

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2026 – 11:00 A.M.**

Michael S. Rivera, Chair
Christian Y. Leinbach, Vice Chair
Dante Santoni, Jr., Commissioner
Anne Norton, Chief Clerk
Christine M. Sadler, County Solicitor
Cody L. Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER 11:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes from May 7, 2026, Election Board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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1. Unofficial Returns Reporting Form

Commissioner Rivera shared that the unofficial results from the Governor and Lieutenant Governor races were submitted to the Department of State Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5 p.m. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board authorized the execution of the unofficial canvass for the 2026 General Primary to the Department of State.

2. Receipt of the unofficial computation and canvassing of votes cast at the May 19, 2026 General Primary and commencement of the five (5) day period of public inspection.

Commissioner Rivera said that these results include military and civilian overseas ballots, and the execution of this form will open the 5-day review period. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board accepted the unofficial canvass for the 2026 General Primary and announced the 5-day review period will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2026, and end at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2026, and authorized the Board's execution of the Preliminary Certification of Computation of Election Results to the Department of State.

3. Discussion of election-related text message complaints for decision as to whether to refer the matter to District Attorney's Office for further investigation.

Cody Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor, reported that a complaint was received regarding campaign text messages which lacked the required disclaimer

identifying who financed them. Mr. Kauffman recommended referring the matter to the District Attorney's Office for investigation. Brief questions were asked by the Board. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board agreed to refer the election-related text message complaint to the District Attorney's Office for further investigation.

4. Discussion of election day call center SURE System issue for decision as to whether to refer the matter to District Attorney's Office for further investigation.

Mr. Kauffman said that two call center employees allegedly made unauthorized changes to voter registration records on election day. Mr. Kauffman recommended referring the matter to the District Attorney's Office for investigation. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board agreed to refer the election day call center SURE System issue to the District Attorney's Office for further investigation.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Norton shared that the Election Services office is busy reviewing the write-in votes and the snippets are posted on the Election Services website. The petition to cumulate write-in votes is on the website as well. The 2% audit will begin on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 600 Penn Street. Representatives that are interested in participating or observing the audit process can refer to the Election Services website for more details.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD REGARDING CURRENT ELECTION-RELATED ISSUES

Commissioner Rivera reported statistics from the General Primary. He also reminded voters that Friday, June 5, 2026, at noon there will be a Special Election Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Wolfe, of Brecknock Township, shared his concerns about the poll book check in process and poll worker training videos on the Department of State website.

ADJOURNMENT 11:24 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Norton, Chief Clerk