

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2025 – 11:00 A.M.**

Michael S. Rivera, Chair
Christian Y. Leinbach, Vice Chair
Dante Santoni, Jr., Commissioner – not present
Anne Norton, Chief Clerk
Christine M. Sadler, County Solicitor – not present
Cody L. Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER 11:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes from the September 25, 2025, Election Board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Polling Place Change for the 2025 Municipal Election

Commissioner Rivera explained that Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 1001 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA 19611, was unable to host this Election. Tom Masano Auto Park, 841 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA 19611 will be the temporary polling location for Reading 18-4 voters.

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, the Board approved a temporary polling place change for the City of Reading, 18th Ward, 4th Precinct for the 2025 Municipal Election.

Commissioner Leinbach expressed his concern about making a polling place change close to an Election. Ms. Norton confirmed that letters will be mailed to the voters in this precinct and signs will be placed at the previous polling location.

2. Approval of the Date Range for Absentee/Mail-in Ballot Segregations for the 2025 Municipal Election

Commissioner Rivera said that because we don't know if there will be any changes to the law between now and certification, Election Services will continue to segregate undated and incorrectly dated ballots. Commissioner Rivera reminded voters that based on current law we will be counting undated and incorrectly dated ballots. The proposed acceptable date range for absentee/mail-in ballots is 9/30/25 through 11/4/25.

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, the Board approved the date range of 9/30/2025 – 11/4/2025, for ballot segregation purposes, for the voter-included dates on the outer envelopes of the absentee and mail-in ballots received for the 2025 Municipal Election.

3. Update on Center for Coalfield Justice V. Washington County

Cody Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor, provided background on the matter and an update to the Board regarding the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's recent decision. He noted that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision on September 26, 2025, will not have an impact on the County's current mail-in/absentee ballot processes. Brief questions were asked by the Board.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Norton said that the ballot printer has mailed out close to 22,000 mail-in ballots and approximately 3,000 have been received back at our new mail-in processing center at 600 Penn Street, Reading PA. Poll worker and Interpreter training has started this week.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD REGARDING CURRENT ELECTION-RELATED ISSUES

Commissioner Rivera mentioned that the over-the-counter voting is available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 5 pm in the Election Services office and is available until October 28, 2025. The Board reminded voters to take a moment and go through the instructions that are included in the envelope. Ms. Norton explained that every precinct has the eight judicial retention questions on a separate sheet, which is the second page of the ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Wolfe, of Brecknock Township, expressed his concerns regarding the signature verification performed by poll workers.

ADJOURNMENT 11:23 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Norton, Chief Clerk