



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building  
420 Holmes Street, Room 146  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Virtual – [Zoom](#)

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Elections was convened at 10:01 AM by Chair of the Board, Commissioner Steven Dershem.

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Elections Coordinator Jodi Nedd, Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith and Staff Assistant Jillian Savage.

County personnel present included Samantha Rees, Lora Day, Chad Joyce and Joyce McKinley.

Guests present included Vicki, Catherine Thatcher, Catherine Dauler, Richard Biever, Jeremie Thompson, Tierra Williams, Ben Haupt, Charles D Bierlein, Theodore Dannerth, Dustin Alan Minarchick, Barbara Dann, Kathy Fye, Jack Bechdel, Jeffrey Steiner, Ted Delaney, Allen Miller, Timothy Baine, Jeffrey Puhala, Patricia Corbett, Deborah Anderson, Carline Crevecoeur and Randall Brachbill.

Media present included Marley Parish.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

### III. MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Elections meeting held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

### IV. CASTING OF LOTS

Municipal Primary – May 18, 2021

Commissioner Dershem read from Purdon's Title 25 Section 2875 Casting of lots for positions of names upon the primary ballots or ballot labels; notice to candidates. On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Jodi Nedd to serve as a candidate's proxy in the event of their absence.

Commissioner Dershem then announced each candidate and allowed those in attendance or their proxy to accept a pill from the receptacle to cast their lot for ballot position. For those not in attendance, Jodi Nedd acted as a representative for the absent candidate and

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accepted a pill from the receptacle to cast their lot for ballot position. Commissioner Dershem announced the candidates' name a second time and they reported the number on their pill to the Board of Elections, which was recorded as their ballot position.

Mr. Randall Brachbill contacted the Elections Office to inform them of an error regarding the casting of the lots for the Bellefonte 3<sup>rd</sup> ward. Mr. Brachbill was listed as a Republican candidate for the Bellefonte 3<sup>rd</sup> ward, when he should have been listed as a candidate for the Bellefonte 2<sup>nd</sup> ward, along with Barbara Dann.

V. RECESS

The Board decided to recess the meeting at 11:18 AM to look into correcting the error presented by Mr. Brachbill.

VI. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Elections was reconvened at 11:45 AM.

It was decided that to correct the error presented by Mr. Brachbill, the lots would be redrawn for Bellefonte 2<sup>nd</sup> ward.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions.

**Monday, May 3, 2021**

Last day to REGISTER before the Primary.

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

**MUNICIPAL PRIMARY**

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots. Must be received by 8:00 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jillian Savage

Staff Assistant, Commissioners' Office