

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2024 – 11:00 A.M.**

Michael S. Rivera, Chair – not present
Christian Y. Leinbach, Vice Chair
Dante Santoni, Jr., Commissioner
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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes for the June 13, 2024, Election Board meeting as presented.

Agenda Items

1. Act 88 Post-Election Report

Ms. Norton provided an overview of the Act 88 Funds spent for the 2024 General Primary. A total of \$747,692 in expenses was reported, which included poll worker pay, machine technician pay, machine delivery costs and more. She said the report must be submitted to the Department of State 90 days after each election.

Commissioner Leinbach gave a summary of the Act 88 guidelines, noting that any county that accepts the funding must agree to not accept money from other groups and must continue to canvass mail-in and absentee ballots on Election Day until all are tabulated. He noted that participation is voluntary.

On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board approved the Election Integrity Grant Program (Act 88) Post-Election Report for the April 23, 2024, General Primary.

2. Polling Place Accessibility Survey

Ms. Norton explained that there is an annual requirement for the County to provide the Department of State with a listing of our polling places and if they are accessible, modified to be accessible or inaccessible. All of Berks County's 202 polling locations are accessible or modified to be accessible.

On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board authorized the execution of the Survey of Polling Place Accessibly for the Elderly and Persons with a Disability to the Department of State.

Election Director's Report

Ms. Norton shared that the Election Services staff continues to participate in outreach events, including the recent Juneteenth celebration in Reading and every other week at the Penn Street Market. She said the staff helps residents register to vote, apply for mail-in ballots and anyone interested in working the polls.

She said the staff is also holding weekly trainings throughout the summer to prepare for November. Topics have included customer service, voter registration processing and electronic pollbooks.

Finally, she shared that the management team held a discussion group with 15 Judges of Elections to get their feedback on what processes are working well and ideas for improvement.

General Comments from the Board regarding current election-related issues

None.

Public Comment

Jeffrey Wolfe, Brecknock Township, said he wanted to cancel his prior requests for information to submit a new, more focused request. He also asked the Board to follow-up on a recent request involving the removal of electors.

ADJOURNMENT 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Norton, Chief Clerk