

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Board Meeting
11/15/2021**

Attending:

Jeff Hastings, Chairman
Inajo Davis Chappell, Board Member
Lisa M. Stickan, Board Member
David Wondolowski, Board Member
Anthony W. Perlatti, Director
Tony Kaloger, Deputy Director

Mark R. Musson, Assistant Prosecutor, Cuyahoga County
Mary Bejjani, Clerk to the Board
Linda Walker, Clerk to the Board

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Meeting began at 9:32 a.m. Hereinafter referred to as the CCBOE/Board.

Chairman Hastings noted that all Board Members were in attendance.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the minutes from the November 1, 2021, Board Meeting

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2021, Board Meeting. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. Chairman Hastings, Board Members Stickan, and Wondolowski voted to approve the minutes. Board Member Davis Chappell abstained from voting.

Agenda Item 2: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the November 2, 2021, General Election

Betty Edwards, Registration Department Manager, presented the Provisional Report to the Board as provided in the board meeting materials.

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the November 2, 2021, General Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Acknowledgment of the Ballot Proofs for the November 23, 2021, Maple Heights Council District 6 Recall Election in accordance with the Ballot Proofing Policy approved by the Board at the March 12, 2021, Board Meeting

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the Ballot Proofs for the November 23, 2021, Maple Heights Council District 6 Recall Election in accordance with the Ballot Proofing Policy approved by the Board at

¹ Narrative that is underlined in the CCBOE minutes relates to a motion that was acted on by the Board.

the March 12, 2021, Board Meeting. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Final approval of the ballot order for the November 23, 2021, Maple Heights Council District 6 Recall Election

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the final ballot order for the November 23, 2021, Maple Heights Council District 6 Recall Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Acknowledgment of resignation from and appointments to elected office

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the resignation from and appointments to elected office. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Approval to appoint not less than two precinct election officials for each precinct pursuant to ORC §3501.22 for the November 23, 2021, Maple Heights Council District 6 Recall Election

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Agenda Item 7: Final authorization for the allocation of voting equipment for the November 23, 2021, Maple Heights Member of Council District 6 Recall Election. Allocation quantities are based on social distancing and room size. A total of 15 voting booths will be allocated + 3 DS200 precinct scanners + 1 ADA AutoMark voting unit and 2 Electronic Poll books.

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the final authorization for the allocation of voting equipment for the November 23, 2021, Maple Heights Member of Council District 6 Recall Election. Allocation quantities are based on social distancing and room size. A total of 15 voting booths will be allocated + 3 DS200 precinct scanners + 1 ADA AutoMark voting unit and 2 Electronic Poll books. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8: Approval of the personnel agenda

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the personnel agenda. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Maple Heights Council District 6 Recall Election

Director Perlatti provided an update on the Maple Height Council District 6 Recall Election. Early in-person voting is currently taking place at the CCBOE and will continue over the weekend. The CCBOE has mailed out 31 absentee ballots, and as of today, no ballots have been returned. The Maple Heights Council District 6 Recall Election is small enough that the CCBOE staff is handling many processes without the use of third-party vendors.

CCBOE WEBSITE

Director Perlatti stated the CCBOE website is ready to be launched on December 1, 2021. The Cleveland Sight Center is conducting a non-compulsory review of the website. Internal training on the website will begin this week for Candidate and Petition Services, Registration, Community Outreach, and the Board Clerks. Additional departments will be trained soon after the site goes live. Training for other CCBOE stakeholders will include the Secretary of State's office, political party offices, and the County Communications Department. Beginning December 1, 2021, the CCBOE will also conduct training sessions for the public via Zoom. Announcements of the upcoming changes to the site are displayed on the current website and shared on social media. Board Members will also have the opportunity to be trained on the new website.

DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

Director Perlatti requested a change to the December Board Meeting Schedule. Currently there are meetings scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2021, and Monday, December 20, 2021. Director Perlatti proposed that the December 6th meeting be moved to December 8th. At the December 8th meeting the Board will be asked to certify the November 23rd Maple Heights Recall Election and certify any required or requested recounts from the November 2nd election. The Board will decide at the December 8th meeting whether it is necessary to meet on December 20, 2021.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

Director Perlatti stated this week; staff would be working on processing the November 2, 2021, voter history. The voter history data is then used as a guide for County Council redistricting. The County Council has provided the CCBOE with changes to certain districts. Once the CCBOE proofs the changes to the map, these changes are then presented to the Board for approval at the December 8, 2021, board meeting.

INELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION

Chairman Hastings requested Director Perlatti comment on an "ineligible for election" matter. Director Perlatti stated one Provisional Ballot was rejected under the title "ineligible for election." The CCBOE compares the provisional module to the check-ins on the Electronic Poll Books for any duplications during the provisional process. During this process, the CCBOE found that voter "A" checked in with a driver's license at a polling location in Cleveland and cast a ballot. Approximately 30 minutes later voter "A" checked-in with a driver's license at a polling location in Brooklyn and cast a provisional ballot. The CCBOE spoke with a family member of voter "A" who confirmed that voter "A" no longer lives in Cleveland and lives somewhere else. Voter "A" did contact Deputy Director Kaloger and stated he never went to the Cleveland polling location to vote. Voter "A" was invited to the CCBOE on Friday, November 12, 2021, to further discuss the matter and did not show. Chairman Hastings confirmed that the conversations with voter "A" was conducted with a Republican and Democrat staff member present. Director Perlatti stated that the investigation of this matter is on-going, and staff will report back to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dontez Taylor provided a public comment regarding the unofficial election results for write-in candidates for Cleveland City Council, Ward 4.

Pamela Pinkney provided public comments regarding several items on the agenda and the unofficial election results for write-in candidates for Cleveland City Council, Ward 4.

Chairman Hastings moved to recess the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Certification: I have reviewed the above minutes and certify that they are an accurate summary of the actions taken by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at its meeting held on November 15, 2021.

Jeff Hastings, Chairman



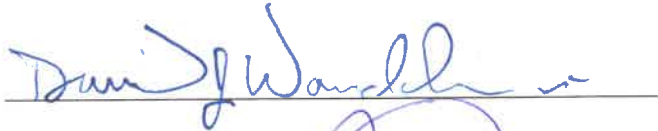
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