

# VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting  
3-5-2021

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
H.B. 197, 133<sup>rd</sup> G.A. §12 (2020)**

**Attending:**

Jeff Hastings, Chairman  
Inajo Davis Chappell, Board Member  
Lisa M. Stickan, Board Member  
David Wondolowski, Board Member  
Anthony W. Perlatti, Director

Mark R. Musson, Assistant Prosecutor, Cuyahoga County  
Mary Bejjani, Clerk to the Board  
Linda Walker, Clerk to the Board

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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 present in-person.

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**Agenda Item 1: Reorganization of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §3501.09**

Chairman Hastings noted all members were in attendance in-person for the reorganization of the board meeting. Chairman Hastings moved to appoint Board Member Inajo Davis Chappell as the temporary chairperson. Board Member Wondolowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.\*

Chairperson Davis Chappell motioned to appoint a Director of the CCBOE. Board Member Wondolowski nominated Anthony Perlatti as Director of the CCBOE. Board Member Hastings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Oath of Office was administered to Director Perlatti by Chairperson Davis Chappell.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Chairperson Inajo Davis Chappell and Board Member Lisa M. Stickan by Board Member Jeff Hastings.

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

Board Member Hastings moved to post the position of Deputy Director as an internal posting. Board Member Lisa M Stickan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Davis Chappell moved to appoint a permanent Chairperson. Board Member Wondolowski nominated Board Member Hastings. Board Member Stickan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Approval of the minutes from the February 16, 2021, Board Meeting**

Chairman Jeff Hastings moved to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021, board meeting. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 3: Acknowledgement of Secretary of State Advisory 2021-02; Biennial Adjustment of Recount Charges/Campaign Contribution Limit Adjustment. – Directive 2021-11: Ballots for May 4, 2021 Primary / Special Election.**

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge Secretary of State Advisory 2021-02; Biennial Adjustment of Recount Charges/Campaign Contribution Limit Adjustment and 2021-11; Ballots for May 4, 2021 Primary / Special Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the February 23, 2021, Woodmere Recall Election**

Registration Manager, Betty Edwards, presented the Provisional Report to the Board as provided in the board meeting materials.

Chairman Hastings moved to approve and count the provisional ballots from the February 23, 2021, Woodmere Recall Election as recommended by staff. Member Wondolowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Acknowledgement of Candidate Withdrawals**

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge candidate withdrawals. Board Member Wondolowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Certification of Candidates for the November 2, 2021 General Election in lieu of the May 4, 2021 Primary Election**

Chairman Hastings moved to certify the candidates for the November 2, 2021 General Election in lieu of the May 4, 2021 Primary Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 7: Acknowledgement of resignations from and appointments to elected office**

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the resignations from and appointments to elected offices. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8: Authorizing the adjustment of Recount Charges to the maximum amount of \$65.00 per precinct for requested (non-automatic) recounts pursuant to Ohio Secretary of State Advisory 2021-02.**

Chairman Hastings moved to authorize the adjustment of Recount Charges to the maximum amount of \$65.00 per precinct for requested (non-automatic) recounts pursuant to Ohio Secretary of State Advisory 2021-02. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 9: Authorization to pay: 1 Voting Location Manager - \$200; 1 Voting Location Deputy - \$200; 14 Precinct Election Officials x \$172.10 = \$2,409.40; 2 Sanitation Officials x \$200 = \$400 for the March 16, 2021 Special Election in the amount of \$3,209.40.**

Chairman Hastings moved to authorize to pay: 1 Voting Location Manager - \$200; 1 Voting Location Deputy - \$200; 14 Precinct Election Officials x \$172.10 = \$2,409.40; 2 Sanitation Officials x \$200 = \$400 for the March 16, 2021 Special Election in the amount of \$3,209.40. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 10: Approval to Extend the Delivery and Return of Voting Equipment Contract with MidFitz, Inc. dba as Berman Moving and Storage, Inc. pursuant to the same terms and conditions set forth in the contract in the amount not-to-exceed \$6,477.52 for the period beginning May 4, 2021 through May 15, 2021.**

Chairman Hastings moved to approve to Extend the Delivery and Return of Voting Equipment Contract with MidFitz, Inc. dba as Berman Moving and Storage, Inc. pursuant to the same terms and conditions set forth in the contract in the amount not-to-exceed \$6,477.52 for the period beginning May 4, 2021 through May 15, 2021. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 11: Approval of Personnel Agenda**

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the personnel agenda. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Director Perlatti provided an update on current business. The February 23, 2021 Woodmere Recall Election will be certified on Friday, March 12, 2021. Recounts for the Woodmere Election have not been determined.

The Mayfield Village Election is in week three of early in-person voting. Currently, there has been one early in-person voter and 293 requests for the Vote-by-Mail ballots and the BOE has received 175 returned ballots approximately a 60% return. Early in-person voting hours are in effect. On the March 16<sup>th</sup> Election Day, there will be a combination of BOE full-time Election Official employees, in addition to PEO's staffing the polling location.

Director Perlatti indicated that March 5, 2021 is the Charter Deadline for the May Election and the City of Berea.

Board Member Davis Chappell requested further information on why the Fairview Park polling location, has declined to be a polling location in the future. Is there something the CCBOE can do to address their issues, so perhaps the site can be used again.

Chairman Hastings commented about the Summit County Board of Elections now being on administrative oversight. Chairman Hastings requested a response at the next board meeting from Director Perlatti regarding what the CCBOE is doing to ensure none of the same issues occur at this agency.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Member Davis Chappell made a motion to go into Executive Session for purpose to discuss and consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or officials at 9:59 a.m. Chairman Hastings seconded the motion and a roll call vote taken and all board members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:19 a.m., after returning from the Executive session, Chairman Hastings moved to come out of Executive Session, and Board Member Wondolowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all board members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hastings moved to adjourn at 10:21 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 March 5, 2021.

Jeff Hastings, Chairman



Inajo Davis Chappell, Member



Lisa M. Stickan, Member



David J. Wondolowski, Member



Anthony Perlatti, Director

