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**REPORT BY THE ADVOCACY CORPS ON
The 2023 Session of the 152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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What is the League's Advocacy Corps (AC)?

The AC is a group of League members who are interested in public policy and who wish to take an active role in advocating for the League's policy positions.

How does one become a member?

Membership is open to League members. Anyone interested in attending a meeting should contact the Advocacy Corps Chairperson at: advocacylwvde@gmail.com

What are the specific activities of the AC?

The AC monitors the activities of the Delaware Legislature as it conducts the state's business. We also track administrative actions conducted by state agencies.

We support or oppose legislative and administrative proposals in accordance with policy positions approved by the State Board and offer testimony in person at hearings, when possible, and electronically when necessary. The group meets monthly, either in person in Dover or via Zoom to discuss bills, providing participants with the opportunity to express their views pro or con so that a consensus can be reached. Between meetings, members stay abreast of legislative and administrative actions using websites and through interaction with other like-minded non-profit organizations.

As members become knowledgeable about the workings of the General Assembly and develop expertise in specific areas, they may be appointed to serve as official lobbyists for the League. Only such individuals are authorized to offer testimony or interact on behalf of the League with legislators and state officials. As a lobbyist, the individual must register with the Public Integrity Commission and comply with all of its reporting requirements.

The policy positions we focus on are clustered around topic areas which are referred to as "Portfolios." See below for a review of key bills addressed during 2023; to read the full text of any of them, search on the General Assembly's website: <https://legis.delaware.gov/>. Unless otherwise noted, the bills described are ones that we support.

For further information, contact Linda Barnett, Advocacy Corps Chairperson at: advocacylwvde@gmail.com

President's Message – Tiffany Geyer Lydon



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! We have experienced some scorching days—in fact, the hottest days on our planet in recorded history. It's a good reminder of the importance of the League's work that influences climate and environmental issues. Be sure to check out the other reports in this issue that highlight some of the successes in those areas.

And while celebrating our wins is important, we must always look to the future of what comes next. At LWV US Council in June, I had the privilege of hearing about the transformation plan and future goals of the League of Women Voters, which include the moonshot goal of abolishing the Electoral College! A clear majority of Americans are in favor of this change. The Electoral College has racist roots and is not reflective of a democracy of one person, one vote. I cannot stress enough how exciting a time this is to be a part of the League. It's vital that, as we move forward, we strengthen our alliances and coalitions here in Delaware, and engage diverse young voters to become active in the League.

LWVUS Convention will be in Washington, DC next summer, so I hope that we can have a full showing of delegates and attendees for Delaware. As those who have attended LWVUS events in the past can attest, it is an incredibly rewarding and educational experience. So block off your calendar for June 27-30, 2024!

And finally, thank you to those who were able to attend our own LWVDE Convention in May at Bally's in Dover. It was so wonderful to see everyone in person and have some great roundtable discussions about League culture, policy and advocacy, and fundraising. Our fabulous guest speaker was Ayo Atterberry, Chief of Culture for LWVUS. I appreciated the sharing of ideas and concerns for the future, and I can assure you that all issues mentioned will be top of mind as the LWVDE Board continues to formulate and finalize the LWVDE strategic plan.

Please reach out to me anytime to chat, as I love to meet all of our state members, new and old!

REPORT BY PORTFOLIO:

Climate Change/Energy – Peggy Schultz, chairperson

There were three major wins this half of the legislative session. The first was HB 11, a bill which originated in this committee. We actually lifted it from New Castle County, where it was recently championed by Councilwoman Dee Durham. The bill requires that new buildings with a footprint of 50,000 square feet or more be made solar ready. This bill met little opposition.

Two other extremely important bills were HB 99, the Climate Solutions Act, which requires state agencies to look at climate change implications in their planning, with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030, and to get emissions to net zero by 2050. Because the Public Service Commission and the Public Advocate are under the direction of the State Department, a covered state agency, renewable energy purchases



will in the future be based not only on rates but also on effectiveness in reducing emissions. SB 170 is another benchmark bill for us. This legislation requires DNREC to report on electrical grid transmission, transmission cooperation among states, and the feasibility of an offshore wind project for Delaware. Reports are due December 31st, 2023. We anticipate that this bill will be the precursor to an offshore wind procurement bill. Onward and upward! Please contact Peggy to join in the work on this issue: (schultz_peggy@yahoo.com)

Criminal Justice – Chris Asay, chairperson

Criminal justice reform garnered a great deal of attention during the 2023 session. However, only 2 of the bills passed - HB 205 and HB 206 – and they are only the beginning of what is needed. They provide a small amount of police reform, requiring public transparency but only for major findings—by police—of police misconduct, while continuing the current practice of police-investigating-police with no public oversight. More reform is badly needed to generate TRUST and respect between police and the public.

Bills that we support, but which are not yet passed:

- SB 4, which reforms the probation process to be less punitive and aims to facilitate the successful reintroduction of the formerly incarcerated into society. This bill has moved out of committee and is awaiting a floor vote in the Senate.
- SB 169, which offers compensation for those wrongfully convicted. It still awaits a committee hearing in the Senate.
- HB 70, which eliminates the death penalty in Delaware. It has not yet received a committee hearing in the House. (See the section on “Government” below for more details on this bill.)

To join in the work in this important topic area, please contact Chris at ChrisAsay@aol.com. We meet monthly by Zoom.

Elections and Voting – Jill Itzkowitz, chairperson

More than a dozen voting bills were introduced in the General Assembly this year, but surprisingly only three passed both houses. These included SB57, which will ensure that Delaware voters will have their votes honored when the electoral college meets to determine the outcome of the Presidential election; SB82, which requires the Department of Elections to send out information to voters on key voting dates and locations, including early voting; and HB202, which limits individuals who may possess a firearm at a polling location. LWVDE testified in support of all three of these bills.

There were three bills that experienced some controversy. HB215, which moves the state primary to correspond to our presidential primary in April, overwhelmingly passed the House, but failed in the Senate. SB3, a constitutional amendment that would remove restrictive absentee language and authorize the General Assembly to enact laws to manage the process, passed the Senate on Party lines, but never made it to a vote in the House, presumably because it did not have the 2/3 votes needed to pass. HB121, which would allow LLCs and other artificial entities to vote in Seaford municipal elections, initially failed in the House. However, after Republicans walked out of the session that would have prevented passage of critical bond bills, the bill passed the House. However, it never came up for a vote in the Senate. The LWVDE is against this bill.

There were 3 bills that LWVDE supports that never made it out of committee: HB93, which allows all municipalities to leverage the Department of elections voter registration rolls; HB43, which allows unaffiliated voters to vote in primaries; and HB96, which allows 16 and 17 year olds to vote in school board elections.



If you are interested in protecting voting rights, participating in voter registration events, or helping with Vote411, please contact Jill at jillitzkowitz@gmail.com. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 11am. If you cannot make the meeting, you can still participate - just contact her. 2024 will be an exciting year.

Government/Redistricting/Finance/Taxation- Jack Young, chairperson

Removal of the **death penalty** from the Delaware Code, proposed in HB 70 and introduced in January of this year, is strongly supported by the League. It was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee, but no hearing has yet been held.

Our support for this proposal stems from a number of factors. It has consistently been applied in an unfair and unjust way. First, the death penalty has targeted Black defendants. Second, it has led to the execution of innocent individuals. Third, evidence demonstrates that it is not a deterrent to violent crime. Fourth, the death penalty system is more costly to the public than life imprisonment without parole due to the procedural safeguards necessary in death penalty cases. A detailed analysis of this issue can be found in the Advocacy section of the League's state website.

A bill addressing **requirements for presidential electors** (SB 57) was introduced in March and has already been signed by the Governor. This measure, sometimes referred to as the "Faithless Electors" bill, actually requires that our presidential electors be **faithful** to the outcome of our state's general election, mandating that all votes be cast for the candidate receiving a majority of the popular vote. Any attempt to violate this requirement will result in automatic resignation and replacement by an alternate elector. A detailed analysis of this issue can also be found in the Advocacy section of the League's state website. To join in the work on this topic area, contact Jack: young@sandlerreiff.com



At the LWVSC annual meeting Jack Young spoke on the importance of League action in the light of the challenges facing Sussex County and the 2023 election.

Health Care – Judy Butler, chairperson

The Delaware 152nd General Assembly introduced significant healthcare bills during its first year -- among them:

- 1) Several bills to ease the financial burden of healthcare, including:
 - SB 8 (passed), protecting patients from unfair debt collection practices.
 - HB 80 (passed), requiring pregnancy and childbirth doula services to be covered by Medicaid.
 - HB 60 (passed), requiring all insurance policies to cover supplemental and diagnostic breast exams.
 - HB 110 (in House Appropriations Committee), requiring all insurance policies to cover the full cost of abortion.
- 2) A package of bills to address the mental health crisis of Delaware's youth (HB 200, HB 5, HB 6, HB 7; each remains in the House committee to which it was assigned).
- 4) Miscellaneous bills relating to a variety of healthcare concerns, including:
 - HB 140 ("End-of-Life Options" bill – on the House Ready List), allowing mentally competent individuals to self-administer medication to end their suffering, in the face of a terminal illness.
 - SB 52 (passed), changing the existing needle-exchange program to a needs-based program.
 - HB 118 (passed), prohibiting smoking in vehicles when a minor is present.

This year, bills relating to firearm purchases and ownership were included in the healthcare portfolio in recognition of the devastating health consequences of misuse of firearms. Advocacy Corps weighed in on two of these bills:

- SB 2 (in House Appropriations Committee), creating a process (which includes a firearms training course) to obtain a 'handgun qualified purchaser permit', authorizing the purchase of a handgun.

- SB 85 (in Senate Judiciary Committee), allowing a person who is 21 or older to carry concealed firearms for the purpose of defending self, family, home, and State. LWVDE Advocacy Corps opposes this bill.

The LWVDE recognizes the work and dedication of long-time member and advocate, Joann Hasse, who died in March 2023. In addition to many other LWV roles, Joann expertly chaired the Healthcare Portfolio for many years.

To join in the work on this topic area, contact Judy: judyandhays@gmail.com

Land Use / Transportation- Anna Quisel, chairperson

One land use bill, HB 103, has started its path through the legislature; it is a bill that we oppose. It did not make it out of committee this session but could be successful in 2024. This proposal would create a new development impact fee to pay for transportation infrastructure (usually widened roads and new signage and/or traffic lights) necessitated by development projects in growth areas in Delaware. The fee is designated to be payable when development is planned in high density areas. The flaw in this proposal is that no fee would be charged to developers when development is planned in low density areas. Such a proposal could have an unintended consequence of incentivizing development in the low density areas, resulting in further sprawl and increased vehicle miles travelled (which need to be reduced). We will begin lobbying in the next legislative session for an amendment to add transportation impact fees for development projects in the low density areas as well.

For several years, the League has actively supported a transition to electric transportation especially school buses, and this session saw a lot of activity -- with some success:

- HB 10, which requires the introduction of electric school buses to the Department of Education's school bus fleet; it passed both Houses.
- HB 9 with HA-1, a bill to require phased-in replacement of Delaware Government's vehicle fleet with electric cars – a measure making progress through House committees.
- HB 123, a bill that would strip DNREC of oversight over vehicular fuel and emissions, which would seriously undermine our progress toward clean air in Delaware; this is one we oppose. It passed in the House with a very close vote (21 in favor, 20 against). We will oppose it when it comes up in the Senate in 2024.
- SB 103 now SS 1, a bill requiring EV charging ports in new homes, which passed the House and Senate.

A particularly controversial issue arose in this category – namely the issuance of proposed regulations by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to mandate that all new cars for sale in Delaware as of 2035 have to be zero emission vehicles. Proponents, including the League, applaud this regulation, as a way to help clean Delaware's air. Those opposed argue that such a mandate would burden lower income individuals and that mandates of any kind are unacceptable. The matter has not yet been resolved.

To join in the work on this topic area, contact Anna: annaquisel@gmail.com

Natural Resources – Charlie Garlow, chairperson

Significant steps to protect the environment will take place because of the following successful initiatives:

- SB 51 (the single-use plastics ban) passed;
- Funding was approved for the “Tree for Every Delawarean” initiative;
- An allocation of \$31.8 million was made to improve the state's drainage, drinking water and water resources; and
- Our shorelines and beaches will be protected because of having \$7.5 million dedicated to efforts on their behalf.

To join in the work on this topic area, contact Charlie: charliegarlow350@gmail.com

Social Policy – Linda Barnett, chairperson

A measure that achieves an important social policy goal is SB 34, already signed by the Governor. It corrects a glaring error in the **DE Code**, which still contained remnants of a 1953 law that allowed places of public accommodations to practice discrimination against individuals based on race, creed, color, or national origin. SB 34 mandates that all such sections of the Code are hereby repealed, serving to repudiate the State's past involvement in racial discrimination.

To join in the work on this topic area, contact Linda: advocacylwvde@gmail.com.

LWVDE Hosting African Students Report Two Perspectives

(112 Tatnall Building, Dover – July 13, 2023)

On July 13, 2023, the League of Women Voters of Delaware hosted 19 African women student leaders as part of the Study of the U.S. Institutes- Madeleine K. Albright Women's Leadership Program (SUSI-WL) of the Institute for Global Studies at the University of Delaware. The participants represented the Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali and Uganda. They expressed an interest in learning about the role of non-governmental organizations, such as the League, in promoting women's participation in the political process and public life. Although their concerns targeted a variety of issues, their major focus was the empowerment of women.



LWVDE President, Tiffany Lydon, Board Members Pat Newcomb and Ellen Wasfi, and LWVDE Office Manager Letty Diswood hosted the forum. They stressed that non-partisanship, consensus on issues, study before action and concerted advocacy are central to the League's philosophy. They emphasized that in the League, every issue is a woman's issue, and that the primary goal of the League is expansion of the electorate and empowerment of those without a political voice.

They also pointed out that founding the League and achieving the goal of women's suffrage in the United States was not an easy task. Although the movement for women's rights launched its national campaign in 1848, with the goal of passing a Constitutional Amendment granting women the right to vote, it was not until the 20th century, that the movement gained momentum. Even then, public demonstrations in support of women's right to vote resulted in arrest and jail time for suffrage advocates. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was finally passed by the House and Senate in August 1920, after 70 years of struggle.

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Since that time, the League has provided a rich training ground for its members to develop organizational, educational and advocacy skills. To quote Nancy Neuman, National League of Women Voters President from 1986 to 1990, "The process of achieving consensus on controversial issues is the essence of grassroots democracy, as is providing the opportunity to have a collective voice that magnifies the impact the individual citizen has in government and politics."



After hearing this history, the students were encouraged to tell the group something about themselves, the countries they represented, their organizing goals, the obstacles they face, and what they hoped to learn from this exchange of ideas. The young women did not hesitate to enumerate the conditions that concerned them and what they wanted to achieve. These issues included: 1) the need to learn English in order to succeed in business and public life; 2) providing women with information about their menstrual cycle; 3) countering gender directed violence; 4) eliminating female genital mutilation; 5) education of female children; 6) local environmental issues, especially about poisons in air and water; 7) lack of

employment opportunities for women after graduation ; 8) mental illness and depression resulting from gender inequality and gender based violence; 9) polygamy; 10) lack of action by government agencies to address women's equity issues; 11) lack of opportunities and equipment to train female athletes; 12) need to achieve economic independence by learning a trade, learning English; 13) Need to instill pride in cultural identity, e.g. through craft industry and hair styles; 14) inform people about how to deal with disease (cancer often viewed as a punishment); 15) traditional landownership system where women cannot inherit land; 16) child marriages.

The group consensus revolved around the need to instill self-confidence in women through leadership and economic empowerment. Achieving business acumen was seen as one way to give women a voice. Another suggested strategy was to increase communication and interdependence among communities to elevate gender equity overcoming religious or political differences, i.e., working together (networking) to provide the economic tools to succeed and a collective voice to be heard. The LWVDE hosts encouraged the women who participated in the program to stay in contact with each other and share the impact of their experiences in their respective countries.

Ellen Wasfi, LWVDE Nominating Committee Member

EMERGING WOMEN LEADERS FROM AFRICA LEARN THE POWER OF ADVOCACY

On Thursday, July 13, I joined LWVDE President, Tiffany Lydon, and Board Members Ellen Wasfi and Letty Diswood at the Tatnall Building in Dover where the League of Women Voters of Delaware hosted a forum for 19 young African women who are spending the summer in the US under the auspices of the US State Department's Study of US Institutes for Student Leaders (SUSI). As a part of the Madeleine K. Albright Women Leaders Program , the University of Delaware annually hosts the SUSI-WL for participants from sub-Saharan Africa. These young women leaders engage in a six week academically grounded program that

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includes community service and cultural activities throughout Newark, Delaware and in nearby metropolitan areas. For the past 10 years or more, a visit to the capital of the First State and a meeting with members of the League of Women Voters, have played critical roles in this program.

The meeting had two parts: Part I was an overview of the League of Women Voters, offering a history of women's fight for the right to vote and participate in decisions affecting their lives in the United States. League representatives highlighted the 72 years of organizing and activism (1848-1920) that it took to pass and ratify the 19th Amendment and the additional 45 years before we had a Voting Rights Act providing suffrage to all women. We provided some materials and links to key *LWV Principles* and the most recent *Impact on Issues*. We also shared the League's commitment to engaging younger people in voting and active engagement in policy making decisions that affect their lives.

Part II turned the spotlight onto our guests. Ellen Wasfi (LWV Kent County) led a meaningful dialogue with the 19 women (representing the nations of Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mali, and Uganda), who each described a policy issue from their home country that they were seeking ways to address. The issues of concern were hauntingly familiar across country of origin as well as to those of us in the US: cultural and religious barriers to women's access to health care, education, and economic opportunity remain strong. We all saw for ourselves (from our different perspectives) that women are the most effective when they educate themselves, organize one another and FIND ALLIES to help build democratic responses even at the village and provincial (hint: county and state) levels.

The group adjourned to a tour of Delaware's Legislative Hall with a sense of much work left undone and the power of converting individual vision into political action.

Pat Newcomb
LWV Sussex County

OFFICE RELOCATION NEWS!

In preparation for closing down the League office towards the end of the year, Marj Johnson and Letty Diswood have been sorting files and getting them ready to move to the UD archives. Below the busy beavers are holding up the listing of files from LWVDE & the Education Fund that are loaded into the file boxes behind them. Files donated 1950's – 2020's.



Letty Diswood, Office Manager & Marj Johnson, 1st Vice President LWVDE

“John and I salute you for your excellent stewardship of the collection! Thank you for all the organization and identification you did.

Rebecca and John”

L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin
Manuscripts Librarian and Curator, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Senatorial Papers
Special Collections and Museums
University of Delaware Library, Museums and Press

Now we are ready to transfer the LWVNCC files to UD that also date from 1950's- 2020. Next to decide is what to dump, what to recycle, and what to offer to League members who may want a historical poster, books or old furniture. Stay tuned.

Thank you to Gwendolyn Miller, who finished her term as LWVDE president at the LWVDE Convention in May 2023.



To LWVDE members: In recognition of Gwendolyn's contributions and legacy as President of DE, we are encouraging individual contributions directly to the LWVDE designated DEI fund. You can go online to www.lwvdelaware.org or send a check made out to LWVDE and a note on the memo line DEI.

Thank you!

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LWVDE COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

- **LWVDE Advocacy Corps Meeting** – 2nd Wednesday mornings. Chair Linda Barnett (advocacylwvde@gmail.com)
- **Climate Change and Energy Portfolio Committee** – First Fridays at 3 pm. Chair Peggy Schultz (schultz_peggy@yahoo.com)
- **Criminal Justice Portfolio Team** – Fourth Wednesdays at 10 am. Chair Chris Asay (ChrisAsay@aol.com)
- **Elections & Voting Portfolio Committee** – First Tuesdays at 11 am. Chair Jill Itzkowitz (jillitzkowitz@gmail.com)
- **Government, Finance, Taxation Portfolio Team** – meeting as needed. Chair Jack Young (young@sandlerreiff.com)
- **Health Care Portfolio Team** – Fourth Fridays at 9:30 am. Chair Judy Butler (judyandhays@gmail.com)
- **Land Use/Transportation Portfolio Committee** – First Wednesdays at 9 am. Chair Anna Quisel (annaquisel@gmail.com)
- **Money in Politics Portfolio Team** – meeting as needed. Chair Chris Asay (Chrisasay@aol.com)
- **Natural Resources Portfolio Team** – meeting as needed. Chair Charlie Garlow (charliegarlow350@gmail.com)
- **Reproductive Choice Portfolio Team** – meeting as needed. Chair Linda Barnett (advocacylwvde@gmail.com)
- **Social Policy Portfolio Team** – meeting as needed. Chair Linda Barnett (advocacylwvde@gmail.com)
- **LWVDE Board meeting schedule for 2023-2024** Contact Tiffany Geyer Lydon, incoming president tgeyer5382@comcast.net or call the LWVDE office at 302-571-8948. It meets the fourth Wednesday unless otherwise indicated. Time 5 – 7 pm with check-in starting at 4:45 pm.
- More info here: my.lwv.org/delaware/calendar

2023 Vote411 School Board Elections

Submitted by: Jill Itzkowitz, June 16, 2023, Vote411

Review of the May 9, 2023 School Board Election

The information below includes the number of candidates in competitive races, the percentage of Vote411 surveys that were completed, and the number of new Vote411 users.

NCC:	11 candidates	91% completion rate	1,476 vote411 users
Kent:	7 candidates	58% completion rate	286 vote411 users
Sussex:	12 candidates	50% completion rate	483 vote411 users
Total:	30 candidates	67% completion rate	2023 vote411 users

Voter Turnout

- NCC saw an increase of 40% - 100% as compared to previous years. Kent and Sussex had similar rates of participation as compared to previous years
- 17% of voters in Red Clay used Vote411. The Vote411 usage in other districts was between 4 - 6% of voters.

VOTER OUTREACH

Press Releases

The DVRC and LWVDE issued a joint press release on April 11. The LWVDE issued another press release at the end of April. Since the races were so competitive, most media outlets reported their own stories instead of our information. Listed below are some of the press release details.



https://www.wrde.com/news/resources-available-for-voters-in-upcoming-school-board-elections/article_2995292c-d88d-11ed-83c0-8ffeff51ca21.html

<http://hozendelaware.com/delaware-voting-rights-coalition-launches-comprehensive-voter-guide-ahead-of-the-may-9th-school-board-elections/>

<https://baytobaynews.com/stories/league-of-women-voters-offering-voter-information-website-ahead-of-delaware-school-board-elections,106619>

<https://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/education/2023/05/07/delaware-school-board-elections-may-9-2023-voters-guide/70193540007/>

<https://delawarelive.com/voter-guides-focus-on-may-school-board-elections/>

<https://www.capegazette.com/article/league-women-voters-offers-election-info/257222>

Delaware Voting Rights Coalition Guide

The LWVDE worked with DVRC to create a school board election user guide. This guide included a section on accessibility and voting.

https://www.aclu-de.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/dvrc_voter_guide_school_board_election_english_1_0.pdf

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NEW THIS YEAR

- Some candidates did not tell the full truth when responding to our questions. This was especially true with the Christina School District.
- The Republican Party endorsed candidates, while Democrats believed that school board candidates should be nonpartisan.

ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR

- ✓ Make it clearer to voters the location of their polling place. Some went to their general election polling center.
- ✓ Explain that in most districts you can vote for all candidates, even if you do not live in the nominating district
- ✓ Review school board meetings on YouTube to determine the important topics being discussed.
- ✓ Try to get either the department of elections or school boards to own the election process. At this point these groups believe that the other group is managing the school board election process.
- ✓ Determine the impact on school board elections, if the state primary date moves to April.

LWVDE PARTICIPATION

The success of Vote411 is due to the many LWVDE members that helped contact candidates. From NCC, I would like to thank Janice Heinsen, Karen Barker, Susan Mitchell, Sharon Kwiatkowski, Marj Johnson, Dini Silber, Linda Barnett, and Letty Diswood. From Sussex, I would like to thank Judy Parkins, Ida Rowe, and Carmel Walters. I would especially like to thank Kim Wells and Joyce Ford for their wonderful technical support.

SCHOOL BOARD QUESTIONS

1. What is your background and how do those experiences and skills allow you to be an effective school board member?
2. What is the single most important issue facing your school district and how would you address it?
3. How should school boards respond to community calls for removing any curriculum topics, subjects, books and programs?
4. What kind of mental health supports do you favor in schools and how would you go about advocating for them?
5. How would you ensure the district provides equitable access and meets the needs of all students, including traditionally underserved student populations such as students of color, low-income students, English-language learners and students receiving special education services?
6. How should school boards assist with attracting and retaining quality teachers and public education workers?



LWVUS President Deborah Ann Turner, MD, JP



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Our new LWVDE President Tiffany Lydon wrote in her message: “At LWV US Council in June, I had the privilege of hearing about the transformation plan and future goals of the League of Women Voters, which include the moonshot goal of abolishing the Electoral College! “ See her message on page 2 of this *Voter*

Calendar

Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 6 -8 pm	ZOOM meeting	LWVDE STATE BOARD Orientation and training - Contact Tiffany Lydon, president, tgeyer5382@comcast.net
Friday, September 1, 2023 3:00 pm-4:30 pm	ZOOM meeting	CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING. Contact Peggy Schultz, Co-chair at schultz_peggy@yahoo.com to attend and to confirm time.
Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	ZOOM meeting	ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING. (statewide) Regular committee meeting contact Jill Itzkowitz, Committee Chair jillitzkowitz@gmail.com
Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 9:00 -11:00 am	ZOOM meeting	LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING Contact Anna Quisel at annaquisel@gmail.com to attend and to confirm time.
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (while not in session)	ZOOM meeting	LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS (legislative lobby group) Meets the 2 nd Wednesday of each month. For details or to attend, contact Advocacy Chair Linda Barnett advocacylwvde@gmail.com
Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 10:00 –11:30 am	ZOOM meeting	CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (statewide). Chris Asay, Committee Chair Chrisasay@aol.com
Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 5-7 pm	Green Turtle, Dover	LWVDE STATE BOARD MEETING - Contact Tiffany Lydon, president, tgeyer5382@comcast.net



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