

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2023 – 12:15 P.M.**

Lucine Sihelnik, Chair – not present
Honorable James E. Gavin, Vice Chair
Honorable Jill Gehman Koestel
Anne Norton, Chief Clerk
Christine M. Sadler, County Solicitor – not present
Cody L. Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER: 12:16 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes for the March 23, 2023 Election Board meeting, as presented.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appoint Stephanie Weaver as Deputy Clerk

On the motion of Judge Koestel, seconded by Judge Gavin, the Board appointed Stephanie Weaver as the Deputy Clerk to the Election Board.

2. PA Liquor Control Board Questionnaire

Anne Norton explained that the Board needs to complete a questionnaire from the PA Liquor Control Board regarding any referendum questions on the ballot for the 2023 Municipal Primary. She confirmed there are no referendum questions of any kind on the ballot.

On the motion of Judge Koestel, seconded by Judge Gavin, the Board approved the PA Liquor Control Board questionnaire pertaining to referendum questions related to retail liquor licenses, retail dispenser, wholesale distributor licenses, PA liquor stores, etc. that may appear on the ballot for the upcoming 2023 Municipal Primary.

3. Permanent Polling Place Changes for the 2023 Municipal Primary

On the motion of Judge Koestel, seconded by Judge Gavin, the Board approved the following permanent polling locations for the upcoming 2023 Municipal Primary.

a. Reading Ward 2, Precinct 1

From: Tyson-Schoener Elementary School
315 S 5th St
Reading, PA 19602

To: Berks Latino Workforce Development Corporation
450 S 6th St
Reading, PA 19602

b. Reading Ward 19, Precinct 1 (RETURNING to Permanent Location)

From: Christ Lutheran Church
1301 Luzerne St
Reading, PA 19601

To: Glenside Elementary School
500 Lackawanna St
Reading, PA 19601

c. Spring Township-Precinct 8

From: Spring Ridge Elementary School
1211 Broadcasting Rd
Reading, PA 19610

To: Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church
1201 Yerger Blvd
Reading, PA 19608

4. Proposed Ballot Drop Box Schedule

On the motion of Judge Koestel, seconded by Judge Gavin the Board approved the following Ballot Drop Box schedule for the upcoming 2023 Municipal Primary.

AGRICULTURAL CENTER		SERVICES CENTER	
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY MAY 16, 2023		MUNICIPAL PRIMARY MAY 16, 2023	
DATE	TIME	DATE	TIME
MONDAY - 5/1/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	MONDAY - 5/1/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
TUESDAY - 5/2/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TUESDAY - 5/2/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY - 5/3/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	WEDNESDAY - 5/3/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
THURSDAY - 5/4/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	THURSDAY - 5/4/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
FRIDAY - 5/5/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	FRIDAY - 5/5/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MONDAY - 5/8/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	MONDAY - 5/8/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
TUESDAY - 5/9/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TUESDAY - 5/9/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY - 5/10/23	8:00 PM - 5:00 PM	WEDNESDAY - 5/10/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
THURSDAY - 5/11/23	8:00 PM - 5:00 PM	THURSDAY - 5/11/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
FRIDAY - 5/12/23	8:00 PM - 5:00 PM	FRIDAY - 5/12/23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY - 5/13/23	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	SATURDAY - 5/13/23	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SUNDAY - 5/14/23	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	SUNDAY - 5/14/23	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
MONDAY - 5/15/23	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	MONDAY - 5/15/23	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
TUESDAY - 5/16/23	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	TUESDAY - 5/16/23	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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

None

CITIZEN COMMENT

Jeffrey Wolfe, of Brecknock Township, told the Board he believes the 2022 recount petitions filed by the Berks County Republican Committee should prevail. He said he believes those recounts would resolve any questions regarding if the machines switched votes and tabulated them correctly. He acknowledged that the petitions have been dismissed by Judge James Lillis but asked the Election Board if they would be willing to reverse the decisions made by the prior Election Board and the Solicitor in order to allow the recount to move forward.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Norton, Election Board Chief Clerk

