ELECTION BOARD MINUTES
September 15, 2026

Those present at the public meeting of the Venango County Commissioners held in Room 100 of the Courthouse Annex:

Commissioner Samuel Breene
Commissioner Kenneth J. Bryan
Commissioner Timothy Heffernan
Dorothy "Dottie" Tawney, Chief Clerk
Regina Meador, Admin. Assistant
Rich Winkler, Solicitor
Jeannie Ritchey, Treasurer
Michael Anderson - Fiscal
Amanda Virgile, HR
Michael Anderson, Fiscal
Amie Wood-Wessell, Human Services
Laura Anna, Elections and Voter Registration
Joshua Sterling - Planning
Irene McCabe
Ralph Montgomery, Oil Region Rising Indivisible
Peter Fitzpatrick
Katherine Ulisky

Commissioner Samuel Breene, said the invocation before the meeting

All rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Commissioner Breene called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

2. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2026 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Heffernan, aye all.

3. Public Comment:
   Ralph Montgomery wanted to know about the Election Policy regarding the drop-off box.
   Elections Director responded that during COVID, ballot drop boxes were permitted and were subject to security measures, including camera monitoring. In 2021/2022 security concerns led to a decision to eliminate the drop- box ensuring that ballots were not being improperly submitted by someone other than the voter. Election law has restrictions on third-party returns of ballots with limited exceptions.

4. Election Board Items for Consideration: Election Updates
   a. Voter Registration Statistics

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1. **Voter Registration Statistics:**
   a. **Total: 32832**
   b. **Monthly Totals:**

2026 Voter Registration Totals by Month	
	Total
January	32797
February	32778
March	XXXX
April	32815
May	32807
June	32809
July	32772
August	32797
September	32832
October	
November	
December	

c. Breakdown by Party Affiliation:



b. Election Updates

- Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve the above, seconded by Commissioner Heffernan, aye all.

5. There was no other business.

6. Public Comment: None

7. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bryan, and seconded by Commissioner Heffernan, aye all.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Meador

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Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by:

Samuel H. Breene

Kenneth J. Bryan

Timothy M. Heffernan