

ELECTION BOARD

April 6, 2026

Present at the meeting were:

Brenda L. Watson
William G. Lyons
R. Franklin Campbell
Bill Bunt
Sarah Geesaman
Shannon Hines

Present from the Public: None

The Election Board met on Monday, April 6, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted in person in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, stated that ClearBallot equipment training occurred on March 23rd and 67 poll workers attended. She said at least one person from each precinct participated in the training, as well as all new poll workers.

Ms. Geesaman said she is awaiting the Department of State's certification of the candidate list. She further said that because she does not have the certification, she had not sent for her L&A test deck and noted that L&A testing was scheduled for Wednesday. She commented that her deadline to submit her ballot file to the printer was 2:00 p.m. that day, so that she would have the test deck back in time for L&A testing on Wednesday. Ms. Geesaman said that if the Department of State does not get back to her with their certification by the deadline, she would have to cancel L&A testing and it would not be able to occur until the last week of April, after which time she would be able to move forward with ordering ballots. Ms. Geesaman noted that some counties have moved forward with submitting their files without certification, but said that was up to the Election Board on how to proceed if the certification was not provided by the Department of State by 2:00 p.m.

Sarah Geesaman said that poll worker training was scheduled for April 13, 14, 15, and 16. She stated that there would be two training sessions each day. She commented that her office would be focusing future training towards the Judges.

Ms. Geesaman stated that she had reached out to the constables and they were getting back to her. She said that for the upcoming election there would not be roving constables, as the stationary approach worked well during the last election.

Sarah Geesaman commented that Millerstown Borough would be voting on the polling location agreement. She showed the Election Board the signage and communications regarding the

change in polling location that would go out. She further said that the poll workers were excited about the location change.

Solicitor Bunt asked when the next meeting would take place. Commissioner Watson said the next Election Board meeting would be held on April 20th and then May 4th.

Commissioner Watson asked if any other issues needed discussed. Ms. Geesaman said she would be having a helper in to assist with filing, due to she and her staff member focusing on getting the poll kit boxes ready and coordinating the election night help schedule.

The Board further discussed the Department of State certification that the Election Office was waiting on and the option of moving forward with the test deck file without certification, to ensure L& A testing was completed timely. Solicitor Bunt asked what would happen if an error was found on the ballot after testing and Ms. Geesaman said that means L&A testing would need to be redone. Ms. Geesaman provided information on how the Election Board could verify the information on the test deck file and explained the listing is provided by the State. Chief Clerk Hines stated that means the Election Board would need to review spellings, as well as verify the candidates for each race are accurate. Ms. Geesaman said she would assist in the Board review.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion that if the Department of State did not provide certification by 2 p.m., then the Election Board instructs the Election Office to move forward with the scheduled L&A testing, but would first review the test deck ballot and approve it being sent to the printer. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sarah Geesaman requested the Election Board come to her office prior to 2:00 p.m. to allow time for review.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.