



BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 11:00 A.M.

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

Virtual – [BlueJeans](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Elections was convened at 11:00 AM by Chair of the Board, Commissioner Steven Dershem.

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator Margaret Gray, Elections Coordinator Jodi Nedd, Voter Registration Coordinator Latisha Stefanko, Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith and Staff Assistant Jillian Savage.

Guests included Jeremie, Dan Hall and Ben Haupt.

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 Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

IV. CASTING OF LOTS

Gregg Township for the Municipal Primary – May 18, 2021

Jodi Nedd explained an error occurred that caused Mr. Dan Hall to be missed during the original casting of lots for the Greg Township Supervisor six-year term. The drawing will be redone today to include Mr. Hall. The candidates will draw based on when their petitions were filed. Ben Haupt, present, will draw first, then Dan Hall, present, Charles D Bierlein, proxy, and last, Ashley Lesniak, proxy. The lots were cast, and the ballot order is as follow: Ben Haupt position three, Dan Hall position four, Charles D Bierlein position one, and Ashley Lesniak Position two.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Polling Locations

i. Change of Polling Location

Jodi is asking for approval for the following:

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1. Precinct 19 State College South 1 from the Knights of Columbus to South Hills School of Business, 480 Waupelani Drive, State College
2. Precinct 48 Ferguson North 2 from Elmcroft to DiscipleMakers, 365 Science Park Road, State College
3. Precinct 49 Ferguson North East 1 from The Heights to Discovery Space, 1224 North Atherton Street, State College
4. Precinct 50 Ferguson North East 2 from Mike's Video and Appliance to The Rivet, 1224 North Atherton Street, State College

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to add item 5 under i. Change of Polling Location.

5. Precinct 22 State College South Central 1 from the Knights of Columbus to State College Woman's Club, 902 South Allen Street, State College

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to approve Change in Polling Location items 1-5.

- ii. Trifold mailers from Grove Printing for voters of Precinct 49 Discovery Space and Precinct 50 The Rivet.

Latisha Stefanko stated the trifold mailers will be used to inform voters from Precinct 49 and Precinct 50 of the temporary change in polling location for this election. The Board was in agreement.

- iii. Disinfection or Cleaning of Polling Locations

Jodi has received several questions and requests regarding the disinfection and cleaning of polling locations. Commissioner Dershem stated this will most likely be mandated. Commissioner Pipe stated the remaining funds from the Center for Tech and Civic Life grant could be used towards those costs. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the disinfection and cleaning of polling locations.

B. Cumulation of Write-In Name Variations

Jodi asked the Board to consider allowing the cumulation to be done internally this year. In the past, candidates were asked to petition the courts for cumulation. Jodi reached out to other counties in the Commonwealth regarding how cumulations was handled. From the responses she received, most do this internally and then present to the Board for approval. Commissioner Dershem suggested having the County Solicitor review this before a decision is made.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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VIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 11:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jillian Savage

Staff Assistant, Commissioners' Office