanimously.

18. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Pase seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

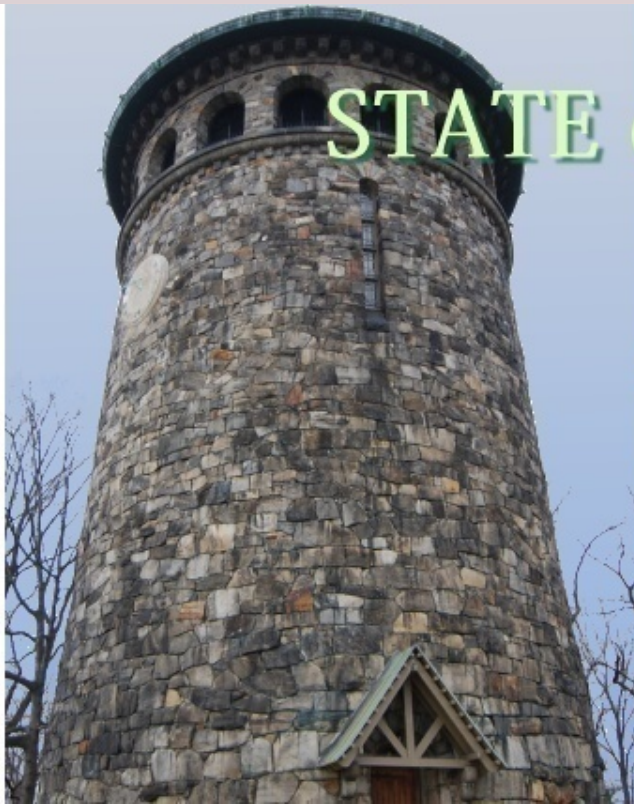
Respectfully submitted,

*Paul Lanouette*

Marilyn Whittington  
Secretary

*Paul Lanouette  
Acting Secretary*

A Report to the  
**Board of Elections for New Castle County**  
November 13, 2014



## *Financial highlights*

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- Election expenditures as of Oct 30: \$578,860
- Budget hearing – November 17 @ 1 p.m. in Senate Chamber
- Joint Finance – February 11, 12:30 p.m. – JFC Room

# FY 2015 spending as of October 31, 2014

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SPENT</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>% SPENT</u>
1 Personnel	\$344,754		\$815,746	\$1,160,500	30%
2 Travel	\$160		\$5,840	\$6,000	3%
3 Contractual	\$101,420	\$132,798	\$14,582	\$248,800	41%
4 Energy	\$4,282		\$24,518	\$28,800	15%
5 Supplies	\$3,071		\$4,629	\$7,700	40%
6 FY 2015 School Elections	\$0		\$158,400	\$158,400	0%
7 FY 2015 Prim & Gen Elections I	\$303,895		\$526,705	\$830,600	37%
8 FY 2014 Prim & Gen Elections II	\$107,628	\$54,625	\$1,075	\$163,328	66%
9 FY 2015 Prim & Gen Elections III	\$8,000		\$346,472	\$354,472	2%
10 FY 2015 Prim & Gen Elections IV	\$147,058	\$4,210	\$9,032	\$160,300	92%
11 FY 2015 Technology			\$0	\$0	0%
12 FY 2014 School Elections	\$2,390		\$55,131	\$57,521	4%
13 FY 2012 Operations I			\$4,555	\$4,555	0%
14 FY 2012 Operations II	\$12,279		\$0	\$12,279	100%
14 FY 2012 Operations II	\$6,695	\$11,669	\$836	\$19,200	35%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,041,632</b>	<b>\$203,302</b>	<b>\$1,967,522</b>	<b>\$3,212,456</b>	<b>32%</b>

## *Voter registration*

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- Registered voters
  - Nov 1, 2012: 388,862
  - Oct 1, 2014: 389,122
  - Nov 1, 2014 388,923
- Processing and filing: current

## Registered voter removal programs

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- Removal programs:
  - Moved from State: 2,321 ( D – 1,023, R - 694, Other - 604 )
  - Address verification: 239 ( D - 98, R - 63 Other - 78 )
  - Personal requests 1 ( D - 1, R - 0, Other - 0 )
- Birth year changes: 0
- Deceased:
  - Vital Statistics: 0 ( D - 0, R - 0, Other - 0 )
  - Obits & etc: 17 ( D - 11, R - 3, Other - 3 )
  - ERIC: 0 ( D - 0, R - 0, Other - 0 )
- Not a citizen: 0

## Registered voter removal programs summary

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Program	ERIC	NJ	PA	FL
Sent	9,364	744	3,646	764
Undeliverable	93	18	82	45
Duplicates	107	-	-	-
Still DE resident	26	20	41	11
Can be removed	3,662	277	1,638	295
Deceased	1	3	4	2
Returned	3,889	318	1,765	353
% Returned	41.5%	42.7%	48.4%	46.2%

## *e-signature implementation*

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- Nothing to report

## *FY 2015 Elections*

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- Feb 24      Red Clay Referendum
- May 12      School Board Elections

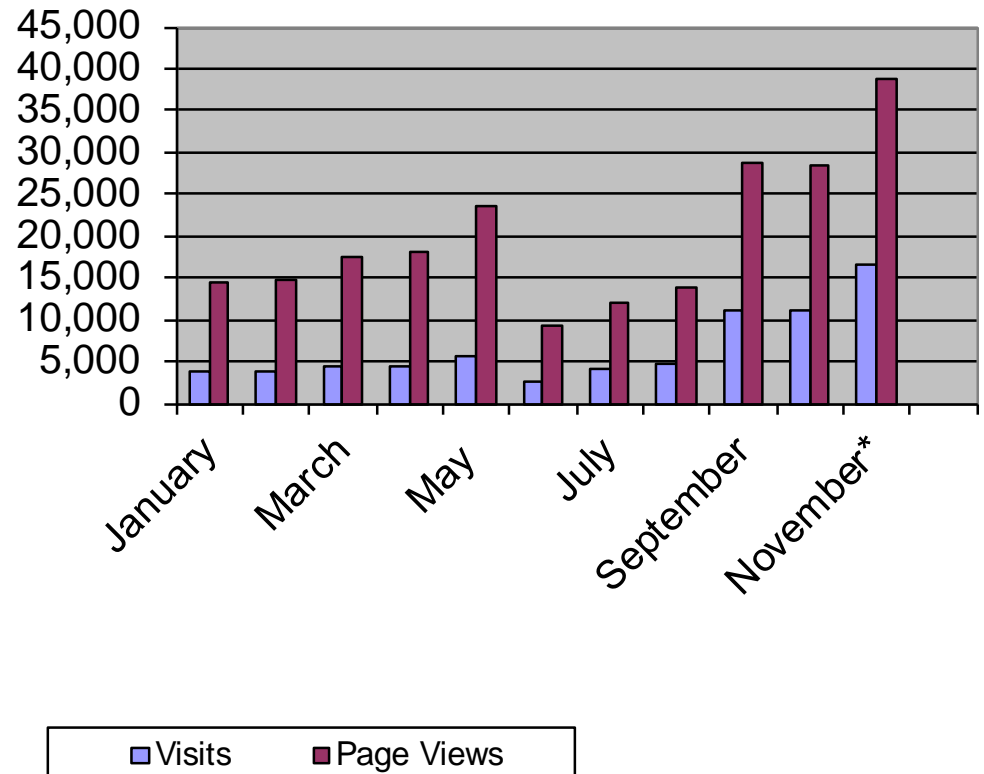
## *FY 2015 Outreach Elections*

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- None scheduled

# 2014 Web site activity

<u>Month</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>Page Views</u>
January	3,855	14,334
February	3,729	14,753
March	4,455	17,448
April	4,271	17,996
May	5,693	23,709
June	2,686	9,424
July	4,019	11,919
August	4,810	13,801
September	11,041	28,885
October	10,983	28,337
November*	16,647	38,634
December		



\* Partial

# 2014 General Election

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- Preliminary data – 34.7% turnout, 134,939 people voted
- Overall, a fairly good day
- Slow start due to some printer and battery issues
  - 8 printers replaced, 35 others re-spooled, 5 batteries & 1 EVM replaced
- Several complaints about voter ID
  - Some don't like that poll workers are required to ask
  - Some poll workers may have been too “demanding”
  - Will look at ways to make the “rules” clearer to all
  - Delaware has the most benign voter ID law in the US
- Outside lighting issues due to change to EST
- Some workers did not show-up

## 2014 General Election cont'd

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- Electioneering
  - Candidates delivering food to poll workers
  - An Inspector thought a Caesar Rodney t-shirt was inappropriate
- Parking an issue at some places
  - Methodist Country House
  - Some others where voters thought parking was too far from voting room

## 2014 General Election – texting experiment

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- Goal – reduce phone calls to Elections Unit to give the folks more time to focus on time-sensitive operational issues
- Concept – use proven/readily available technology to capture non-time sensitive data
- Implementation
  - Established 6 Gmail accounts
  - Upgraded phones provided to Election Day Techs and Rovers
  - Created a multi-user spreadsheet in Google Docs to store information
  - Developed instructions for Techs, Rovers and Inspectors to text certain data to the Gmail accounts
  - 5 UD students and one other person monitored 5 Gmail accounts and updated the spreadsheet with data needed after Polls closed and turnout data

# 2014 General Election – texting experiment

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- Elections Unit used 6<sup>th</sup> account to keep track of Techs and Rovers
- Evaluation
  - Worked as intended, eliminated hundreds of “unnecessary” phone calls
  - Some Inspectors did not provide the turnout data
    - 85% reported during the 11:30 a.m. – 12 Noon collection
    - 87% reported during the 5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. collection
  - Some Techs and Rovers had issues reporting correct data and reporting location data to the correct Gmail account
  - Could be a useful for gathering real-time data
- Sample data
  - A13 B John Smith c3o25551212 d3025559999 (Cartridge clerk data)
  - A225G757 (voter data)
  - 7R at136. 136 closed (Tech/Rover location)

# *2014 General Election – texting experiment*

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- Future
  - Refine concept
  - Incorporate into training

## Absentee ballot data as of November 13, 2014

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Type voter	Distributed	Returned/Counted	% Returned
Domestic	2,582	1,871	72.5%
Military in US	75	29	38.7%
Military overseas	13	8	61.5%
Overseas citizen	293	142	48.5%
In-Person	1,193	1,193	100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,156</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>78.0%</b>

- 2 domestic ballots not counted because oath was not signed
- 40 domestic absentee ballots have been returned late

# General Election turnout and undervotes by office

Preliminary data for New Castle County – statewide and countywide offices only

Offices	Machine Voters	Absentee Voters	Provisional Voters	Total Voters	Machine Votes	Absentee Votes	Votes for Office	Undervotes	Percent Undervotes
U. S. Senator	131,689	3,243	7	<b>134,939</b>	129,950	3,212	<b>133,162</b>	1,777	<b>1.3%</b>
Representative in Congress	131,689	3,243	7	<b>134,939</b>	128,464	3,179	<b>131,643</b>	3,296	<b>2.4%</b>
Attorney General	131,689	3,164		<b>134,853</b>	127,649	3,100	<b>130,749</b>	4,104	<b>3.0%</b>
State Treasurer	131,689	3,164		<b>134,853</b>	127,185	3,060	<b>130,245</b>	4,608	<b>3.4%</b>
Auditor of Accounts	131,689	3,164		<b>134,853</b>	125,849	3,042	<b>128,891</b>	5,962	<b>4.4%</b>
Register of Wills	131,689	3,164		<b>134,853</b>	96,995	2,298	<b>99,293</b>	35,560	<b>26.4%</b>
Recorder of Deeds	131,689	3,164		<b>134,853</b>	124,849	2,999	<b>127,848</b>	7,005	<b>5.2%</b>
Sheriff	131,689	3,164		<b>134,853</b>	105,979	2,575	<b>108,554</b>	26,299	<b>19.5%</b>

## *Staff training and travel*

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- Nov 18-19: USPS MTAC (Election mail issues) - Anthony
- Jan: JEOLC, Washington, DC -Anthony and Howard

## *Voting machines*

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- Hardware and Firmware
  - Nothing new
- Software (Guardian)
  - Nothing new
- System testing and acceptance
  - Nothing new

## *Absentee system*

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- Hardware and Firmware
  - Nothing new
- Software (GEMS)
  - Nothing new
- System testing and acceptance
  - Nothing new

## *Facilities, equipment, etc.*

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- Nothing new

- Working well
- 11,694 statewide users on Election Day

## *Continuity of operations*

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- Nothing new

## *State legislation*

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- Nothing new

## *Federal legislation*

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- S1728 – SENTRI Act (Military and Overseas voter program)
  - Reported out of committee on Apr 9, 2014
- HR 376 – Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act
  - In committee, will probably stay there
- HR 3899 & S1945 - 2014 Voting Rights Act amendment
  - House Bill in committee on Jan 16, 2014
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## *Outreach*

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- None

## *Archives and public records*

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- Waiting to destroy 2012 Election records and school election records for 2009 and prior years

- November data will be worked when time available

	Jul-13	Sep-13	Jan-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Total
Duplicate	262	13	68	14	5	7	2	9	<b>380</b>
Deceased	1,387	3	899	114	0	122	95	0	<b>2,620</b>
Cross state	4,864	721	2,283	371	124	153	85	875	<b>9,476</b>
In state update	11,443	1,617	4,894	633	342	323	269	274	<b>19,795</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,956</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>8,144</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>32,271</b>

	Previous	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Total
Duplicate	380	8	3	7	5				<b>403</b>
Deceased	2,620	144	0	171	45				<b>2,980</b>
Cross state	9,476	647	1,146	162	191				<b>11,622</b>
In state update	19,795	338	342	266	303				<b>21,044</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,271</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36,049</b>

## *Old business*

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- 2015 Board Schedule

## *New business*

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- Next meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2014
- Request by Red Clay to add Central School as a Polling Place for the Feb 24, referendum
  - Used it in the past
  - Were problems with student/voter interaction
  - Very close to Stanton Middle School



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## **2015 Board of Elections Meeting Schedule**

Subject to change!

February 3, 2015

### **Organizational Meeting**

Election of President and Secretary

March 3, 2015

April 7, 2015

May 14, 2015 (Thursday)

Certification of School Board Elections

June 2, 2015

**NOTE:** Unless noted above or changed in the public notice for a specific meeting, meetings of the Board of Elections for New Castle County begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the offices of the Department of Elections for New Castle County, Carvel State Office Building, Suite 400, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

**Approved on November 13, 2014**



**RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent*

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October 27, 2014

Mr. Antony J. Albence, Director  
Department of Elections for New Castle County  
820 North French St., Suite 400  
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Dear Mr. Albence:

For the last couple of referenda, the Central School has not been a polling place. This has caused some confusion among residents. We've received a number of concerns from parents of students in that building that they feel they should be able to cast their votes at the school where their child attends. I recently received a complaint from a resident who tried to vote at Central and turned away having to then find another polling place.

I respectfully request that the Department of Elections add the Central School as a polling place. With the referenda being important to the entire community, I believe we have a responsibility to allow residents to cast their vote for, or against, at any of our buildings. Central's address is 1621 Telegraph Road, Wilmington, DE 19804

If you are able to accommodate this request, please contact Ted Ammann (302-552-3704) at your earliest convenience so that he may update the Notice of Election for your approval.

Sincerely,

Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D.  
Superintendent