



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Tuesday May 23, 2023 3:00 P.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 3:02 PM by Chair of the Board Vicki Fong.

In attendance were Board Members Chris Exarchos, Vicki Fong, and Chris Fowler, Administrator John Franek Jr., Director of Elections Beth Lechman, and Executive Officer Supervisor Erin Good.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

### IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions made to the Agenda.

### V. MINUTES

The Board will consider approving the minutes from the May 16, 2023 and May 18, 2023 Board of Elections meetings.

*Action: On a motion by Chris Fowler, seconded by Chris Exarchos, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from May 16, 2023 and May 18, 2023 meetings.*

### VI. MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

#### A. Canvass Overseas/Military Ballots (if any)

Beth stated there was one military ballot that was received which contained the affidavit and it will be counted.

#### B. Canvass additional Mail-In/Provisional Ballots where proof of identification was received

Beth stated out of the two pending ballots of voters that needed to provide proper ID by the deadline of May 22, 2023 by 5:00 PM, only one provided ID. The ballot of the voter who did not supply proper ID by the deadline will be rejected, while the ballot of the voter who provided ID will be accepted.

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Further review of mail-in ballot with issues

Beth stated a voter who is blind that has special provisions mail-in ballot outer envelope was missing a date. The voter was not informed that she had to date the outside of the envelope and Beth asked the Board if they would like to accept the ballot or not.

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*Action: On a motion by Chris Fowler seconded by Chris Exarchos, the Board voted unanimously to accept this particular ballot of category F with no date due to extenuating circumstances which states the outer envelope has no provided date due to the circumstance of the voter having a disability.*

VIII. RECESS

*Action: On a motion by Chris Exarchos, seconded by Chris Fowler, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting at 3:13 PM so Beth can prepare the unofficial results for the Board to certify.*

The meeting was reconvened at 3:38 PM by Chair of the Board Vicki Fong.

C. Certify Unofficial Result

Beth verified the unofficial results for the 2023 Municipal Election:

DEM JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT	TOTAL
Daniel Mccaffery	5,703
Debbie Kunselman	6,309
Write- In Totals	24
Total Votes Cast	12,036

DEM JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT	TOTAL
Pat Dugan	3,090
Timika Lane	8,373
Jill Beck	9,073
Write- In Totals	37
Total Votes Cast	20,573

DEM JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT	TOTAL
Matt Wolf	5,571
Bryan Neft	6,025
Write- In Totals	27
Total Votes Cast	11,623

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DEM JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS	TOTAL
Gopal Balachandran	6,073
Julia Rater	6,601
Write- In Totals	7
Total Votes Cast	12,681

REP JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT	TOTAL
Patricia A Mccullough	4,752
Carolyn Carluccio	5,577
Write- In Totals	47
Total Votes Cast	10,376

REP JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT	TOTAL
Maria Battista	8,138
Harry F Smail Jr.	6,170
Write-In Totals	79
Total Votes Cast	14,387

REP JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT	TOTAL
Josh Prince	3,595
Megan Martin	6,521
Write In-Totals	32
Total Votes Cast	10,148

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REP JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS	TOTAL
Julia Rater	8,504
Gopal Balachandran	1,498
Write- In Totals	38
Total Votes Cast	10,040

*Action: On a motion by Chris Fowler, seconded by Chris Exarchos, the board voted unanimously to pre-certify the unofficial results for the May 16, 2023 Municipal Election to the Department of State.*

Beth clarified for the Board that Precinct 16 there was one voter, that did not sign in the poll book which is why their number will be off by one. For Precinct 68, there were a total of 427 ballots cast but the spoiled ballots were not included in the book. There were four people who weren't in the numbered list of voter's books, but they were in the poll book and they also had two voters who did not sign the book.

Election Board/Official Count Board/Provisional Ballot Board Meeting Schedule (This schedule is tentative, and adjustments may need to be made):

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – 3:00 PM

- Certify Official Results

VIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next scheduled Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Willowbank Building Room 146.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

X. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XI. ADJOURN

On a motion by Chris Fowler seconded by Chris Exarchos, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Good  
Executive Office Supervisor