



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Friday, May 20, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Elections was convened at 10:07 AM by Chair of the Board Commissioner Steven Dershem.

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator John Franek, Jr., Director of Elections Beth Lechman, Elections Coordinator Jodi Nedd and Voter Registration Coordinator Latisha Stefanko.

Guests in attendance were Ann Layng, Christopher Flavin and Debra Flavin.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

### III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

### IV. MINUTES

### V. PRIMARY ELECTION

- A. Adjudicate, canvass and tabulate in-person election day ballots, civilian absentee ballots and mail-in ballots.

The Board reviewed one mail-in ballot from a voter in the victim advocate program. Ballot was counted.

The Board reviewed the Numbered List of Voters. Totals were verified with voter registration and in-person election day totals. All precinct totals matched.

- B. Canvass and tabulate military/civilian overseas ballots.

Seal numbers 22066 and 22023 were removed from the military and provisional ballot receptacle.

The Board reviewed twenty-six military/civilian overseas/federal ballots. Twenty-two of the ballots were recreated using an ExpressVote. Twenty-five ballots were scanned through a DS200 and counted. One ballot was rejected, voter did not apply for a ballot.

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C. Adjudicate, Tabulate, and Canvass Provisional ballots

The Board reviewed fifty-eight provisional ballots. Forty-five were a full count, four were a partial count, and nine were rejected. Partial count provisional ballots were recreated to include races that can be counted for their election district. Full and partial ballots were scanned through the DS200 and counted.

Commissioner Pipe suggested the Board send a letter to precincts with incomplete provisional affidavit envelopes. Notifying each precinct that one provisional ballot was rejected because of an incomplete provisional affidavit envelope. Please make sure the affidavit is complete and signed.

i. Provisional Ballots by Precinct

(All precincts not listed were verified to have zero provisional ballots.)

Precinct	Provisional Ballots	Precinct	Provisional Ballots
3	4 Rejected – Incorrect political party	44	3 Full Count
5	1 Rejected – Registered in different county	49	1 Rejected – Registered in different county
6	1 Full Count	52	1 Full Count
9	1 Full Count	53	1 Full Count
10	1 Full Count	54	1 Full Count
16	2 Full Count	55	2 Full Count
19	1 Full Count 2 Partial Count – Registered in different election district	56	5 Full Count 1 Rejected – Incomplete provisional ballot affidavit envelope
20	2 Full Count	57	1 Full Count
21	1 Full Count 2 Partial Count – Registered in different election district	59	3 Full Count
23	2 Full Count 1 Reject – Incomplete provisional ballot affidavit envelope	62	1 Full Count
32	1 Full Count	64	1 Full Count
34	1 Full Count	65	1 Full Count
36	2 Full Count	67	3 Full Count
37	2 Full Count	68	1 Full Count
42	2 Full Count	69	1 Full Count
43	1 Full Count	76	1 Rejected – Incorrect political party

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D. 2% Count of In-Person Election Day ballots

The Board performed a count of 2% by selecting three precincts from all three legislative districts. The results from the DS450 were compared to the in-person election day totals. All precinct totals matched.

Election Director Beth Lechman stated that we are counting a total 719 and are only required to count 456 ballots for the 2% count.

Precincts for the 2% count:

#5 Bellefonte North	293	#61 Marion	243
#10 Philipsburg Ward 1	183		

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve the disposal of voted ballots from the June 2, 2020 Election.

Election Director Beth Lechman stated we are past the twenty-two month legal requirement to retain the ballots. Beth discussed this with County Solicitor Elizabeth Dupuis, there are no lawsuits and she is unaware of any reason to keep the ballots.

B. Approve disposal of any additional materials from June 2, 2020 Election according to records retention.

*Action: On a motion by Commissioner Pipe seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the disposal of voted ballots from the June 2, 2020 Election and any additional materials from June 2, 2020 Election according to records retention.*

Elections Director Beth Lechman stated the only outstanding ballots left to canvass are any military/civilian overseas ballots received by 5:00 PM, Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

The Board of Elections meeting scheduled on Monday, May 23, 2022 is cancelled.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 PM on May 16)

IX. MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, May 23, 2022                      *Cancelled.*

10 AM	Adjudicate civilian absentee and mail-in ballots	Willowbank 146
	Canvass and tabulate in-person election day ballots, civilian absentee ballots, mail-in ballots, and military/civilian overseas ballots.	

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

4 PM	Certify Unofficial Results	Willowbank 146
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Thursday, June 2, 2022

1 PM Certify Official Results

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- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT
- XI. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS
- XII. ADJOURN

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lora Day  
Dept 3 Clerk  
Elections