

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2022

A special meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 4:30 P.M., with the following members present: Chairman Richard Salvage, Melinda Miller, Dave Rhodes, Freddie Latella. Also attending were Director Luke Burton, Deputy Director Brian Mead and Licking County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Carolyn Carnes.

The purpose of this meeting is to act on Directive 2022-34, conduct regular monthly business, certify petitions for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election, and other business brought before the Board.

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

**Moved Agenda Item:**

Chairman Richard Salvage asked to move the agenda item "legal update" to the head of the meeting.

Dave Rhodes made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Freddie Latella provided the second.

Roll call vote: Salvage – Yes, Miller – Yes, Rhodes – Yes, Latella – Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Dave Rhodes made a motion to exit executive session. Freddie Latella provided the second.

Roll call vote: Salvage – Yes, Miller – Yes, Rhodes – Yes, Latella – Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

**Budget:**

Deputy Director Brian Mead gave an update on the budget.

**Office Update:**

Additional state funds are expected to arrive soon to help pay for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election.

REO courses are being offered during the Ohio Secretary of State Summer Conference.

**New Business:**

**Petitions approved without exceptions:**

Previously acted upon petitions were again reviewed as per Directive 2022-34.

The petition of Thad Claggett for the office of 68<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Republican was presented. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Freddie Latella provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Mark D. Fraizer for the office of 68<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Republican was presented. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Charlotte Owens for the office of 69<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Democratic was presented. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Kevin Miller for the office of 69<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Republican was presented. Freddie Latella made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Todd Shafer for the office of 20<sup>th</sup> District State Central Committee Man Democratic was presented. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Freddie Latella provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Susan J. Haas for the office of 20<sup>th</sup> District State Central Committee Woman Democratic was presented. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Freddie Latella provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Debra J. Schaffner for the office of 20<sup>th</sup> District State Central Committee Woman Democratic was presented. Freddie Latella made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Michael J. McNeese for the office of 20<sup>th</sup> District State Central Committee Man Republican was presented. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Freddie Latella provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Jake Warner for the office of 20<sup>th</sup> District State Central Committee Man Republican was presented. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Freddie Latella provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Betty Montgomery for the office of 20<sup>th</sup> District State Central Committee Woman Republican was presented. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Freddie Latella provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The petition of Sabrina Warner for the office of 20<sup>th</sup> District State Central Committee Woman Republican was presented. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Freddie Latella provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

**Problem petitions requiring review:**

The petition of Gary Martin for the office of 20<sup>th</sup> District State Central Committee Man Democratic was presented. Gary Martin's petition was filed on May 4, 2022.

Directive 2022-34 section IV reads as follows.

*"The Federal Court order did not alter the partisan candidate filing deadlines for the primary election. The filing deadline for candidates for...Member of State Central Committee to file a declaration of candidacy was 4:00 p.m. on February 2, 2022. ...If a declaration of candidacy or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate was filed after those filing deadlines, the board must reject the candidacy."*

Dave Rhodes made a motion to reject the petition of Gary Martin following Directive 2022-34. Richard Salvage provided the second.

A discussion was held regarding the petition of Gary Martin and Directive 2022-34.

Dave Rhodes made a motion to call a vote on the previous motion. Richard Salvage provided the second.

The previous motion was called for a roll call vote: "Motion to reject the petition of Gary Martin following Directive 2022-34."

Salvage – Yes, Miller – No, Rhodes – Yes, Latella – No.

Motion tied 2-2.

Further discussion was held.

Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept Directive 2022-34 and reject the petition of Gary Martin. Richard Salvage provided the second.

A discussion was held ahead of a roll call vote:

Salvage – Yes, Miller – No, Rhodes – Yes, Latella – Yes.

**New Business Continued:**

Director Luke Burton presented the Board with an initial paper ballot and voting equipment resource allocation table for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election. Freddie Latella made a motion to accept the paper ballot and voting equipment resource allocations as presented. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

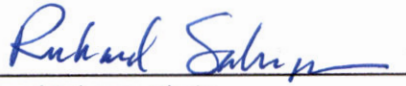
Richard Salvage made a motion for the Director to contact vendor KNOWiNK to supply an on-site support technician for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election at their cost. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Director Brian Mead presented the Board with an affirmation to outsource absentee ballot printing and mailing services to Graphic Village. Freddie Latella made a motion to utilize Graphic Village for absentee ballot printing and mailing services for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

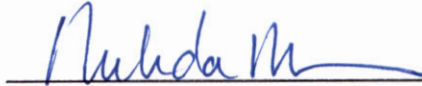
**Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for July 8, 2022 at 11:45 A.M.


The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M.



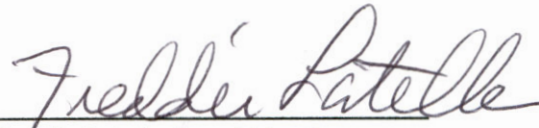
Richard Salvage, Chair



Melinda Miller, Board Member



Dave Rhodes, Board Member



Freddie Latella, Board Member



Luke A. Burton, Director