

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 11:30 A.M., with the following members present: Chairman Freddie Latella, Melinda Miller, Dave Rhodes, Richard Salvage. Also attending were Director Brian Mead, Deputy Director Luke Burton, Secretary of State Liaison Susie O'Brien, Taft Law Partner Steven Cuckler, Attorney-At-Law J. Corey Colombo with Mark Evans, Newark Advocate Reporter Kent Mallett attended via Zoom as well as members of the public.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct regular monthly business and other business brought before the Board.

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

Minutes and Budget:

Director Brian Mead presented the Board with minutes from the June 14, 2021 meeting. Richard Salvage made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Brian Mead gave an update on the budget.

Secretary of State Communications:

The Board reviewed the following communications from the Ohio Secretary of State.

- Weekly Reminder – August 3rd Special Election (None for Licking County)
- Amanda Grandjean – Inspection of 2020 Ballots
- Weekly Reminder – NCOA Notices
- SOS Cyber Liaison David Staggs
- Weekly Reminder – League of Women Voters Records Hold
- Amanda Grandjean – EAC Audit of CARES Act Funds

Office Update:

- Director Brian Mead gave an update on currently filed non-partisan petitions and ballot questions. The filing deadline is August 4, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Unfinished Business:

Deputy Director Luke Burton presented the Board with information related to Petition ID: 210600 Petition for a Township Zoning Referendum.

During the June 14, 2021 meeting of the Board, the following motion was made and passed.
“Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the validity and sufficiency of signatures and information related to the “face” of the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.”

A memorandum dated June 16, 2021 from Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Carolyn Carnes was read aloud.

A communication dated July 7, 2021 from Taft Law Partner Steven Cuckler was received via email. This communication was forwarded to members of the Board per Mr. Cuckler's request.

A communication dated July 8, 2021 from Attorney-At-Law J. Corey Colombo was received via email. This communication was forwarded to members of the Board per Mr. Colombo's request.

Richard Salvage made a motion to certify the Township Zoning Referendum to the November 2, 2021 ballot. Melinda Miller provided the second.

Roll call vote. Latella – Yes, Miller – Yes, Rhodes – Yes, Salvage – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board allowed a moment for public comments.

Steven Cuckler stated his client intends to protest the Board's certification of the referendum question and requests a hearing.

Corey Colombo stated his client intends to participate in the hearing.

Richard Salvage made a motion to set a protest hearing for August 6, 2021. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

OAEO Report:

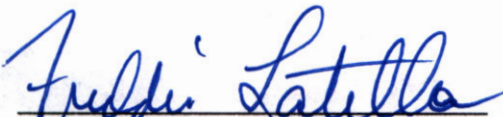
- Election Reform Bill HB 294, Senate budget amendment regarding non-government grants
- SB 80 – Party Designation of Judicial Candidates, Supreme Court and Appellate Court

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 9:00 A.M. August 6, 2021.

A protest hearing has been scheduled for 10:00 A.M. August 6, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 P.M.


Freddie Latella, Chair


Melinda Miller, Board Member


Dave Rhodes, Board Member


Richard E. Salvage, Board Member


Brian K. Mead, Director