

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting
10/12/2022

Attending:

Jeff Hastings, Chairman
Terence M. McCafferty, Board Member
Lisa M. Stickan, Board Member
Anthony 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 9:33 a.m. Hereinafter referred to as the CCBOE/Board.

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

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

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the minutes from the September 29, 2022, Board Meeting

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2022, Board Meeting. Board Member McCafferty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Acknowledgment of Secretary of State (SOS) Directive and Memorandum: Directive 2022-46: 2022 General Voter Record Maintenance Program; Memorandum 2022-05: Responsibilities of Sheriffs and Police in the November 8, 2022, General Election (confidential – not for disclosure)

Walk-on agenda item: Acknowledgment of Secretary of State Directive 2022-47: Unofficial and Official Canvasses of the November 8, 2022, General Election

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the Secretary of State Directives and Advisory: Directive 2022-46: 2022 General Voter Record Maintenance Program; Memorandum 2022-05: Responsibilities of Sheriffs and Police in the November 8, 2022, General Election (confidential – not for disclosure); and walk-on agenda item: Directive 2022-47: Unofficial and Official Canvasses of the November 8, 2022, General Election. Board Member McCafferty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Authorization for bipartisan teams of employees to receive absentee ballots outside the office of the CCBOE in accordance with Directive 2022-45

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

Director Perlatti presented the schedule for bipartisan teams of employees to receive absentee ballots outside the office of the CCBOE in the meeting materials. Director Perlatti stated SOS Directive 2022-45 authorizes the scheduling of bipartisan teams to work outside boards of elections to collect absentee ballots in a portable collection box to help facilitate traffic mitigation, and the CCBOE does want to participate in this process. The Directive requires Board approval of a published schedule, absentee ballot collection teams must be one Republican and one Democrat, and the mobile collection boxes must display specific signage. The CCBOE will work with security services to ensure a security presence. The schedule will be published on the CCBOE website and promoted through social media.

Chairman Hastings moved to adopt the schedule of bipartisan teams of employees to receive absentee ballots outside the office of the CCBOE in accordance with Directive 2022-45, as provided in the meeting materials. Board Member McCafferty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Final approval of the ballot order for the November 8, 2022, General Election

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the final ballot order for the November 8, 2022, General Election. Board Member McCafferty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Authorization to pay: 286 Voting Location Managers x \$275 = \$78,650; 314 Voting Location Deputies x \$275 = \$86,350; 3,162 Precinct Election Officials (PEOs) x \$250 = \$790,500; 286 Sanitation Precinct Election Officials x \$200 = \$57,200; 150 Election Substitute Officials x \$100 = \$15,000 for the November 8, 2022, General Election

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Agenda Item 6: Acknowledge Secretary of State November 8, 2022, General Election Precinct Election Official Training Grant Award

Director Perlatti stated in even years, the SOS has extended an opportunity for boards of elections to apply for funding grants for Precinct Election Official Training. The areas of funding eligibility include materials, train the trainers, rental fees, and additional items. The funding amounts are based on an SOS formula; for Cuyahoga County, the dollar amount is \$83,204.00. The CCBOE provided the SOS with a plan for expending the funds. The CCBOE will use the grant dollars to offset a portion of the PEOs training instructor's salaries and de-escalation training. Additionally, the materials would include PEOs trainer laptops with more memory for training videos and accessories that support the equipment, including speakers, carrying cases, and carts. The grant funding will also be used to improve communication with poll workers, such as text and phone messaging. The CCBOE submitted the proposal to the SOS, and the CCBOE was approved for the Precinct Official Training Grant Award.

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the Secretary of State November 8, 2022, General Election Precinct Election Official Training Grant Award. Board Member McCafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7: Authorization to process payment in the amount not-to-exceed \$46,660 for 93 private voting locations, 3 CMHA properties and one Zone station being used for the November 8, 2022, General Election

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Agenda Item 8: Final authorization for the allocation of voting booths for the November 8, 2022, General Election. Allocation quantities are based on social distancing and room size per polling location. A total of 4,567 voting booths will be allocated + 721 DS200 precinct scanners + 286 ADA AutoMark voting units and 980 Electronic Poll Books

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NEW BUSINESS

Director Perlatti stated today is the opening of Early In-Person (EIP) voting, and the absentee voting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. this week. The CCBOE anticipates between four hundred to five hundred voters per day. The CCBOE employees who park in the Hughes Building rear lot have been relocated to off-site parking. The lot is now available for voter parking and includes an increased number of ADA-accessible spaces. Additional overflow parking is available south of the CCBOE with signage to guide the traffic. A map of available parking is on the CCBOE website.

Today is also the first-day Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots can be mailed. The CCBOE is mailing about 60,000 VBM ballots today, and by Saturday, October 15, 2022, the first 120,000 VBM application requests will have VBM ballots mailed. The CCBOE Track-my-Ballot tool on the website will reflect the ballot mailing dates. VBM ballot applications continue to arrive and are being processed daily.

Precinct Election Officials recruitment continues to be doing very well. The recruiting focus is now on retaining the backup PEOs, of which one-third of the backup PEOs have been retained. The Election Officials Department continues to hire and train individuals to ensure a sufficient pool of PEOs for staffing changes and stand-by workers. Chairman Hastings asked if poll worker training was all conducted remotely. Director Perlatti stated new poll workers attend training in person, and returning poll workers' training can be done online. There will be more student poll workers for the November 8th Election, as school is now in session.

The close of voter registration was Tuesday, October 11, 2022, and between 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., the CCBOE received about 1,900 voter registrations. The majority of those registrations were from one voter registration campaign drive. The CCBOE currently has approximately 3,500 voter registration cards to process. CCBOE staff is going out to pick up voter registration cards from the libraries, which are considered timely as the cards have been time-stamped or appropriately received.

This week, the CCBOE will be receiving the Election Day ballots for the polling locations. Quality assurance is conducted on the ballots, which are then prepared for delivery to the voting locations.

Election Support is preparing the voting locations equipment for pick-up by Berman's beginning on October 19, 2022.

The Ohio Supreme Court handed down a ruling yesterday denying the Writ of Mandamus regarding the litigation of the East Cleveland Mayor Brandon King vs. the CCBOE. The East Cleveland Mayoral Recall issue will remain on the East Cleveland ballot. Chairman Hastings asked Assistant Prosecutor Musson if there was any ongoing litigation pertaining to the November 8, 2022, General Election. Mr. Musson stated no.

Board Member McCafferty asked where ballots are printed for Early In-Person voting. Director Perlatti stated Midwest Direct, a third-party vendor, prints CCBOE ballots. For EIP voting, the November 8, 2022, General Election ballots came in on October 6, 2022. CCBOE staff shelves the ballots in a secure room with a double lock system and security cameras. Ballots are retrieved individually by Election Officials based on the voter's registration information. Quantities are monitored daily, and supplemental ballot orders are placed with Midwest Direct if needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

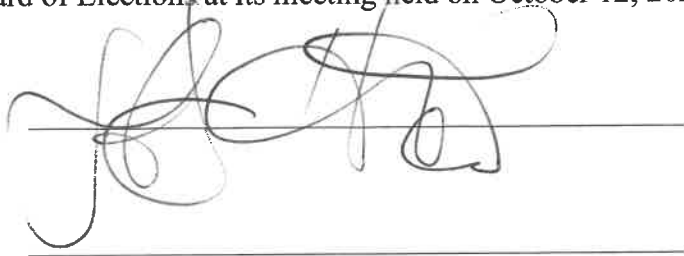
Reverend Pinkney Butts provided public comment regarding items on the agenda.

Bradley Lynnet provided public comment on election systems.

Chairman Hastings moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Board Member McCafferty 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 October 12, 2022.

Jeff Hastings, Chairman

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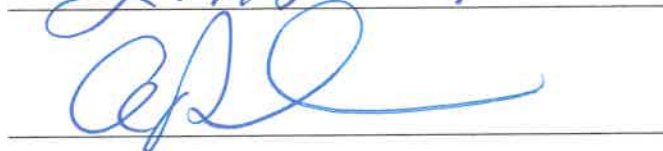
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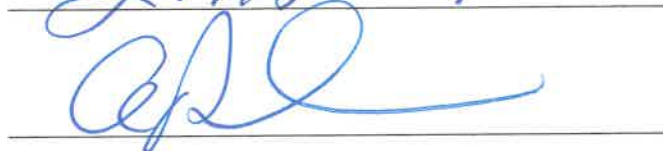
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