

ELECTION BOARD
October 12, 2026

Present at the meeting were:

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

Present from the Public: None

The Election Board met on Monday, October 12, 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 September 28, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, said the Penn Township temporary polling location changes notification process is moving forward. She did note that voter id card will not be changed as this is a temporary change for only one election.

Ms. Geesaman stated that they are currently undergoing a mock election in the SURE system as required by the Department of State. She further said that a second mock election will take place later in the week as well.

Sarah Geesaman commented that mail in and absentee ballots began going out in the mail on October 5th and it was going smoothly. She said the bulk will be finished that day. She also stated that she has a new process for the returned ballots which was going well. Ms. Geesaman reminded everyone that if you are dropping off your ballot at the Election Office, the hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and a stamp is not necessary. Solicitor Bunt asked about on demand voting and Ms. Geesaman said about 50 voters per day are coming in for the service.

Ms. Geesaman said her office had received a complaint about candidate signs in roadways and she contacted the candidate.

Sarah Geesaman stated that the staff in the office are working really hard to get the ballots out and it was going very well.

Ms. Geesaman said she wanted to offer extended office hours and questioned if the Board was ok with offering additional office hours. The Board agreed to offer additional hours and Commissioner Watson said the hours need to be posted online and social media.

Solicitor Bunt asked if party chair letters had gone out and Ms. Geesaman said they would go out later in the week.

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.