

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting
4/28/2023

Attending:

Henry F Curtis, IV, 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 9:30 a.m. Hereinafter referred to as the CCBOE/Board.

Chairman Curtis noted that all Board Members were in attendance.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2023, Board Meeting

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023, Board Meeting. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Acknowledgment of municipal ward boundaries and corresponding precinct boundaries for North Olmsted

Based on Decennial U.S. Census, the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) requires municipalities to review their population data and rebalance the city wards.

Director Perlatti stated the City of North Olmsted's City Council took an aggressive approach to change the boundary lines. The City asked the CCBOE to draw the lines as geographically regular as possible, meaning square and rectangular versus irregular shapes. As a courtesy, the CCBOE provided a map back to the City. The North Olmsted Clerk and Council Members reviewed the map and were pleased with the work that was done.

Board Member Davis Chappell stated that the North Olmsted leadership would need to make the voters aware of the changes as eighty-four percent of the voters are impacted. The City's leadership needs to be clear that they were aggressive and the CCBOE did not initiate these changes, and communicate with the voters why the changes will be a positive result in the future. North Olmsted leaders need to be clear they are the drivers of the change, and the CCBOE cooperated in facilitating in getting it done. Director Perlatti agreed and stated that part of the conversations included needing proactive communication efforts.

The November 7, 2023, General Election will be the first election North Olmsted will use the new

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boundaries. The CCBOE will be working with the City to inform the voters. Board Member Davis Chappell stated North Olmsted are the initiators of the changes, and the City needs to be equally aggressive on the back end in communicating the changes to the voters. The changes impact more voters than the Board has ever seen in acknowledging municipal ward boundary changes. Chairman Curtis asked how many polling locations would now be in North Olmsted. Director Perlatti stated there should be five or six locations, and there will be location reassignments.

Chairman Curtis moved to acknowledge the municipal ward boundaries and corresponding precinct boundaries for North Olmsted. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Acknowledgment of resignations from, and appointments to elected office

Director Perlatti stated at the April 5, 2023, Board Meeting, the Board approved the CCBOE Appointment to Elected Office Policy. The Candidate and Petition Services Department created a form sent to municipal Law Directors and Clerks. The feedback received is positive as the form provides guidance on what is required and removes ambiguity.

Chairman Curtis moved to acknowledge the resignations from, and appointments to elected office, as set forth in the board materials. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Approval of the personnel agenda

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the personnel agenda, as set forth in the board materials. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

May 2, 2023, Primary Election Update

Director Perlatti stated the CCBOE is prepared and ready for the May 2, 2023, Primary Election. The CCBOE has recruited and trained 100% of the poll workers. By April 29, 2023, the CCBOE staff will complete sixteen Zoom conference calls focusing on election changes, including required photo identification and the provisional process. Director Perlatti shared an informational card that poll workers will give to voters. The card will be provided in addition to the Ohio Secretary of State 12-H Form for voters who do not bring photo identification and instructs voters to go to the CCBOE within four days to provide identification.

Of the 65 polling sites for the Primary Election, 61 locations have been delivered. Three locations will be delivered on April 28, 2023, and one location will be done on Monday, May 1, 2023.

Early In-Person Voting (EIP) has been slow. Through April 27, 2023, the CCBOE has received 243 voters. Voting hours on Friday, April 28, 2023, are until 7:30 p.m. Weekend voting will be on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday is the close of Early In-Person Voting. There will not be EIP voting on Monday, May 1, 2023. The changes in EIP voting hours have been shared on social media, press releases, and FaceBook Live.

The Vote by Mail (VBM) Department has sent out about 7,800 ballots, and approximately 5,900 have been returned, for an approximate 75% return. By Election Day, the CCBOE should receive about 750-1,000 VBM ballots for an 85% return. The VBM deadline was 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25,

2023. The CCBOE file was sent to Midwest, the ballot printing vendor, by 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. About 100 ballots did go in the mail to the post office the same day. Since the close of VBM, the CCBOE has received 580 late VBM ballot applications that are not timely under the new voting rules. Board Member Davis Chappell asked if those voters were notified. Director Perlatti stated yes; those voters are mailed a letter.

For the CCBOE Command Center utilized on Election Day, the County Emergency Management team did a walk-through with the CCBOE staff to ensure everything was set up. The internal call center will be staffed with trained personnel to use the issue-tracking system on Election Day.

The CCBOE website reflects four sections on the host page. The first section is, "Where do I Vote?" That section provides choices: Which municipalities are in the May 2, 2023, Primary Election; Find Voting Information by Address; and Polling Location Changes. A CCBOE press release was published by Cleveland.com with the polling location changes for this Election. Signage is also put up at the polling locations. Board Member Davis Chappell asked if the Electronic Poll Books (EPBs) have also been updated to reflect the polling location changes. Director Perlatti said yes.

Director Perlatti stated that with the recent changes to the Law, there is no EIP voting on Monday, May 1, 2023. With this not being a county-wide election, typically, what previously happened was on Monday; once EIP voting closes, the CCBOE sends a final file out to the EPBs to capture what EIP voting occurred on Sunday and Monday. Now that there is no Monday EIP voting on May 1, 2023, the CCBOE staff will close the files, update the EPBs on Sunday after 5:00 p.m. The EPBs will then be packed for Election Support to pick up on Monday morning to deliver to the polling locations before the Monday night organizational meetings. Updating the EPBs will not need to be done Monday evening so the poll workers can focus on getting up the signage about photo ID requirements and the provisional process. For a County-wide Election due to the number of EPBs, this process may not be possible.

The CCBOE anticipated a 20% turnout for the May 2, 2023, Primary Election. Based on the volume of VBM ballot returns and EIP voters, turnout may be around 15%, with about 25,000 voters on Election Day.

Board Member Davis Chappell asked how the provide proof of identity informational cards will be distributed at the polls. Director Perlatti stated the card would be placed physically at the Voter Assistance Table for those assigned the table to hand out. The poll workers know about the cards and when a card should be given out. When the voter fills out the provisional envelope if no identification is provided, the voter will be given proof of identity card.

Board Member McCafferty asked about the process for sending the EPBs to the polling locations. Director Perlatti stated the CCBOE would keep the EPBs in the charging carts as long as possible to update the files. Previously, when the polls closed on Saturday, an updated file would be sent that updated the EPBs through Saturday voting and VBM applications that came in for the former deadline of Saturday at noon. The EPBs could then be moved from the charging cart to the case and organized the EBP's by delivery zones. On Sunday morning Election Support would pick up the EPBs and stage the deliveries for deployment to the polling locations. The EPBs were not capturing the voting that took place on Sunday or Monday. Then a file would be created and updated on the EPBs at the Monday night organizational meeting. The CCBOE would know how many records should be updated, and poll workers would be trained to look for the update.

With a County-wide election, there would be 287 polling locations requiring a thousand EPBs is different from the May 2, 2023 Primary Election, with 65 polling locations using 200 EPBs—the EPBs need to be at the polling location for the 6:00 p.m. Monday night organizational meeting. The CCBOE will need to learn how to best accomplish the deliveries for a County-Wide Election.

Clear Ballot Update

Deputy Director Kaloger provided an update regarding the Clear Ballot Equipment testing processes. The CCBOE began receiving the Clear Ballot voting equipment in February 2023. As the equipment was received, the Ballot Department conducted phase one testing. The testing verified that the 1,100 Precinct ballot scanners and the 350 ADA ballot marking devices delivered were in good physical condition. The machines had no exterior damage, the hinges worked, and the equipment booted up correctly.

The week of April 24, 2023, phase two testing began, similar to the CCBOE logic and accuracy testing performed for every Election. The CCBOE verifies the internal functionality of each unit operates correctly. Each unit is loaded with a test election, which is loaded with the most robust election, a gubernatorial primary because it has multiple races and different ballot contest scenarios. Pre-printed ballot packs were also tested through the machines to verify that the units accurately read all the expected results 100% correctly. The CCBOE knows what the test results should be, run the ballots through and then verify all the positions are reported accurately. The Ballot staff hoped to have all the precinct scanners completed today. Similar testing will also be run on the high-speed scanners and the ADA ballot marking devices after the Primary Election.

Deputy Director Kaloger stated Brian Cleary, Ballot Department Manager, and the Ballot Department Staff are performing all this testing while not compromising the preparations for the May Election. Floor space is at an extreme premium, but the Ballot Department is getting the job done. Robin Roy, Information Services Department Manager, and Brent Lawler, Candidate and Petition Services Department Manager, and their staff has completed phase one of testing on the EIP ballot on-demand printers. They are preparing for phase two testing, which will also replicate and rigorously test of all the aspects of the EIP voting process. The EIP phase two testing will also begin after the May Primary Election.

Phase three of the testing will be the load test which will replicate the tabulation that occurs on Election night. Testing all the information that is received can be accurately tabulated in a period of time, as occurs on an Election night. After all the testing is done the CCBOE will notify the Secretary of State that the CCBOE received and properly tested all of the voting equipment. After the SOS receives the confirmation, they will write the check for nine and a half million dollars to Clear Ballot. All testing is on pace to be completed before the June 1, 2023, deadline.

Clear Ballot, as expected, has been a good partner with the CCBOE. They have provided a high level of service and support that Cuyahoga County expects. Board Member Davis Chappell asked if there have been any problems so far. Deputy Director Kaloger said there had been a few bumps, but Clear Ballot has been working with the CCBOE. There are no material problems or testing issues.

Director Perlatti stated Bob Hoyt, CEO of Clear Ballot, visited the CCBOE warehouse this week. Mr. Hoyt saw the Clear Ballot staff that are on-site to make sure they understand the importance of Cuyahoga County. He then visited Summit County, which is implementing the Clear Ballot equipment for the first time in the May 2023, Primary Election.

Request for Bids Update

Director Perlatti gave an update on upcoming CCBOE bids for contracts to request Board approval at the May Board meetings. All three bids will be two-year contracts.

The CCBOE has a bid out for the transportation and storage of voting equipment. The contract is currently held by Berman's Moving and Storage. The contract relates to taking election supplies from the CCBOE to the polling locations for Election Day and bringing them back after the Election. The bid was released on April 18, 2023, and a pre-bid conference was held on April 20, 2023. One vendor besides Berman's came and asked questions, which could result in a competitive process and good pricing. The bid will close on May 3, 2023.

The second bid is for van rentals which Enterprise currently holds. The vans are used on Election night to deliver and receive supplies for the poll workers. The van rental bid was also released on April 18, 2023, and a pre-bid conference was held on April 21, 2023. The CCBOE has received calls from vendors asking questions. The van rental bid also closes on May 3, 2023.

Director Perlatti stated there is also a request for the ballot printing bid, which is currently with Midwest Direct. The bid was released on April 20, 2023, and a pre-bid conference was held on April 24, 2023. Some vendors attended in person, and some attended via Zoom. There were eight people representing five companies at the pre-bid conference. The ballot printing bid closes on May 5, 2023. There was a change in the law that now allows out-of-state bidders for ballot printing. The law also adjusted the bond to equal the largest election conducted during the life of the contract cycle. The bond change can make it more economical for other vendors to participate. Two of the companies were from out of state. Midwest attended the pre-bid conference with four representatives, including the owner Rich Gebbie.

Board Member Davis Chappell asked what the standard is for CCBOE contracts. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Musson stated it is typically the lowest and best. For the ballot printing, the standard was changed. Board Member Davis Chappell said she was glad the changes have allowed more vendors to participate in the process, but the CCBOE still needs the flexibility to know it is not just price.

The CCBOE will purchase a product called Team Dynamics which was not released for bid. The product is for an issue tracker system. The system currently used to log Election Day issues was created internally by a former employee, and the CCBOE now needs a better system. Team Dynamics is part of a national co-op program that Cuyahoga County participates in, similar to state-term pricing. Still, with the co-op, there is the ability to negotiate the cost. The CCBOE is not required to release a bid because the vendor has already been vetted and is eligible. The Fiscal Services Department is working with Assistant Prosecutor Musson regarding contract terms. The Team Dynamics product can be used for issue tracking and has inventory and asset management functions. The company has provided favorable pricing for Cuyahoga County, and it is a proven product.

Director Perlatti stated that Cuyahoga County released a request for proposal (RFP) for a new building for the CCBOE operation center. The bid did go out, and a pre-bid conference was held at the Halle Building hosted by the County Office of Procurement with Public Works. The CCBOE did attend and speak to the Real Estate Brokers and Agents who attended, explaining the operations in the Halle Building and what happens in the Hughes Building, and then took interested parties on a floor-by-floor tour of the Halle Building. There was also a tour of the Hughes Building.

Board Member Davis Chappell asked if part of the RFP included the logistical move and consolidation. Would the CCBOE be looking to hire, or will the county help provide that service, or will there be a bid

for a company to help move to another location? Director Perlatti stated the County would manage that part of the process separately.

There is a negotiation that occurs between the County and the vendors that submit a bid. The bid included build-outs to ensure it meets the requirements needed. The request closes on April 29, 2023. The first County Review Meeting will be on May 8, 2023, which Director Perlatti, Deputy Director Kaloger, and Shaunquitta Walker, Fiscal Services Manager, will attend.

Board Member McCafferty asked if there is an alternate plan if one location can not accommodate the entire agency. Director Perlatti stated, from his understanding, Public Works structured the bid with three sections Section A is what happens at the Halle Building, Section B is for Early In-Person Voting, and Section C is what happens in the Hughes Building. A vendor can submit a bid that captures Section A, B, and C, or submit A, B, meaning Halle and EIP voting, or B and C, meaning EIP voting and the Hughes Building functions. The space needed is approximately 175,000 square feet for the entire agency to be in one building. The specifications for the current EIP voting space for booths and queuing is about 8,000 square feet, and the desired area is now 20,000 square feet to allow for more voters to stand inside, out of the elements, and expand voting booths if needed and have a better flow. Ample EIP parking is also necessary. Director Kaloger stated some of the information gathered was based on conversations with Franklin County and what they have for their EIP voting center.

Board Member McCafferty asked if there was historical data of EIP voting numbers and how many parking spots are needed for voters. Director Perlatti stated Deputy Director Kaloger had compiled historical information about what is used. Depending on the location, ancillary parking could be available for voters and temporary employee parking. Board Member Davis Chappell asked to receive a copy of the CCBOE specifications.

Director Perlatti stated at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023, there is a meeting at the Halle Building with the landlord, Gable Elevator, the contractor identified to make the elevator repairs in the Halle Building. The middle freight elevator will be repaired, and the contractor is waiting for the parts. The timeline for the repairs should be available at the Monday meeting. The County and the Halle Building landlord have decided on the repairs for the main freight elevator. Gable Elevator will also be awarded the contract for the main freight elevator. The large elevator will be replaced, except for the doors, accommodating the required timeline to use it for the November 7, 2023 General Election. The elevator will then be taken out of commission. The parts will be on hand to repair in two-and-a-half months for completion at the end of January 2024 to begin preparations for the March 2024 Presidential Primary. The doors could be replaced later, but replacing the doors now would add a few more months to the project. The elevator will function to go up and down with a call button and stop level with the floor.

Director Perlatti stated that the Legislators have not yet set an August 2023 election. The Secretary of State informed the legislature that May 10, 2023, is the backstop to conduct an August Election 90 days before the election. The CCBOE generally looks to have 120 days, which would have been April 10, 2023. The additional time is needed because of contracts for polling locations. The ability to secure training sites for poll workers needs to be in place. Training Poll workers begins 60 days before the Election, which requires securing the poll workers and setting the locations to train in. Securing polling locations, including schools, requires making special arrangements during summer break to ensure the buildings can be accessed, and making those contacts now is essential. The CCBOE needs to inform the vendors with numbers so they can be prepared.

The new voting equipment is something the CCBOE hoped to have implemented in September. If there is an August Election, the new equipment will need to be implemented in August and not in September. The CCBOE is still completing acceptance testing, which is being worked on now. The CCBOE is still learning the equipment and needs to start training people at the beginning of June on something staff is just learning. The CCBOE is losing four to five weeks versus getting ready for September. There could now be a minor population county-wide election in August. The CCBOE is working on deploying an August Election and would have been in a better position if the Election had been set a few weeks ago. The CCBOE does not have control over the decision to hold an August Election.

Director Perlatti stated he is a trustee for the Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAE), and the majority of bi-partisan support of election officials do not want the August Election. The OAE provided opponent testimony in Columbus on April 28, 2023. The opposition does not have anything to do with the actual issue in the August Election, but just 90 days after the August Election is the November Election which state-wide are county-wide elections. There are also state-wide petitions coming in July and would have Early In-Person Voting while validating a large number of petitions. It is not good for Cuyahoga County to have a County-Wide Election in August. It would be better to have it in November, which would allow more time to prepare.

Board Member Davis Chappell stated it is important to manage the voters' expectations. If there is going to be an August Election, it will be disruptive, and people should be aware of that. It is not about the issue, but the CCBOE needs to focus on Election Administration and how it affects the ability to function and operate. She thanked the OAE for taking a bipartisan stand to oppose having an August Election as it is too disruptive, especially for a large county. The CCBOE will do whatever is required.

Board Member McCafferty asked if the CCBOE needs to be committed to using the new equipment. Director Perlatti stated there is a September and a November election. Board Member McCafferty asked if the current equipment could still be used. Director Perlatti said yes, but there is no space to store all the election equipment. Approximately 800 DS200s have been disassembled to maximize space, and the canisters have been stacked four high in two semi-trailers. The scanner parts are packed in Gaylord boxes and secured on pallets in the Halle warehouse. Even with eliminating 800 units, there is still not enough space for the new Clear Ballot equipment.

Board Member Davis Chappell asked what contingency plans are being made in the worst-case scenario of an August Election and what needs to be done to maximize the best outcome for the voters. Director Perlatti stated the Election Officials Department has started laying out the training materials and identifying what needs to be changed. Election Officials' full-time staff are participating in acceptance testing to become more familiar with the equipment. The Election Support Department is drafting contracts in preparation for sending the contracts out. For the August 2022 Primary Election, poll place changes were unique to August due to polling locations already having other events secured. There will likely be the same situation for an August 2023 election.

Chairman Curtis asked if there would be an August Election if Clear Ballot could provide additional resources to support the rollout of the new equipment. Director Perlatti stated that if August were the first election, Clear Ballot would be on site to help implement. Regarding additional resources, it is uncertain. Clear Ballot would be running elections throughout the entire state simultaneously. If the first election with the Clear Ballot equipment were in September, the CCBOE would be one of the only counties in the area with an election. Board Member Davis Chappell stated that the CCBOE must proactively prepare for an August Election. Director Perlatti said the CCBOE is not taking a wait-and-see approach. Board Member McCafferty asked if September Elections are unique to Cuyahoga County. Director Perlatti stated

there are not a lot of counties that conduct September elections as the election is based on the municipal charters.

Board Member Davis Chappell asked for an update on the series of cases regarding the East Cleveland recalls. Assistant Prosecutor Musson stated all the cases that the CCBOE was involved in, one in the Ohio Supreme Court and one in the Eighth District Court of Appeals, have been resolved. The CCBOE is now completely disengaged from East Cleveland currently.

There is a continuing dispute over two East Cleveland City Council Member seats between four individuals seeking the seats. That case is progressing in the Eighth District Court of Appeals. Willa Hemmons, the East Cleveland Law Director, has been disqualified from participating in the suit, which she initiated, to challenge the two members that are sitting on Council based on the conflict of interest of representing Council and then suing her client is problematic. Board Member Davis Chappell asked if an order was issued by the Court that indicated that she was disqualified. Mr. Musson said correct. Board Member Davis Chappell asked if it was by motion to be disqualified or did the Court do so independently. Mr. Musson stated the Court was moved by the attorney representing the two members sitting on Council to disqualify Willa Hemmons from continuing to prosecute that challenge to those members entitlement to the seats. The Court granted the motion to disqualify Willa Hemmons. The two contested members bringing the action represented by Ms. Hemmons will have an opportunity to represent themselves, retaining their own Council or relying on the briefs that Ms. Hemmons submitted. The Eighth District Court will then issue a decision.

Board Member Davis Chappell stated she understood that the Court identified that this could potentially be frivolous conduct. What authority does the CCBOE have as a Quasi Judicial body to make that same ruling when it appears to the Board there is a conflict or issues that the Board will not hear. Is there any Board authority? Mr. Musson stated he would look into it further. Mr. Musson further stated that the Court has the inherent authority to govern some members of the Bar that are appearing before it, which may differ from the Board. The Board has attorneys on the Board, and there are professional duties that may come into play. The Court was relying on Civil Rule 11, which does not apply to proceedings before this Board and the statute on frivolous conduct. There may be other lines of authority that the Board may be able to draw upon. Board Member Davis Chappell stated she would like to see what parameters the Board may have going forward. Board Member Stickan said there was the Council as constituted now, the issue of a resolution making it clear that Willa Hemmon is not their law director. There is also a question to the Council, is the case being referred to that gives pause. If there is a reason for East Cleveland to come back, and this case is still pending, how does the Board proceed if Ms. Hemmons would come in to represent when there is a resolution saying Ms. Hemmons is not their lawyer anymore. It is problematic. Board Member Davis Chappell stated the Board wants to be proactive in knowing the parameters and what the Board can and cannot do. Board Member Stickan said in Ms. Hemmon's role, and she does provide an opinion as law director. The Board should have a resolution on how to treat the position, given the fact that there is a question about her role too. Board Member Davis Chappell stated it would also apply to anybody else that comes in front of the Board, and something is not right given what has been said; what is the Board permitted to do as a body hearing a Quasi-Judicial matter. Mr. Musson stated he would get back to the Board. Board Member Davis Chappel confirmed that the Board is not involved in the case; this is informational. Mr. Musson states that the Board is not involved with the current case and will take direction from the Court.

Board Member McCafferty asked if the Board needs any updates regarding Public Records Requests. Mr. Musson stated nothing; currently, there are some pending, and facts are still being gathered, but he is not prepared to brief the Board at this time, and he will provide an update when ready.

Board Member Stickan asked about the case involving the two council members who were removed and the two that were appointed. When there is typically a vacancy, even if it is an appointment if the position would be on the ballot, are any deadlines missed for those members who need to stand for election. Brent Lawler, Manager of Candidate and Petition Services, stated the CCBOE is not aware of.

Board Member Davis Chappell asked for an update on the Ballot Selfie Case. Assistant Prosecutor Musson stated the Board and the Secretary of State (SOS) received a favorable ruling from the Federal District Court. The Court found that the plaintiff claimed that her first amendment rights were violated by the statute prohibiting them from displaying or exhibiting a voted ballot, violating her first amendment freedom of speech rights. The Court found that she lacked standing to bring the case because there was no credible threat of prosecution. She had read the statute and felt that she was being stifled with her expression of her political beliefs. The Court said she did not have the standing case dismissed. She has now appealed the case to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, where a briefing is scheduled with the plaintiff's brief due in late May or early June and the defendant's brief due in early July. There is a mediation scheduled for May 15, 2023. The Board is a marginal player in the case as this is a State statute, and the SOS is taking the lead. Mr. Musson will be reporting back to the Board what the Court decides.

Board Member Davis Chappell stated there are elections coming up and asked what does the CCBOE tell voters if they decide to take photos of their ballot to avoid another complaint. It appears the case was decided and dismissed because there was no credible evidence that the Boards of Elections were violating her rights or policing her. Board Member Stickan stated there was a complaint at a polling location where someone was taking selfies, and other voters were concerned they were being photographed while voting. There may need to be some protocols along those lines if other voters are uncomfortable or concerned about their rights being violated. Board Member Davis Chappell stated the CCBOE is not trying to create a problem, but it is a good idea to get ahead of any issues. What are poll workers are supposed to say when they see people taking selfies? Director Perlatti stated it could happen during Early-In-Person Voting but can also occur with Vote-by-Mail ballots being posted on Social Media. Mr. Musson stated there would need to be some dialogue when a decision is made.

Chairman Curtis took the opportunity to thank the Director, Deputy Director, and staff for their work in preparing for the May 2, 2023, Primary Election.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session


Chairman Curtis moved to recess the meeting at 10:45 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 28, 2023.

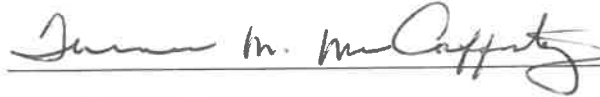
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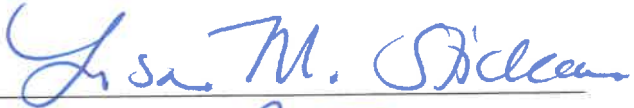
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