

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2022 – 11:00 A.M.**

**Kevin S. Barnhardt, Chair
Michael S. Rivera, Vice-Chair
Christian Y. Leinbach, Commissioner
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 Election Board meeting minutes from December 1, 2022, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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1. Final Certification of Votes Cast for the November 8, 2022, General Election

First Assistant County Solicitor Cody Kauffman explained that the statutory certification deadline of November 28, 2022 was not met due to pending recount petitions. Such petitions have been rejected by the Court and no appeal has been filed to date. Therefore, it is appropriate to certify the results of the November 8, 2022, General Election.

On the motion of Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board approved the final certification of the November 8, 2022, General Election results.

2. Execute Filing for Reimbursement of Absentee Ballots processed for the 2022 General Election

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, the Board approved filing for reimbursement of absentee ballots processed for the 2022 General Election.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGARDING CURRENT ELECTION-RELATED ISSUES

CITIZEN COMMENT

Don Starke of Centre Township – Mr. Starke commented on the “vote-switching” issues on election day and urged the Board to test the voting machines rigorously prior to the election.

Anne Norton, of the Election Services office, confirmed that all voting machines are tested during Logic & Accuracy (L&A) testing before every election. Machines that do not pass L&A testing are not sent to the polling places for use on election day.

Jeff Wolfe of Brecknock Township – Mr. Wolfe spoke on questionable sales practice of companies who sell election-related products. He urged the Board to provide a publicly posted sworn attestation affirming they do not involve themselves in unethical practices when purchasing or considering election products.

Commissioner Leinbach responded that the Commissioner are all sworn in when they take the oath of office.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:13 A.M.