

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2026 – 12:00 P.M.**

Michael S. Rivera, Chair
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 12:20 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes from the May 28, 2026, Election Board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Write-in Vote Cumulation

First Assistant County Solicitor, Cody Kauffman, stated that the Election Services office received four petitions to cumulate write-in votes. He stated that current law is guided by voter intent as it pertains to write-in cumulation. The Board of Election determines whether or not to grant a candidate's petition to cumulate based upon the Board's determination of voter intent.

- i. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Kathleen M. Killian's Petition to Cumulate Democrat write-in votes for Democratic Committeeperson Spring Township Five, 4-year term, as presented.
- ii. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Stephen B. Skrocki's Petition to Cumulate Democrat write-in votes for Democratic Committeeperson Spring Township Five, 4-year term, as presented.
- iii. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Megan E. Souders' (aka Megan Souders-Zobian) Petition to Cumulate Democrat write-in votes for Democratic Committeeperson Wyomissing Borough Four, 4-year term, as presented except for: Amanda Souders Zobian.
- iv. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Kathleen E. Baisch's Petition to Cumulate Democrat write-in

votes for Democratic Committeeperson Wyomissing Borough Two, 4-year term, as presented.

2. Authorize Execution of the Following:

- a. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board authorized the execution of the votes cast for state-wide offices from the May 19, 2026, General Primary to the Department of State Bureau of Elections.
- b. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board authorized the certification of the official results of votes cast during the General Primary held on May 19, 2026.

3. Discussion of state committee campaign text message complaint for decision as to whether to refer the matter to the District Attorney's Office for further investigation.

Mr. Kauffman reported that a complaint was received regarding a campaign text message with accompanying picture. Because the accompanying picture within the text message included the required disclaimer identifying who financed the advertisement, Mr. Kauffman recommended not referring the matter to the District Attorney's Office for investigation. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board agreed to not refer this to the District Attorney's office for investigation.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Norton stated that there were 10 candidates that won through write-in votes in the 2026 General Primary. The 2% and Risk Limiting Audits were completed last week by the Election Services staff and participants from the Berks County Democrat and Republican parties. No discrepancies were found.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD REGARDING CURRENT ELECTION-RELATED ISSUES

The Board congratulated the Election Services Office on a job well done and also wished Stephanie Nojiri well in her future endeavors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT 12:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Norton, Chief Clerk