

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 1, 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 August 4, 2022 Election Board meeting as well as the August 24, 2022 Special Election Board meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

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**1. Permanent Polling Location Authorization**

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, the Board authorized moving the following polling location for the 2022 General Election:

**WYOMISSING BORO – 3<sup>rd</sup> PRECINCT**  
**FROM: REFORM CONGREGATION OHEB SHOLOM**  
555 WARWICK DRIVE  
READING, PA 19610

**TO: THE HIGHLANDS**  
2000 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE  
READING, PA 19610

**2. Appointment of Anne Norton as Chief Clerk to the Board of Elections**

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, the Board appointed Anne Norton as Chief Clerk to the Board of Elections.

**3. Appointment of Silvia Gutierrez as Deputy Clerk to the Board of Elections**

On the motion of Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, the Board appointed Silvia Gutierrez as Deputy Clerk to the Board of Elections.

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

None

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Jesiah Somers of Colebrookdale Township urged the Board of Elections to preserve all records from the 2020 election for an extended time frame. Mr. Somers read a letter from Jonathan Marks, Deputy Secretary for Elections and Commissions, which directed all 2020 election records be kept for five years, rather than the 22 months outlined in the PA Election Code.

Warren Somers of Colebrookdale Township echoed the same concerns as Jesiah Somers and voiced his own concerns surrounding the use of drop boxes, citing potential ballot harvesting. Mr. Somers urged the Board to get rid of drop boxes around Berks County.

Commissioner Leinbach responded that the Board of Elections has received notification from Jonathan Marks and intends to keep all 2020 election records for an extended amount of time.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 11:11 A.M.