



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 11:00 A.M.

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

Virtual – [BlueJeans](#)

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

County personnel present included Chad Joyce

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, April 6, 2021.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### Ballot Return and Collection Plan for the 2021 General Election

Commissioner Pipe stated that this is the final discussion of the Ballot Return and Collection Plan for the 2021 General Election before it is approved. If approved today, a copy will be sent to the Department of State, and it will be posted to [www.centrecountypa.gov](http://www.centrecountypa.gov). Installation of the ballot boxes would occur April 16 through April 19. The defater bars will be removed the same day ballots are made accessible. Ballot collections will be done daily.

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted 2-1 to approve the Ballot Return and Collection Plan for the 2021 General Election, with Commissioner Dershem opposed.

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VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VII. 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).

VIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

A. Marley Parish – Centre Daily Times

- i. Why is Commissioner Dershem not supportive of the Ballot Return and Collection Plan for the 2021 General Election?

IX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jillian Savage  
Staff Assistant, Commissioners' Office