

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2022 – 11:00 A.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER- 11:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes for the September 1, 2022 Election Board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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1. Review and Execution of Act 88 Compliance Report

First Assistant County Solicitor Cody Kauffman explained that the Act 88 Compliance Report is statutorily mandated. On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, the Board authorized the execution of the Act 88 Compliance Report to be submitted to the Department of State by September 24, 2022.

2. Policy No. EL-2022-01

On the motion of Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board approved the attestation of Policy No. EL-2022-01 to reflect current staff, and an amendment by Commissioner Leinbach to allow Sheriff's deputies to ask voters if they are dropping off their own ballot.

3. Logic & Accuracy Testing

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, the Board approved inviting the media to participate in L&A Testing.

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

Commissioner Leinbach thanked Cody Kauffman and Anne Norton for participating in the BCTV program with him.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Don Boguski of Centre Township, asked why the compliance report was not made public. Additionally, he asserted Berks County's voter rolls have issues, is the County willing to attest to problem voter rolls? Mr. Boguski also asked if drop boxes are open to observers.

Commissioner Leinbach explained the drop box procedure and stated observers are welcome to be there at the opening and closing of the drop boxes.

Jane Beck of Brecknock Township questioned why an Elections Director had not been hired yet.

Commissioner Barnhardt explained that the Board is not looking for a Director at this point. Two people from within the Elections office are currently leading.

Adrian Jadic of Wyomissing requested the Board post meetings and record meetings for public view. Also, Elections office procedures should be on the website.

Commissioner Leinbach responded that no other meetings are recorded except for Commissioners' meetings. Additionally, Stephanie Weaver can look into posting procedures on the Elections website.

Addressing Mr. Boguski, Commissioner Leinbach added, we need more regulation on voter roll purges.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:40 A.M.