

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2025 – 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 12:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes from November 13, 2025, Election Board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Breaking of Ties From the November 4, 2025, Municipal Election

Ms. Norton announced the rules of the drawing to break ties. The ties were then broken by race. The tiebreak results are attached.

2. Write-In Vote Cumulation

First Assistant County Solicitor, Cody Kauffman provided an overview of the petitions to cumulate along with the pertinent law on, write-in cumulation. The petitions to cumulate were then reviewed and decided by the Board, as follows:

- i. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Ellen M. Ammarell's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Bern Township 1 Judge of Election 4-year term, as presented.
- ii. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Hallie A. Langley's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Lyons Borough Council 4-year term, as presented.
- iii. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Janet L. Mossie Lance's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Lyons Borough Council 4-year term, as presented.
- iv. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Kristina M. White's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for

Bethel Township Tax Collector 4-year term, as presented, with the exception of the write-in votes cast for "Kristine Light", "Kritina", and "Krinina M".

- v. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Stephen D. Row's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Leesport Borough Council 4-year term, as presented.
- vi. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted William Glasser's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Wyomissing Borough 2 Judge of Election 4-year term, as presented.
- vii. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Margaret G. Rumbaugh's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Bern Township 2 Inspector of Election 4-year term, as presented.
- viii. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Martin J. Kozlowski's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Maxatawny Township 3 Judge of Election 4-year term, as presented.
- ix. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Bonnie L. Moyer's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Lyons Borough Council 4-year term, as presented.
- x. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Brandon Pugh's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Lyons Borough Mayor 4-year term, as presented, with the exception of the write-in vote cast for "Michael Pugh".
- xi. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Cheryl Lynn Stauffer's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Upper Tulpehocken Township Tax Collector 4-year term, as presented.
- xii. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Lori E. Nye's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Jefferson Township Tax Collector, 4-year term, as presented, with the exception of the write-in votes cast for "Lori" and "Lori Ye".
- xiii. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Kevin L. Keller's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for South Heidelberg Township 1 Judge of Election 4-year term, as presented.
- xiv. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Catherine M. Hayes Keller's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for South Heidelberg Township 1 Judge of Election 4-year term, with the exception of the write-in vote cast for "Cathy".

- xv. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Lorelee J. LaVentura's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Hamburg Borough Council 4-year term, as presented.
- xvi. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted James Dominic Henne's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for West Reading Borough Tax Collector, 4-year term, as presented.
- xvii. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Michelle A. Harker's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Kenhorst Borough Tax Collector 4-year term, as presented.
- xviii. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Danielle M. Proulx's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Tulpehocken Township 2 Inspector of Election, 4-year term, as presented.
- xix. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Andrea E. Kreiser's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Bethel Township Tax Collector 4-year term, as presented, with the exception of the write-in vote cast for "Andea Erisr".
- xx. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Wesley Owen Roma's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Washington Township Auditor 6-year term, as presented.
- xxi. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Lisa J. Bogacki's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Fleetwood Area School Director, Region 1 2-year term, as presented.
- xxii. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Caleb Hickman's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Mayor of Bechtelsville Borough 4-year term, as presented.
- xxiii. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Whitney Ashworth Kopco's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Fleetwood Area School Director, Region 1 4-year term, as presented.
- xxiv. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Jaime O. Perez's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Sinking Spring Borough Tax Collector 4-year term, as presented.
- xxv. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Dale Bryan Balthaser's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Bernville Borough Council 2-year term, as presented, with the exception of the write-in vote cast for "Anyone Else".

- xxvi. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Bruce N. Hartman's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Windsor Township Tax Collector 4-year term, as presented.
- xxvii. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board granted Terry L. Stertzell's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for Upper Tulpehocken Township Judge of Election 4-year term, as presented.
- xxviii. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board granted Brion T. Benjamin's Petition to Cumulate write-in votes for District Township Auditor 4-year term, as presented.

3. Discussion and potential action regarding candidate eligibility concerns, including the following races.

Mr. Kauffman provided an overview to the Board of various candidate eligibility concerns that were raised during this past election cycle along with a summary of the law as it relates to candidate eligibility and the Board's statutory duties to successful candidates, as set forth in the Election Code. Mr. Kauffman recommended that that there isn't any further action for the Board to take concerning the Bethel Township Tax Collector and Lyons Borough Council candidate eligibility complaints. Mr. Kauffman stated that, at this point, these are issues to be decided by the local municipality, as these candidates will be issued a certificate of election, consistent with the Election Board's statutory duties. Regarding the Reading 18-1 Judge of Election issue, Mr. Kauffman believes that there is an amicable resolution in place but will provide an update to the Board at a future meeting. The Board asked questions and made comments on the matter.

4. Authorize Execution of the Following:

- a. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board authorized the execution of the votes cast for state-wide offices from the November 4, 2025, Municipal Election to the Department of State.
- b. On the motion of Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board authorized the certification of the official results of votes cast during the Municipal Election held on November 4, 2025.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Norton shared that the 2% percent audit has been completed this week. She noted that it was a combination of hand count and machine count due to time constraints. Election Services will begin issuing Certificates of Election to the winners after the meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD REGARDING CURRENT ELECTION-RELATED ISSUES

None


PUBLIC COMMENT

Online Comment

Steve Skrocki, Spring Township, My question is, will the list of winners, including the ones who won via the lottery draw today, be posted on the Board of Elections website today? Ms. Norton responded that the results will be updated today.

ADJOURNMENT 1:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Norton, Chief Clerk

