

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING
OFFICIAL CANVAS CERTIFICATION
MAY 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 11:01 A.M., with the following members present: Dave Rhodes, Kaye Hartman, and Park Shai. Also attending were Director Brian Mead, Deputy Director Tess Wigginton, and Licking County League of Women Voters Licking County Observation Corps Jerry Griffin. Chair Freddie Latella arrived at 11:25.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct regular monthly business, certify final election results for the May 2, 2023 Special Election, and other business brought before the Board.

Kaye Hartman led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget and Minutes

Director Brian Mead provided an update on the budget. He then presented minutes from the 2-13-23 Regular Meeting, the 3-6-23 Regular/Reorganization Meeting, and the 3-16-23 Special Meeting of the Board.

Dave Rhodes moved to accept the 2-13-23 minutes. Second by Park Shai. Motion carried 3-0.

Park Shai moved to accept the 3-6-23 minutes. Second by Kaye Hartman. Motion carried 3-0.

Park Shai moved to accept the 3-16-23 minutes. Second by Kaye Hartman. Motion carried 3-0.

Official Certification of May 2, 2023 Special Elections

Director Mead distributed Final Official Canvass reports to the Board, including Overlap districts.

Dave Rhodes moved to certify the final canvass, seconded by Kaye Hartman. Motion carried 3-0.

Park Shai made a motion to move Delaware County overlap voters back to Delaware County. Kaye Hartman provided the second. Motion carried 3-0.

Voting Locations, May 2, 2023 Special Election

Director Brian Mead recommended moving 4th Ward voters who have been voting at the American Legion Hall to the Cherry Valley Elementary location. He explained that he thought it made more sense, as those voters drive past Cherry Valley to get to the American Legion. In response to Member Hartman's request for additional information, Director Mead assured that 2nd Ward voters would stay at the American Legion.

Kaye Hartman moved to transfer 4th Ward voters to Cherry Valley Elementary. Second by Park Shai. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Mead reported that Lakewood agreed to move voters out of the Athletic Building and into the Middle School Gym for all future elections.

Kaye Hartman moved to accept the Lakewood move. Second by Park Shai. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Mead asked the Board if they had any other location requests. Discussion of the pros and cons of adding voting locations followed, with Director Mead noting that he believed that adding locations at

this time would not be a prudent use of taxpayer dollars and Board resources. Dave Rhodes said that he thought that our Newark locations are fitting, and expressed a desire to look at a bigger, long-term picture of the County's growth, development, and movement of the population to develop a solid plan. Park Shai proposed making a five-year plan. Director Mead recommended that we not move or add any locations prior to the August Special Election.

August 8th Special Election

The Secretary of State has directed all Ohio Boards of Election to proceed with preparations for the August 8, 2023 Special Election.

Director Mead explained the reason to use a mail house for August's Absentee mailing. He also explained funding for the August Special Election.

Dave Rhodes moved to use a mail house for the August Special Election. Second by Park Shai.
Roll Call vote: Shai – yes, Rhodes – yes, Hartman – yes, Latella – yes.

Dave Rhodes moved to approved the first allocation of resources for the upcoming August Special Election. Second by Freddie Latella.

Roll Call vote: Shai – yes, Rhodes – yes, Hartman – yes, Latella – yes.

Secretary of State Communications

Director Brian Mead updated the Board on communications from the Secretary of State:

- From Greg Fedak – Official Early Voting Hours for August 8th
- Weekly Reminders –lawsuit filed against the August election- continue preparing
- Weekly Reminders – Possible Single Polling Location for August Special Election
- Directive 2023-07 August Election

Office Update

Director Mead updated the Board on the progress of the office security enhancements. The swinging half door from the lobby has been removed. Framing has been constructed for the new solid door. One cabinet needed to be removed to accommodate the larger opening, which should cause no disruptions in service or storage.

Director Mead stated that we should start planning for August part-time help. The Board expressed interest in inviting Justin Phelps to fill a position. Brian asked the Board to let him know to contact us to get the process started.

Director Mead reminded the Board members that they should have received an email regarding Cybersecurity Email/Phishing training, called KnowB4. They are requested to complete this training.

Director Mead reviewed the Secretary of State's Annual Summer Conference being held at the Columbus Easton Hilton Hotel. Dates of the conference are Tuesday, June 27 and Wednesday, June 28, 2023. Additionally, Deputy Director Tess Wigginton and new Board members Hartman and Shai will be attending a special training for new Board members on Monday, June 26, 2023.

Board Member Comments

There were no Board Member Comments

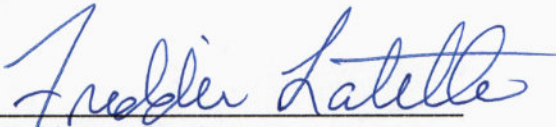
Public Comments

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Adjournment and Next Meeting

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023 at 11:30 AM

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:50.



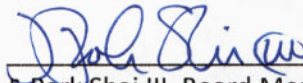
Freddie Latella, Chair



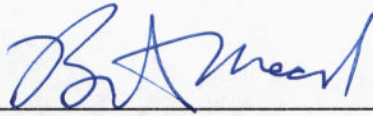
A. Kaye Hartman, Board Member



Dave Rhodes, Board Member



J. Park Shai III, Board Member



Brian K. Mead, Director



Tess M. Wigginton, Deputy Director