

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting
4/9/2024

Attending:

Henry F Curtis, IV, Chairman
Inajo Davis Chappell, Board Member
Lisa Stickan, Board Member
Anthony Perlatti, Director
Tony Kaloger, Deputy Director
Mark R. Musson, Assistant Prosecutor, Cuyahoga County

Mary Bejjani, Clerk to the Board
Skip White, Clerk to the Board

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Meeting began at 9:30 a.m. Hereinafter referred to as the CCBOE/Board.

Chairman Curtis noted that Board Members Davis Chappell and Stickan were in attendance. Board Member McCafferty was excused from today's meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the minutes from the March 20, 2024, board meeting

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2024, board meeting. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Certification of the official results of the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

Brian Cleary, Ballot Department Manager, presented information from the board packet regarding the certification of the official results from the November 7, 2023, General Election. Mr. Cleary stated that one automatic recount for Brooklyn City School District Issue 21 is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. The requested recount deadline is Monday April 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The Board discussed the recent changes in the voter identification laws from Ohio House Bill 458 and its impact on provisional voting. Board Member Davis Chappell requested an internal report and analysis to see what the impact has been. They discussed what measures can be taken to educate voters in preparation for the upcoming November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election.

a. Authorization to approve the remake of the optical scan ballots from the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

Chairman Curtis moved to authorize the approval to remake the optical scan ballots from the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

b. Authorization to approve absentee ballots from the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

Chairman Curtis moved to authorize the approval of absentee ballots from the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Authorization to approve provisional ballots from the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the provisional ballots from the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Acknowledgment of the pre & post-test results of the vote tabulation system from the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

Chairman Curtis moved to acknowledge pre & post-test results of the vote tabulation system from the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Acknowledgment of the Official District Wide Results of the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election for Cuyahoga, Holmes, Lorain, Medina, and Wayne Counties

Chairman Curtis moved to acknowledge the Official District Wide Results of the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election for Cuyahoga, Holmes, Lorain, Medina, and Wayne Counties. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Curtis moved to acknowledge certification of the official results of the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Acknowledgment of the date, time, and place of the post-election audit for the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election

Mr. Cleary stated that the date of the post-election audit will be provided at the Certification of Recount meeting. Director Perlatti said that the tentative date for that meeting would be April 22, 2024.

Chairman Curtis moved to acknowledge the date, time, and place of the post-election audit for the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election will be determined at the Certification of Recount meeting. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Approval of an update to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Petition Protocols

Director Perlatti stated the CCBOE amended the Petition Protocols document to include safeguard disclaimer language. Board Member Davis Chappell noted one grammatical correction to be made to the document.

Chairman Curtis moved to approve an update to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Petition Protocols. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Approval to amend the Resolution and/or voucher for FIS-C-A) Runbeck Election Services – amended to include shipping costs

Shaunquitta Walker, Fiscal Services Manager, presented the information from the board materials pertaining to an amendment to Resolution FIS-C-A for Runbeck Election Services to include shipping costs.

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the amendment to the Resolution and/or voucher for FIS-C-A) Runbeck Election Services to include shipping costs. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Walk-on agenda item

Director Perlatti requested the Board consider approving the adoption of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Public Records Inspection Protocols. He stated through public records requests, individuals can request copies of documents and can also request inspections of records. The Public Records Inspection Protocols provide individuals with the conditions for inspecting records. The document would be provided to individuals who request records inspections and also be included on the CCBOE website in the area of public records policy. Board Member Davis Chappell stated she was pleased to see the Reservation of Rights language because there could be circumstances where additional parameters need to be imposed; it is, therefore, not limiting to the five protocol conditions.

Chairman Curtis moved to adopt the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Public Records Inspection Protocols. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Director Kaloger stated the Election Officials Department sent the poll worker payroll files to the County Fiscal Department, and poll workers can expect checks later in the week or early the following week. Director Perlatti stated once the requested recount window closes on Monday, April 15, 2024, the Candidate and Petition Services Department will begin sending out the Certificates of Nomination and Election to candidates. The Brooklyn City School District certification will be mailed after the Board certifies the automatic recount.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maria Melinis provided public comment regarding election integrity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session

Chairman Curtis moved to recess the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Board Member Davis Chappell 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 April 9, 2024.

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