

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting
6/8/2022

Attending:

Jeff Hastings, Chairman
Lisa M. Stickan, Board Member/via teleconference
David J. Wondolowski, Board Member/via teleconference
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 4:00 p.m. Hereinafter referred to as the CCBOE/Board.

Chairman Hastings noted that three of the four Board Members were in attendance. Chairman Hastings was in-person, and Board Members Stickan and Wondolowski attended via video conference as allowed per House Bill "H.B." 51. Board Member Davis Chappell was excused from today's meeting.

Chairman Hastings moved to excuse Board Member Davis Chappell's absence. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 1: Acknowledgment of Secretary of State Directive 2022-36: Examination and Verification of Petitions from Statewide Independent Candidates

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the Secretary of State Directive 2022-36: Examination and Verification of Petitions from Statewide Independent Candidates. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Certification of Issue and Candidates to the August 2, 2022, Primary Election

Chairman Hastings stated there was one matter before the Board involving Mr. Willie Lewis Britt. Mr. Britt filed petitions and then filed Secretary of State (SOS) Form 2-ZA with the CCBOE. On February 2, 2022, he filed petitions indicating that he wanted to run in Ohio Senate District 21. On February 26, 2022, Directive 2022-26 was released, which discusses the Redistricting Commission map three and defines the general assembly districts for the primary election. Under the Redistricting Commission map three version, Mr. Britt resided in District 23. According to the SOS rules, Mr. Britt was permitted to file SOS Form 2-ZA on March 1, 2022, indicating he was going to move into District 21. The SOS then released Directive 2022-31, which removed the General Assembly's office from the May 3, 2022, Primary Ballot. On May 28, 2022, Directive 2022-34 was released that instructs the Board to have a Primary Election on August 2, 2022, and directed boards of elections to use Redistricting Commission map three. The Directive does say candidates who filed SOS Form 2-ZA

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

had until June 7, 2022, to move into the district the candidate identified. The new deadline for General Assembly candidates who resided in another district was June 7, 2022, and that extension was granted due to the pause in implementation. The Directive also stated the CCBOE could not accept any Form 2-ZA's after March 10, 2022. On June 7, 2022, after the March deadline, Mr. Britt came to the CCBOE and filed a new Form 2-ZA, indicating he is not moving and intends to run in State Senate District 23. Additionally, Mr. Britt timely filed to be on the ballot for Democratic State Central Committee Member.

Assistant Prosecutor Musson stated he reviewed the SOS Directives and various maps and the history of the filings. The latest Directive 2022-34 has a specific provision stating the board of elections may not accept Form 2-ZA addendums filed after March 10, 2022. The CCBOE is limited by and obligated to follow the Directive. The SOS precludes the refiling of the second amendment to the declaration of candidacy. Board Member Stickan stated Mr. Britt filed the addendum timely to say he was moving, yet now the SOS is saying the CCBOE can not accept another addendum after the deadline. Board Member Stickan asked if there was a distinction in this case. Mr. Musson stated Mr. Britt initially filed to run in District 21 under the current map and tried to amend the filing to run in District 23 after the deadline set by the SOS. Mr. Britt did not move into the District within the 30 days provided under the Constitution and as extended by SOS Directives, therefore Mr. Britt is precluded from appearing on the ballot for State Senate Districts 21 or 23. Chairman Hastings stated Mr. Britt was advised of today's meeting and told staff he would not be attending.

Chairman Hastings moved not to certify Mr. Britt to the August 2, 2022, Primary ballot for Ohio Senate District 21, as Mr. Britt did not move into District 21 and did not take the necessary steps under Directive 2022-24 to effectuate his candidacy. If Mr. Britt had moved into District 21, he would be certified, but he chose not to. Board Member Stickan made a friendly amendment to include not to recognize any late-filed addendums. Chairman Hastings included in the motion to reject Mr. Britt's SOS Form 2-ZA as the filing is mute due to filing after the Directives deadline. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Stickan stated this is another example of a confusing situation. Ultimately she voted yes because the Directive is clear that the CCBOE cannot consider the Form 2-ZA given the deadline date is clearly stated in the Directive.

Walk-on Agenda Item: Acknowledgment of withdrawal of candidate Jeff Johnson, Ohio State Senate District 23, from the August 2, 2022, Primary Election.

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the withdrawal of candidate Jeff Johnson, Ohio State Senate District 23, from the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hastings moved to certify the Issue and Candidates to the August 2, 2022, Primary Election as provided in the board packet. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Personnel Agenda

Chairman Hastings moved to approve Personnel Agenda. Board Member Wondolowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Walk-on agenda item

Acknowledgment of the Post-Election Audit Summary from the May 3, 2022, Primary Election.

Brian Cleary, Ballot Department Manager, presented information from the Board Packet regarding the Post-Election Audit Summary from the May 3, 2022, Primary Election.

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the Post-Election Audit Summary from the May 3, 2022, Primary Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Perlatti stated the candidate protest deadline for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election is at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 9, 2022. The CCBOE Board must hear any protests filed by Friday, June 10, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Chairman Hastings read into the record that Reverend Aaron Phillips, Sure House Baptist Church, asked to make a public comment indicating that Skip D. White will help bridge the gap between the CCBOE and the churches in Greater Cleveland. Reverend Phillips has also been working with Reverend Pinkney Butts to work with the CCBOE.

Ronda Crayton provided public comment regarding a Challenge of the Right to Vote and allegations of voter fraud.

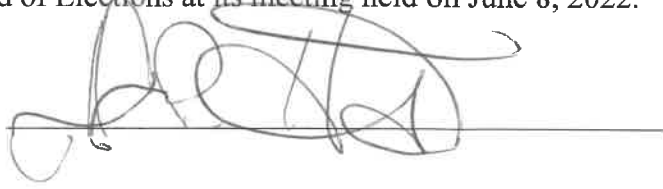
Stacey Collier provided public comment regarding a Challenge of the Right to Vote and allegations of voter fraud.

Chairman Hastings acknowledged the written resignation of Board Member David Wondolowski effective June 9, 2022.

Chairman Hastings moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

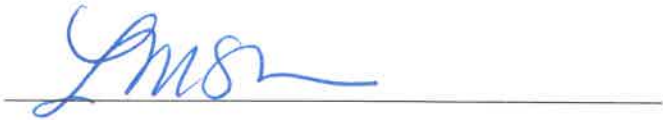
Certification: I have reviewed the above minutes and certify that they are an accurate summary of the actions taken by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at its meeting held on June 8, 2022.

Jeff Hastings, Chairman



Inajo Davis Chappell, Board Member

Lisa M. Stickan, Board Member



David J. Wondolowski, Board Member

Anthony Perlatti, Director

