

LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

The Board of Elections met today for an Election Board Meeting.

Present at today's meeting were:

Ray D'Agostino, Chairman
Alice Yoder
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Chief Registrar
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Sarah Nicell, Reporter
LNP

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the March 24, 2025, Election Board meeting minutes and the March 25, 2025, Election Board meeting minutes.

Convening the Count and Canvass Process

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Chief Registrar

Christa Miller explained that the count and canvass is a standard process that takes place on the Friday following an election. During this process, the Election and Voter Registration Office staff begin opening provisional ballots and making final determinations about them. They also go through the reconciliation process, reviewing all numbers to ensure everything matches. Additionally, they update the voter history and scan all poll books. The two-percent audit will also take place, along with the review of write-in ballots. Because this is a Special Election, there will be no Risk Limiting Audit (RLA), which is only conducted during regular primary and general elections. Military ballots can still be received until Tuesday, and the Election and Voter Registration Office will continue processing these ballots. On Tuesday, April 1, the Election and Voter Registration Office will submit their unofficial results to the Department of State. They will also submit the first signing of the certification, with the final signing for certification occurring the following Monday, April 7.

Christa Miller clarified to Sarah Nicell, Reporter, the distinction between the first signing and the final signing of the certification.

At Commissioner Yoder's request, Jacquelyn Pfursich, County Solicitor, explained the process by which people can observe the count and canvass. She stated that, according to the law, only candidates and their attorneys are permitted to be present during this process. No one else is allowed under the law; however, as in previous years, an observation area will be set up in the lobby where voter registration groups and members of the public can observe the process.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, directing the staff of the Lancaster County Board of Elections, to convene the count and canvass of ballots received for the 2025 Special Election.

Motion passed.

Commissioner D'Agostino – Yes
Donald R. Geiter – Absent for the vote
Commissioner Yoder – Yes

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Update on the March 25, 2025, Special Election Results

Christa Miller, Chief Clerk/Chief Registrar

Christa Miller reported that 53,970 people voted, which represents a 29% turnout. Of those, 41,311 voted in person at the polls, and 12,589 voted by mail. There were 58 write-in votes, which will be adjudicated, as well as 146 provisional ballots that still need to be reviewed. The Election and Voter Registration Office is also waiting for five military and overseas ballots, which may be returned by Tuesday. There are no pending ID verifications for mail ballots, although one was returned yesterday and will be scanned today. The total number of voters on the website will be updated as the results are revised to include the provisional ballots, the one pending ID verification, and potentially a few more military ballots.

Christa Miller shared positive feedback from the polls, noting that things went well on Election Day. She appreciated the efforts of her staff, volunteers, and the polling locations that supported the process.

The Board expressed their gratitude to Christa Miller, her staff, and the volunteers for their hard work and for ensuring a smooth election.

At Commissioner Yoder's request, Christa Miller explained the communication plan regarding polling location changes for the Primary Election. She stated that the Election and Voter Registration Office will hold meetings from April 16 to April 20 regarding these changes. If approved, voters will receive postcards notifying them of the polling location changes, including one-time changes. This information will also be posted on the website, and a media release will be issued. Additionally, the details will be published in the newspaper the Saturday before the Primary Election.

Commissioner D'Agostino noted that the next meeting will take place on April 16, followed by another meeting on April 23 to address matters related to the Primary Election.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office