

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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**CHALLENGE HEARING TO PROVISIONAL BALLOTS**

Notice has been given that a hearing shall be held before the Montgomery County Board of Elections to consider all challenges to Provisional Ballots cast in the November 3, 2020 General Election. The Board of Elections will convene on **November 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Board Room on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor at 425 Swede Street, Norristown, PA** and will conduct the hearing according to the following procedures:

All challenges to Provisional Ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election have been asserted by either the Republican or Democratic parties. If either party intends to present evidence or witness testimony at the scheduled hearing, notice must be given to the Board of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 11, 2020 by service to the County Solicitor, Joshua Stein, at [jstein1@montcopa.org](mailto:jstein1@montcopa.org).

The hearing will be conducted under the direction of the Election Board Chair. When possible, all challenges related to the same or similar issues will be consolidated and heard by the Election Board together. All challenges shall be made pursuant to the Election Code. The Election Board will not consider any challenges outside of those pertaining directly to the initial decision to grant full, partial or no credit. The Board reserves the right to preliminarily determine if challenges meet this threshold.

During the hearing, challengers will have the opportunity to present the basis for the challenges, any evidence and witness(s). The Election Board counsel will be permitted to also question any witness(s) presented by the challengers. The Election Board counsel will then present any evidence and witness(s) and the challenger may question any witness(s) presented. All testimony presented will be stenographically recorded and made part of the record of the hearing. The Election Board shall not be bound by the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence. Arguments may be subject to time limitations.

After the parties have had a fair opportunity to be heard on each challenge, the Election Board shall announce its decision to uphold or dismiss the challenges. The Election Board Chair will state all decisions on the record and the decisions will not be reduced to writing. Any party aggrieved by a decision of the Election Board may file a petition with the Court of Common Pleas seeking review of the decision within two days after the decision has been made.

**Additional criteria for attendance and public participation at the hearing  
before the Board of Elections due to the current COVID-19  
Public Health Emergency**

Given the current state of emergency in the Commonwealth and Montgomery County, the following additional criteria shall be in place at the November 12, 2020 hearing before the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

**ALL VISITORS TO ONE MONTGOMERY PLAZA SHALL BE SUBJECT TO  
TEMPERATURE SCREENING. ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A TEMPERATURE  
OVER 100.4 DEGREES OR WHO SHOW OTHER SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19  
WILL BE DENIED ENTRY.**

- Hearing room capacity will be kept in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control's guidelines.
- Overflow space will provided for those that are not able to be in the hearing room due to CDC guidelines.
- Once overflow space is exhausted, individuals will be required to wait outside the building