

The reorganization meeting of the Erie County Board of Elections was called to order by Chairman Thomas Ferrell on Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Roll Call:	(D) Thomas M. Ferrell, Chairman	Present
	(D) William J. Monaghan, Member	Present
	(R) Lisa M. Crescimano, Member	Present
	(R) Nancy C. McKeen, Member	Present

Guests in attendance: Jason Hinnners from Erie County Prosecutor's Office, MaryAnn Groot, Amy Grubbe, Alex Jones, Debra Nickoloff, Bang Cung Nguyen, Crystal Nguyen, and Caleb Stidham

Mr. Monaghan made a motion to select Mr. Ferrell as the temporary chairperson. Ms. Crescimano seconded the motion. All board members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Monaghan made a motion to appoint Adrienne James as the Director. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Ms. James took a roll call vote.

Mr. Ferrell- yes
Mr. Monaghan- yes
Ms. Crescimano- no
Ms. McKeen- no.

Mr. Hinnners stated, just as a point of clarification, you're making nominations at this point. So the nominations are made, then you make your vote.

Ms. Crescimano made a motion to nominate Alex Jones as the Director. Ms. McKeen seconded the motion.

Mr. Hinnners noted there are two names up for nomination. If there are no other nominations from the board, then we take a vote. Mr. Ferrell asked if there were any other nominations. There were not. Ms. James took a roll call vote.

Mr. Ferrell- Adrienne
Mr. Monaghan- Adrienne
Ms. Crescimano- Alex
Ms. McKeen- Alex.

Ms. Crescimano asked if we have to vote five times. Mr. Hinnners stated yes. Ms. Crescimano asked if we can discuss. Mr. Hinnners stated that is correct. Then, if there are five dead-locked votes, it goes to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Ferrell asked if we can go into executive session. Mr. Hinnners asked what would be the nature of the executive session. Mr. Ferrell commented it's the same way the county commissioners do it. Mr. Hinnners stated it could be for consideration of appointment of a public official. He stated that technically the director is a public official, so you are permitted to go into executive session.

Mr. Monaghan made a motion to go into executive session, with Ms. Crescimano seconding. Ms. James took a roll call vote.

Mr. Ferrell- yes
Mr. Monaghan- yes
Ms. Crescimano- yes
Ms. McKeen- yes

The board entered executive session at 9:05 a.m. They reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

Ms. Crescimano made a motion to appoint Alex Jones as executive director. Ms. McKeen seconded the motion. Mr. Hinnners stated, just to step back again, we're on the second ballot, so we're going to vote the same way. We have two nominees on the table and we'll do a roll call vote. Mr. Monaghan moved to appoint Adrienne James as the Director. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Mr. Hinnners stated that in the roll call vote, you will say who your vote is for. Ms. James took the roll.

**Mr. Ferrell- Adrienne
Mr. Monaghan- Adrienne
Ms. Crescimano- Alex
Ms. McKeen- Alex.**

Ms. Crescimano moved to appoint Alex as executive director. Ms. McKeen seconded the motion. Mr. Monaghan motioned to appoint Adrienne as Director. Mr. Ferrell seconded. Ms. James took the roll.

**Mr. Ferrell- Adrienne
Mr. Monaghan- Adrienne
Ms. Crescimano- Alex
Ms. McKeen- Alex.**

Ms. Crescimano moved to appoint Alex as executive director. Ms. McKeen seconded the motion. Mr. Monaghan motioned to appoint Adrienne as Director. Mr. Ferrell seconded. Ms. James took the roll.

**Mr. Ferrell- Adrienne
Mr. Monaghan- Adrienne
Ms. Crescimano- Alex
Ms. McKeen- Alex.**

Ms. Crescimano moved to appoint Alex as executive director. Ms. McKeen seconded the motion. Mr. Monaghan motioned to appoint Adrienne as Director. Mr. Ferrell seconded. Ms. James took the roll.

**Mr. Ferrell- Adrienne
Mr. Monaghan- Adrienne
Ms. Crescimano- Alex
Ms. McKeen- Alex.**

Ms. Crescimano stated, "I move to recess until such time as the Secretary of State makes a decision on the executive director, and Adrienne retains duty as Deputy Director until such time as we reconvene in organizational meeting." Mr. Monaghan seconded the motion. All board members voted yes; motion carried. Board recessed at 9:25 a.m.

Adrienne G. James, Deputy Director

Attest:

Thomas M. Ferrell, Temporary Chairman