

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting
6/6/2022

Attending:

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

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 Hastings noted that Board Members were in attendance. Board Member Davis Chappell attended via video conference as allowed per House Bill "H.B." 51.

Agenda Item 1: Acknowledgment of Secretary of State Directives: 2022-34: Instructions for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election; Directive 2022-35: Data Collection, Notice, and Cancellation Procedures for Completion of 2018 National Change of Address ("NCOA") and Supplemental Process

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the Secretary of State Directives: 2022-34: Instructions for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election; Directive 2022-35: Data Collection, Notice, and Cancellation Procedures for Completion of 2018 National Change of Address ("NCOA") and Supplemental Process. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Preliminary approval of the ballot order for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the preliminary ballot order for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Approval to outsource the printing and mailing of Vote-by-Mail ballots for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election and November 8, 2022, General Election

Chairman Hastings moved to approve to outsource the printing and mailing of Vote-by-Mail ballots for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election and November 8, 2022, General Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Agenda Item 4: Certification of the automatic recount from the May 3, 2022, Primary Election for Cuyahoga County Central Committee – Cleveland 03E.

Brian Cleary, Ballot Department Manager, presented information from the board packet regarding the certification of the automatic recount from the May 3, 2022, Primary Election for Cuyahoga County Central Committee – Cleveland 03E.

Chairman Hastings moved to certify the automatic recount from the May 3, 2022, Primary Election for Cuyahoga County Central Committee – Cleveland 03E. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Acknowledgment of withdrawal of candidates from the August 2, 2022, Primary Election

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the withdrawal of candidates from the August 2, 2022, Primary Election as provided in the meeting materials. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Early In-Person Voting PEO Performance Report from the May 3, 2022, Primary Election

Steve Doell, Candidate and Petition Services Supervisor presented a summary regarding the Early In-Person Voting PEO Performance Report from the board packet.

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the Early In-Person Voting PEO Performance Report from the May 3, 2022, Primary Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7: Approval to appoint not less than two precinct election officials for each precinct pursuant to ORC §3501.22 for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election

Chairman Hastings moved to approve to appoint not less than two precinct election officials for each precinct pursuant to ORC §3501.22 for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8: Preliminary authorization for the allocation of voting booths for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. Allocation quantities are based on social distancing and room size per polling location. A total of 4,554 voting booths will be allocated + 819 DS200 precinct scanners + 288 ADA AutoMark voting units, and 796 Electronic Poll Books

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Agenda Item 9: Approval to Renew the Ballot Printing Contract with Midwest Direct, under subdivision (C) Article I., in the amount not-to-exceed \$691,636.80 for the Second Renewal Period August 2, 2022, through May 1, 2023

Kendra Zusy, Fiscal Services Manager, stated the second renewal period does not cover the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. The Ballot Printing Contract with Midwest Direct renewal covers the November 8, 2022, General Election. If the CCBOE had to amend the contract to include the August 2, 2022, Primary Election, it would be the first renewal. Chairman Hastings stated the contract with Midwest permits the CCBOE to amend the contract and would be based on costs due to the paper supply.

Chairman Hastings moved to approve to renew the Ballot Printing Contract with Midwest Direct, under subdivision (C) Article I., in the amount not-to-exceed \$691,636.80 for the Second Renewal Period August 2, 2022, through May 1, 2023. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10: Approval of the vouchers

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the vouchers as provided in the meeting materials. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

WALK-ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Hastings stated the CCBOE received a letter from Mr. Shay Hawkins requesting the Board to withdraw his withdrawal for State Representative, District 15. Additionally, Mr. Nicholas Phillips had requested (this morning) to address the Board because CCBOE staff had refused to accept his petitions this morning. to run for State Representative, District 15. Chairman Hastings stated there is ongoing litigation in Columbus and in the Southern District Court of Ohio where both Democrats and Republicans are arguing for ballot access to the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. Chairman Hastings asked the Board Members if there were any objections to adding these two individuals as walk-on agenda items. There were no objections.

Walk-on Agenda Item:

Shay Hawkins request to the CCBOE to withdraw his withdrawal for State Representative, District 15.

A transcript of this hearing can be obtained by contacting Mary Bejjani, CCBOE Clerk to the Board at 216-443-6430/mbejjani@cuyahogacounty.gov.

Chairman Hastings moved not to grant Shay Hawkin's request to the CCBOE to withdraw his withdrawal from State Representative, District 15. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. Board Members Hastings, Davis Chappell, and Wondolowski voted for the motion. Board Member Stickan voted against it. The motion passed.

Walk-on Agenda Item:

Nicholas Phillips request to the CCBOE to accept candidate petitions for State Representative, District 15.

A transcript of this hearing can be obtained by contacting Mary Bejjani, CCBOE Clerk to the Board at 216-443-6430/mbejjani@cuyahogacounty.gov.

Chairman Hastings moved not to accept Mr. Phillips's petitions for State Representative, District 15. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 11: Approval of the personnel agenda

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the personnel agenda as provided in the meeting materials. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Perlatti stated the CCBOE is preparing for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. The candidates and one local option in Cleveland will be certified on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. The last day for a candidate to withdraw from the August 2, 2022, Primary Election and not have their name appear on the ballot is June 13, 2022. The start of UOVACA voting is June 17, 2022. The Ballot Department has started to proof the standard wording on the ballot, including the headers and instructions. The ability to request the vote-by-mail application is now active. Temporary employees have also started in the Ballot and Election Officials Departments. The CCBOE has been notifying the various vendors about the August 2, 2022, Primary Election, and the CCBOE has not been notified of any conflicts.

The Election Officials Department will be sending the first recruitment notice to Election Day Officials for rehire. The recruitment notice goes out to approximately 2,500 people. Ninety percent of the notifications are e-mailed, and ten percent are sent via USPS. Election Day workers that served in the May election will not need to be re-trained. New workers hired for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election will need to complete the PEO training, which starts on June 13, 2022.

The Election Support Department has been focused on finalizing the polling locations. This election will have 286 polling locations, and the CCBOE has received 214 contracts. Of the 72 locations still outstanding, 61 have verbally confirmed. The remaining eleven locations include churches that are more difficult to reach during the week. There are nine polling location changes; generally due to scheduling conflicts. Board Member Davis Chappell asked if there is a contract deadline for the locations. Director Perlatti stated the deadline may have passed. However, the CCBOE has contacted the locations and received verbal commitments.

The Voter Guide will be mailed for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. The vendor will begin mailing the guides out around June 21, 2022, and complete the mailing by June 27, 2022. One Voter Guide card will be mailed to each household with a registered voter. The CCBOE is watching for any rulings on litigation that may affect sending the mailing. If the courts rule there would be a change in the August 2, 2022, Primary, the CCBOE will have to pay the printer for the work that has been done.

The Post-Election Audit of the May 3, 2022, Primary Election begins on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. The Post-Election Audit will include the Democratic Governor, the Republican Senate, and the Democratic Cuyahoga County Executive races. Once concluded, the Board will need to meet to certify the audit.

Board Member Wondolowski stated he would be resigning from the CCBOE effective Thursday, June 9, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reverend Pinkney Butts provided public comment regarding items on the agenda.

Dontez Taylor provided public comment to the Board.

At 10:40 a.m. Chairman Hastings motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing hiring, employment, compensation, and discipline. Board Member Wondolowski seconded, and a roll call was taken, and each Board Member voted in the affirmative.

At 11:02 a.m., after returning from the executive session, Chairman Hastings motioned to come out of the executive session. Board Member Wondolowski seconded, and a roll call was taken, and each Board Member voted in the affirmative.

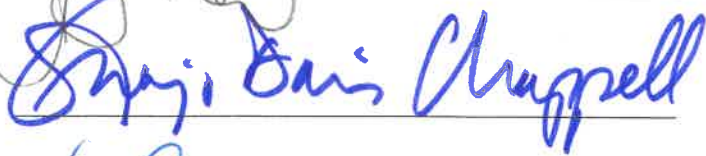
Chairman Hastings moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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 June 6, 2022.

Jeff Hastings, Chairman



Inajo Davis Chappell, Board Member



Lisa M. Stickan, Board Member



David J. Wondolowski, Board Member



Anthony Perlatti, Director

