

**BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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1. Provisional Ballot Review and Discussion

First Assistant County Solicitor Cody Kauffman informed the Board that no formal challenges have been filed challenging the counting of provisional ballots for voters whose mail-in or absentee ballot was canceled due to not being dated or correctly dated.

On the motion of Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, the Board approved processing and counting provisional ballots for voters whose undated or incorrectly dated mail-in or absentee ballot was canceled but otherwise timely received by the Election Board.

2. Receipt of the Official Computation and Canvassing of Votes Cast at the November 8, 2022, General Election and Commencement of the Five (5) Day Period of Public Inspection

On the motion of Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, the Board received the official computation and canvassing of votes cast, pending the provisional ballots that are still being canvassed and counted.

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

Commissioner Rivera requested an update on the Risk Limiting Audit and 2% audit. Cody Kauffman provided such update and responded to Commissioner Barnhardt's question of when audit teams can and should be appointed. Kauffman agrees there is no reason not to be proactive to select audit teams.

Commissioner Rivera and Commissioner Barnhardt thanked the Election Services office for their hard work, as well as all other departments and groups who assisted for the 2022 General Election.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Judith Kraines of the League of Women Voters – Thanked the Board for allowing the League of Women Voters to be a part and learn even more about the election process. Also, commended the Election Services office for their patience, attention to detail, accuracy and great checks and balances. Ms. Kraines urged the Board to invite newly elected representatives to visit their county election offices and become familiar with the entire process.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:25 A.M.