

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING MINUTES
April 30, 2026 – 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**

CALL TO ORDER 11:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes from April 16, 2026, Election Board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Christina Worley, Cumru Township, shared her concerns regarding the current Cumru 5 polling location and recommended using the South Campus as the Cumru 5 polling place.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Approval of the Permissible Date Range for Absentee/Mail-In Ballot Segregation for the 2026 General Primary**
Commissioner Rivera explained that Election Services will continue to segregate incorrectly dated and undated mail-in/absentee ballots in case there is a change in the law before certification. He proposed an acceptable date range of April 20, 2026 – May 19, 2026. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board approved the date range of April 20, 2026 – May 19, 2026, as the permissible date range for the voter-included dates on the outer envelopes of the absentee and mail-in ballots received for the 2026 General Primary for purposes of ballot segregation.

- 2. Discussion of purchasing (2) ES&S DS950 high speed scanners for potential decision of moving forward with purchase.**
The Board briefly discussed the benefits of the Election Systems and Software DS950 high speed scanners. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board approved to move forward with the purchase of (2) ES&S DS950 high speed scanners. The Board asked questions and made comments on the matter.

3. **Discussion and decision as to whether to amend the election workers' oath to include a ban on using prediction markets to bet or wager on election outcomes.**

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board agreed to adopt the additional language to the election workers' oath banning the use of prediction markets to bet or wager on election outcomes. The Board made comments on the matter.

4. **Cumru 5 (Mosaic Church) Polling Location**

Ms. Norton reminded the Board of a safety and parking concern at Mosaic Church, the Cumru 5 polling location, that was brought to Election Services' attention after the municipal election in November 2025. She updated the Board on Election Services' unsuccessful search for a new polling place for that precinct. Cody Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor, expressed legal concerns with using the South Campus as a polling location suggested by Ms. Worley. Election Services will continue to look for an alternative polling location ahead of the general election in November.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Norton shared that approximately 700 more mail-in/absentee ballots will be sent by the printer, which brings the total mail-in/absentee ballots mailed to nearly 19,000. The deadline to register to vote or change voter registration is May 4, 2026, and the deadline to apply for a mail-in/absentee ballot is May 12, 2026. Anyone interested in being a poll worker can reach out to the Election Services office.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD REGARDING CURRENT ELECTION-RELATED ISSUES

Mr. Kauffman provided background on the Honey v. Lycoming County Offices of Voter Services matter and an update to the Board on the recent ruling by The Pennsylvania Supreme Court regarding Cast Vote Records (CVRs).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Wolfe, of Brecknock Township, shared his concerns on the voting equipment and procedures.

ADJOURNMENT 11:38 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Norton, Chief Clerk