

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Board Meeting
11/21/2022**

Attending:

Jeff Hastings, Chairman
Inajo Davis Chappell, Board Member
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 9:31 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 3, 2022, Board Meeting

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2022, Board Meeting. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: CCBOE Social Media Policy

Peter James, Election and Compliance Administrator, presented information from the board packet regarding the CCBOE Social Media Policy.

Chairman Hastings moved to adopt the CCBOE Social Media Policy as provided in the meeting materials. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the November 8, 2022, General Election

Betty Edwards, Registration Department Manager, presented the November 8, 2022, General Election Provisional report to the Board as provided in the meeting materials.

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the November 8, 2022, General 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.

Agenda Item 4: Approval of voucher

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the voucher set forth in the board materials. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Director Perlatti stated the Vote-by-Mail and Provisional ballots would be tabulated over the coming week and the results would be included in the certification numbers. Currently, the unofficial results indicate there is one contest that could be an automatic recount. The contest is for Common Pleas Court Judge FTC 1/12/2023 between Judge Joan Synenberg and Brian Mooney. The county-wide recount will take approximately three weeks to complete, as the CCBOE will be scanning all the ballots, and the ballot was three pages in many municipalities. Board Member Davis Chappell asked if additional staff is necessary to complete the recount. Director Perlatti stated some additional staff would be utilized for the hand-count portion. However, the Ballot Department is down two scanners, and the vendor is working on obtaining the parts to repair these two scanners. The CCBOE has seven scanners, and five are working.

Board Member Davis Chappell asked for the status of the new voting equipment. Director Perlatti stated the CCBOE is in discussions with the CCBOE legal counsel, and legal documents will be exchanged with Clear Ballot to finalize the contract before the end of the year. County Council will then need to approve the purchase in January 2023. Chairman Hastings stated the timeline dates had been set forth in an e-mail to the Board, and there is a plan going forward. If the timelines are met the CCBOE will be able to implement the purchase for the May 3, 2023, Primary Election. If the timeline is not met decisions will need to be made on conducting one more election with the current equipment. Part of the decision will be based on if there will be a partial County election in May. However, if there is a state-wide issue on the ballot the May election will be county-wide.

Director Perlatti stated that Poll Worker paychecks were anticipated to be mailed on Friday, November 25, 2022. However, the County Payroll office had technical difficulties printing the correct addresses on the checks. The reprinted checks should be ready today for the CCBOE to pick up and mail.

It is anticipated that at the December Board Meeting, there will be recommended precinct changes for some municipalities. These precinct changes are based on ward changes that a municipality recommends to the CCBOE. Based on the 2020 Census data, municipal charters are required by statute to review the shifts in populations and adjust its ward boundaries. The CCBOE was not permitted to change the precinct boundaries in 2022 due to the multiple elections in 2022. The CCBOE is now working on these precinct changes based on a municipalities 2023 filing deadlines. Drafts of the precinct changes are shared with the municipality's city council, and any input or concerns will be addressed before the changes go before the CCBOE Board for approval. Any voters impacted by the precinct changes will be notified.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Charles Drake provided public comment regarding November 8, 2022, Election issues.

David Delgado provided public comment regarding COVID protocols at the voting locations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

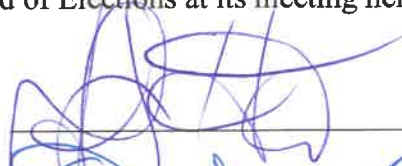
At 10:04 a.m., Board Member Davis Chappell moved to go into an executive session for the purpose of having a consultation with legal counsel related to potential litigation. Board Member Stickan seconded, a roll call was taken, and each Board Member voted in the affirmative.

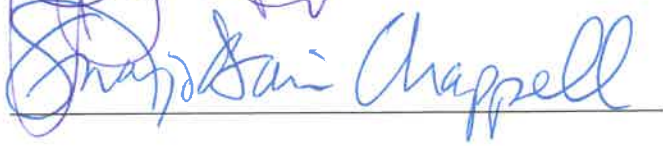
At 10:52 a.m., after returning from the executive session, Chairman Hastings motioned to come out of the executive. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded, a roll call was taken, and each Board Member voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Hastings moved to recess the meeting at 10:52 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 November 21, 2022.

Jeff Hastings, Chairman





Inajo Davis Chappell, Board Member

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