

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
PROVISIONAL/OFFICIAL CANVASS/REGULAR MEETING
MAY 24, 2021

An Official Canvass meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 11:30 A.M. Roll was taken with the following members present: Chairman Freddie Latella, Melinda Miller, Dave Rhodes, Richard Salvage. Also attending were Director Brian Mead and Deputy Director Luke Burton.

The purpose of this meeting is to review provisional ballots, conduct the Official Canvass, regular monthly business and other business brought before the Board.

Chairman Freddie Latella led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Independent Petition Certification:

The Board received two independent candidate filings for Newark City Council-At-Large Unexpired Term.

Daniel Crawford filed a petition which was able to have 190 of 217 signatures verified as valid and sufficient. There is a signature requirement of 156. All other parts of the petition were found to be sufficient. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Jason Offenbaker filed a petition which was able to have 142 of 214 signatures verified as valid and sufficient. There is a signature requirement of 156. This leaves a deficit of valid and sufficient signatures required. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Official Canvass:

The Official Canvass was conducted following Directive 2021-13 and all relevant sections of the Election Official Manual.

Official Canvass Absentee Ballots:

The Official Canvass began with a review of timely received absentee ballots. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept all timely received absentee ballots. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Official Canvass Provisional Ballot Review:

Deputy Director Luke Burton presented the Board with the following provisional ballots.

14 – Voted in correct precinct, completely filled out form 12-B Provisional Ballot Affirmation without missing required information. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the ballots. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

2 – No history of Ohio voter registration active or inactive. Ineligible for APRI exception under Directive 2019-23. Melinda Miller made a motion to reject the ballots and update the voter registrations. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

2 – Wrong precinct right polling location, no ballot available. These voters did not live in a district which had an issue on the ballot. Melinda Miller made a motion to reject the ballots. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 – Wrong precinct right polling location. This voter was given the incorrect ballot due to poll worker error. All questions and issues available on the voter's correct ballot were selected. Richard Salvage made a motion to remake and accept the ballot. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

All additional valid ballots were added to the Unofficial Canvass totals to complete the Official Canvass. Forms requiring submission to the Ohio Secretary of State and certificate of result forms were completed.

Office Update:

Summer conference is taking place June 8th and 9th. 7 are attending from Licking County.

Registered Election Official online classes June 10th.

OAEO central regional meeting will take place June 25, 2021 in Pickerington.

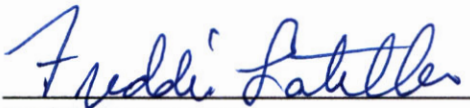
HAVA grant information.

Non-Partisan candidate packets ready for pickup on June 1, 2021. Filing deadline is August 4, 2021 4:00 P.M.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting has ben scheduled for 11:30 A.M. June 14, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 P.M.



Freddie Latella, Chair



Melinda Miller, Board Member



Dave Rhodes, Board Member



Richard E. Salvage, Board Member



Brian K. Mead, Director