

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2025 – 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 – not present
Cody L. Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor
Jeff Bukowski, Special Counsel to the Board of Elections – Virtual

CALL TO ORDER 11:15 A.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes from the September 4, 2025, Election Board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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1. Logic & Accuracy (L&A) Testing Update

Ms. Norton announced that the dates for Logic & Accuracy testing of the voting machines have been set. Dates, locations, times and information for observers will be posted on the Election Services website. She noted that the public is invited to observe, and the parties were notified of the dates.

2. An update on the Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections Executive Order regarding the amending of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.

Cody Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor, provided an update to the Board regarding the status of the potential revisions to the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines that were proposed in response to the executive order. Since the matter was last discussed at the 9/4/25 Election Board meeting, there have been no substantive updates in the matter that would affect the County's usage of its current voting systems. Brief questions were asked by the Board.

3. An update on the Pugh v. Berks County Board of Elections litigation filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and subsequently appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Kauffman and Jeff Bukowski, Special Counsel to the Board of Elections, provided

an update on the Pugh v. Berks County Board of Elections litigation that was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and subsequently appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Kauffman provided background on the matter and then Mr. Kauffman and Mr. Bukowski explained the current posture of the litigation and the rulings issued by the Eastern District and the Third Circuit. The Board asked questions and made comments on the matter.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Norton shared that the ballot has been finalized, and sample ballots are posted on the Election Services website. Over-the-counter voting would begin Monday, September 29, at the Election Services Office and will be available Monday–Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

The first batch of approximately 20,000 ballots was sent to the printer this week and are expected to be mailed out by the end of next week.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD REGARDING CURRENT ELECTION-RELATED ISSUES

Commissioner Rivera reiterated that voters planning to vote over the counter should apply for their ballot at the Election Services office. He reminded interested poll workers and interpreters to contact Election Services. He also noted that undated and incorrectly dated ballots will be counted, but will continue to be segregated since there are still pending court cases.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Wolfe, of Brecknock Township, provided recommendations regarding post election audits that he believes would reduce voter skepticism about the voting process.

ADJOURNMENT 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Norton, Chief Clerk