



BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Thursday, May 13, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Elections was convened at 10:40 AM by Chair of the Board, Commissioner Steven Dershem.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

III. MINUTES

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Official Count Board & Provisional Ballot Board for the 2021 Primary Election

Commissioner Pipe stated that, if the Board is comfortable, it would be beneficial to appoint the three commissioners to these boards, as was done in the last election.

These boards will be verifying the same day in person ballots and provisional ballots, reviewing vote-by-mail ballot adjudications. The unofficial and official election results will be certified by the Board of Elections.

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Commissioner Pipe, Commissioner Higgins, and Commissioner Dershem to the Official Count Board & Provisional Ballot Board for the 2021 Primary Election.

B. Election Board/Official Count Board/Provisional Ballot Board Meeting Schedule*

Commissioner Dershem stated the following schedule is a guide and may be adjusted to consider the volume of ballots received.

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Election Day In-Person Ballots & Vote-by-Mail Ballots & Military/Overseas Ballots – 2 PM to 5 PM – WB 146 and Virtual

Friday, May 21, 2021

Election Day In-Person Ballots & Vote-by-Mail Ballots & Military/Overseas Ballots – 10 AM to 5 PM - WB 146 and Virtual

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Saturday, May 22, 2021

Provisional Ballots – 9 AM to Noon - WB 146 and Virtual

Monday, May 24, 2021

Military/Overseas Ballots – 10 AM to 2 PM - WB 146 and Virtual

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Military/Overseas Ballots & Certification of Unofficial Results – 4 PM to 4:30 PM - WB 146 and Virtual

Monday, June 7, 2021

Certification of Official Results - Time TBD – WB 146 and Virtual

**Meetings may end earlier than the times listed.*

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Pipe reported that the Elections Office has developed a power point to conduct poll worker training online. Poll workers may also use this as a resource on election day to ensure all protocols and procedures are properly followed.

VI. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

Tuesday, May 19, 2021

First day to REGISTER after Primary.

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 17)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jillian Savage

Staff Assistant, Commissioners' Office