Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Allocatur Docket Sheet

Docket Number: 260 MAL 2026

November 2, 2026

CAPTION

County of Chester, Petitioner
v.
Diane Houser, Respondent

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document:	Petition for Allowance of Appeal		
Case Status:	Closed		
Journal Number:			
Case Category:	Civil	Case Type(s):	Right to Know Act Election

CONSOLIDATED CASES

RELATED CASES

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SUPREME COURT INFORMATION

Appeal From:

Appeal Filed Below:

Probable Jurisdiction Noted: Docketed Date: May 8, 2026

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Granted: Allocatur/Miscellaneous Docket No.:

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Grant Order:

FEE INFORMATION

Fee Dt	Fee Name	Fee Amt	Receipt Dt	Receipt No	Receipt Amt
05/08/2026	Petition for Allowance of Appeal Filed	91.25	05/08/2026	2026-SUP-M-000361	91.25

INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT INFORMATION

Court Name:	Commonwealth	Docket Number:	449 CD 2025
Date of Order:	February 9, 2026	Rearg/Recon Disp Date:	April 8, 2026
		Rearg/Recon Disposition:	Denied
Judge(s):	Fizzano Cannon, Christine		
	Dumas, Lori A.		
	Wolf, Matthew S.		

Intermediate Appellate Court Action: Affirmed

Referring Court:

AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

Court Below: Chester County Court of Common Pleas

County: Chester Division: Chester County Civil Division

Date of Agency/Trial Court Order: March 6, 2025

Docket Number: 2024-11234-CS

Judge(s): Verwey, Anthony T. OTN:

Order Type: Order

ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item	Filed Date	Content/Description

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Record Remittal:

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Related Journal No:		Judgment Date:	
Category:	Decided - Summary Disposition	Disposition Author:	Per Curiam
Disposition:	Vacated/Remanded	Disposition Date:	July 21, 2026
Dispositional Filing:	**Order**	Author:	Per Curiam
Filed Date:	July 21, 2026		

DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
May 8, 2026	**Petition for Allowance of Appeal**		
		Petitioner	County of Chester
May 8, 2026	**Reproduced Record**		
		Petitioner	County of Chester
May 8, 2026	**Application for Leave to File Amicus Brief**		
		Petitioner Amicus Curiae	Pennsylvania Department of State
		Petitioner Amicus Curiae	Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt
May 11, 2026	**No Answer Letter to Application**		
		Petitioner	County of Chester
May 22, 2026	**Answer to Petition for Allowance of Appeal**		
		Respondent	Houser, Diane
July 21, 2026	**Vacated/Remanded**		
			Per Curiam

Comments:
AND NOW, this 21st day of July, 2026, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is GRANTED, the order of the Commonwealth Court is VACATED, and the case is REMANDED to the Commonwealth Court for reconsideration in light of Honey v. Lycoming County Offices of Voter Services, 355 A.3d 801 (Pa. 2026).

The Application for Leave to File an Amicus Curiae Brief is DENIED AS MOOT.

July 21, 2026	**Judgment Entered**		
			Office of the Prothonotary
August 11, 2026	**Notice of Disposition Sheet Exited**		
			Office of the Prothonotary

CROSS COURT ACTIONS

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