

**PRESS RELEASE**  
FINAL ELECTION DATES AND DETAILS  
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**March 28, 2018** – *University Park, PA* – Today the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board (PLRB) released the official election order for the vote on graduate unionization at Penn State. The official dates, times, and locations of the election are as follows:

University Park Campus

April 10, 2018: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Bennett Pierce Living Center of the Henderson Building.  
April 11, 2018: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Charles W. Mann, Jr. Assembly Room of the Paterno Library.  
April 12, 2018: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Charles W. Mann, Jr. Assembly Room of the Paterno Library  
April 13, 2018: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Room W202 and W203 of the Millennium Science Complex.

Hershey Medical

April 16, 2018: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Room C-1845 of the Biomedical Research Building.

Penn State - Harrisburg

April 17, 2018: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Morrison Gallery of the 101 Penn State Harrisburg Library

Graduate employees at Penn State Great Valley and Penn State Behrend will vote via mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed April 9 and must be returned to and received by the PLRB in Harrisburg by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 23.

Parties will be able to designate poll watchers.

“This election has been almost four years in the making,” said Mariam Taleb, Organizer for the Coalition of Graduate Employees (CGE). “We’re excited to have a final order, and very excited that last-minute intervention on Penn State’s behalf by Koch-funded special interests couldn’t stop the democratic process. We look forward to winning the vote for our union.”

The election order came with a voter identification stipulation opposed by the Coalition. Each eligible voter may be asked for identification to cast a vote at the discretion of a Board agent.

“We’re disappointed to see that this is—at Penn State’s urging—in the final order,” stated Jerome Clarke, Co-President of the Coalition. “We trust Penn State graduate assistants to vote honestly, but administrators and their lawyers do not. We’ve seen this playbook throughout the nation: voter identification requirements are intended to disenfranchise voters, especially those

that would benefit from the protection of a union the most.”

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*The Coalition of Graduate Employees is an employee-led advocacy group and union campaign organizing Penn State's 3,724 graduate assistants.*