

ELECTION BOARD
May 11, 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, May 11, 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 May 4, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, provided the following ballot information:

- 1,966 ballots had been mailed out
- 337 ballots returned

Ms. Geesaman said she anticipated that the return number would increase significantly as her office had received a large number of returned ballots that were not yet processed.

Sarah Geesaman noted that May 12th was the last day to apply for a mail in or absentee ballot. She said her office would be open on the 12th until 5:00 p.m. and said the same deadline applied to online ballot application requests.

Ms. Geesaman commented that she had received phone calls about how much it costs to mail ballots back and she said one stamp is sufficient. She noted that a caller had recommended that the instructions included with mail in and absentee ballots be updated to include this information, and Ms. Geesaman said she thought this was a good idea and would inform voters moving forward.

Sarah Geesaman said the mock election requirements had been completed and it went well.

Ms. Geesaman thanked all the coworkers who are helping with mail and said everyone steps up to help.

Sarah Geesaman commented that the specimen ballots are on the County website and anyone asking about candidate lists can refer to the specimen ballots.

Commissioner Watson asked if the 1,966 ballot number was comparable to other elections and Ms. Geesaman said it was low.

Solicitor Bunt asked if anyone had been lined up to swear in the staff working election day and final count day. Ms. Geesaman said she would take care of this.

The Board discussed the precanvas teams and projected workload.

Commissioner Watson asked for confirmation that the Millerstown polling location change had been completed and Ms. Geesaman confirmed notifications had been done.

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 11:09 a.m.