

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 19, 2023 – 11:00 A.M.**

**Michael S. Rivera, Chair  
Christian Y. Leinbach, Vice Chair  
Christine M. Sadler, County Solicitor  
Cody L. Kauffman, First Assistant County Solicitor**

**CALL TO ORDER- 11:26 A.M.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Board approved the Election Board meeting minutes from January 5, 2023, as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Maria Bogdanova Peifer of Oley Township – Comment on agenda item #2, stated she worked as a poll watcher for the 2022 General Election, and proposes verifying citizenship to be allowed to vote.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Review and approve the Election Integrity Grant Program (Act 88) Post-Election Report for the November 8, 2022 General Election**

First Assistant County Solicitor Cody Kauffman provided an overview of what was spent for the 2022 General Election citing \$418,863.55 in expenses so far, including poll worker pay, ballot printing, etc. Once approved by the Board, the Post-Election Report will be sent to the Department of State for compliance with Act 88. The executed Report is due by February 2, 2023.

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, the Board approved the execution of the Election Integrity Grant Program (Act 88) Post-Election Report for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

**2. Discussion of voter registration issue for Board decision as to whether to forward to the District Attorney for further investigation**

First Assistant County Solicitor Cody Kauffman briefly explained the voter registration issue at hand being that a voter registration was submitted for a Berks County voter to the Election Services office which changed his party affiliation. Mr. Kauffman, having confirmed with the voter that no applications had been submitted on his behalf by another family or household member, is bringing the issue before the Board for possible referral to the District Attorney for investigation.

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, the Board agreed to refer the voter registration issue to the District Attorney for investigation.

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

The Board announced there will be no Election Board meeting next week.

Kevin Barnhardt, County Operations Officer, provided an update on upcoming election related items, including an election night reporting meeting next week, a ballot printing machine vendor presentation, the Agilis machine to be delivered to the SAM Building on March 14, 2023, and process mapping with the Election department.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Jeffrey Wolfe, of Brecknock Township, voiced the opinion that if an audit of the machines and hand recount had been done for the 2022 November election, it should have answered whether the machines were vote switching. Mr. Wolfe also commented that the RLA audit did not include any of the precincts that experienced vote switching.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 11:47 A.M.