

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 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 15, 2022 Election Board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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1. Poll Worker Pay for the 2022 General Election

Commissioner Barnhardt proposed increasing the base rate of all poll workers to \$200.00, increasing Judge of Election training to \$75.00, \$30.00 training for all other poll workers. Additionally, he proposed Judges of Election receive \$20.00 for supply pickup and \$20.00 for supply drop off. On the motion of Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, the Board approved the proposed increases.

2. Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Testing

First Assistant County Solicitor Cody Kauffman provided an update regarding the time and date for Logic & Accuracy testing on DS200 and Express Vote machines. The L&A testing is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. and continue until completed. L&A testing will take place at the County's South Campus. Central Tabulating machines and Electronic Poll books will be scheduled at a later date. Notices were sent to parties and the media was notified of the testing time, date, and location.

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

Commissioner Barnhardt stated poll worker training has begun and will continue through the next few weeks.

Election Services provided an update on when the Mail-in and Absentee ballots will go out to Berks County voters. The first wave of ballot delivery will take place the first week of October.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Jeff Wolfe of Brecknock Township – Provided the Election Board with some questions surrounding election integrity. Mr. Wolfe spoke on the importance of election integrity, including how elections are funded, mutual respect for mutual mistrust, among other items.

Dwight Wegman of Lower Heidelberg Township – Mr. Wegman spoke in favor of sheriffs and election workers asking voters whether they are dropping off their own ballot at the ballot drop box. He is also in favor of 24/7 video surveillance which he believes helps to deter voter fraud before it happens. Additionally, he urged District Attorney John Adams to publicly announce that voter fraud will be prosecuted.

Don Starke of Centre Township – Mr. Starke questioned why the Board spends money on drop boxes, as he believes mail-in ballots should be mailed, as the name implies.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:20 A.M.