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| Meeting Agenda: | Board of Elections Meeting | | |
| Date of Meeting: | Wednesday, April 1, 2026 | Time: | Start: 11:05 am End: 11:27 am |
| Meeting Facilitator: | Brianna Nigrone-Souza, Deputy-Chief Clerk | Location: | Lehigh County Government Center, Conference Room 446 |

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| Attendance: | |
| Brianna Nigrone-Souza | Deputy-Chief Clerk of Elections |
| Stephanie Allen | Voter Registration and Elections Office Secretary |
| Michael O’Hare | Election Board Member |
| Dr. Jennifer Allen | Election Board Member (Via Zoom) |
| Sarah Murray, Esq. | Lehigh County Deputy Solicitor |

The meeting is called to order by Mr. Michael O’Hare at 11:05 am and announced that the meeting is being recorded for public record.

Old Business (Tim Benyo’s Resignation & Process for Appointment of New Chief Clerk)

- The Board of Elections is currently doing the first round of interviews via Zoom. There were 2 interviews last week, 4 this week, and 2 scheduled for the upcoming week. The Board may do second round prior to a public meeting.
- The appointment of a new Chief Clerk will be an advertised Board of Elections meeting in accordance with the Sunshine Act.

New Business (Approval of the March 16 Board of Elections- Final Certification Meeting Minutes)

- Dr. Jennifer Allen made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, 2nd by Mr. O’Hare. Motion passes 2-0.

Discussion and Approval of Hanover Township’s Referendum Question (Ordinance No. 669)

- Jason Ulrich, Esq., solicitor for Hanover Township, attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding the proposed amendment to Hanover Township’s Home Rule Charter.
- The referendum question is regarding inflation and bidding procedures for price customer index.
- Mr. O’Hare asked for clarification of the question that would be on the ballot.
 - o Sarah Murray explained how the first paragraph is the question to appear on the ballot and the explanation would be included for clarification to voters.
- Mr. O’Hare asked for clarification on “letting”.
 - o Jason Ulrich and Sarah Murray explained that “letting” is another word for “leasing”.
- Mr. O’Hare asked for confirmation that Independent voters can vote on the referendum question.
 - o Sarah Murray and Mrs. Nigrone-Souza confirm that voters registered with any party in Hanover can vote on the referendum question. There will be separate ballots with just the question for non-Democratic or Republican voters.
- Dr. Allen made the motion for the approval of the Hanover Township Referendum question to appear on the ballot, 2nd by Mr. O’Hare. Motion passes 2-0.

Ballot Approval- 2026 General Primary

- Sarah Murray and Mrs. Nigrone-Souza provided updates to inform the Board regarding the ballot.
 - o Sarah Murray explains there is still 1 challenge in the 18th Senatorial District regarding one of the Democratic candidates. Sarah Murray and Mrs. Nigrone-Souza were in Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg Wednesday, March 24th for the hearing but have not received Judge Covey’s decision.
 - o Sarah Murray also explained the process if the challenge continues after the ballot has gone to print. If there is no decision until after printing, the polling places in the affected district will have signs placed that votes for the removed candidate will not count and notice will be included with mail-in ballots. The candidates name will remain on the ballot until it is ordered by the Court and the appeal period concludes.
 - o Mrs. Nigrone-Souza explained how proofreading of the ballot is an ongoing process until the ballot goes to print. The timeline for mail-in ballots to be sent to voters and on-demand voting to be available in the Government Center is a month to 3 weeks prior to the Primary Election.
- Mr. O’Hare made a motion to approve the candidate list conditioned on the outstanding challenge and continued proofreading, 2nd by Dr. Allen. Motion passes 2-0.

- Mr. O'Hare asked if the ballot has been sent to the County Party Chairs.
 - o Mrs. Nigrone-Souza says she will send them the candidate listing.

Public Comment

- Mrs. Elbich asks why the printed candidate listing is so large.
 - o Mrs. Nigrone-Souza explains that it is not double sided, the page was oriented to best fit everything, and each race lists which precincts the race will appear on.

Motion to Adjourn Mr. O'Hare, 2nd by Dr. Allen. Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.