

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 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, 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, certify petitions for the November 2, 2021 general election, and other business brought before the Board.

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

**Budget:**

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 Reminders for upcoming tasks from July 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Office Update:**

- Board of Elections staff will be displaying a ballot marking device with test election data at the 2021 Hartford Fair.
- State audit completed for CARES and HAVA grant expenditures.

**New Business:**

**Petitions approved without exceptions:**

Deputy Director Luke Burton began the certification process by outlining the process in which the Board uses to check petitions for validity and sufficiency. Election Official Manual Chapter 11 Petitions outlines the process following Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3513.

32 petitions for the office of Member of Village Council were presented. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petitions. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Village Mayor was presented. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of City Mayor was presented. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Board of Public Affairs was presented. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

3 petitions for the office of Pataskala Council-At-Large were presented. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Pataskala Ward 4 Council, unexpired term, was presented. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

69 petitions for the office of Township Trustee were presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petitions. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Township Trustee, unexpired term, was presented. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Bennington Township Fiscal Officer, unexpired term, was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of McKean Township Fiscal Officer, unexpired term, was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

35 petitions for the office of Board of Education were presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petitions. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

3 petitions for the office of Educational Service Center were presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petitions. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

2 petitions for the office of North Fork Local School District Board of Education, unexpired term, were presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petitions. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 local liquor option petition for Elliot's Wood Fired Kitchen & Tap, precinct Pataskala 3-B, was presented. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 local liquor option petition for Hector Wings 1, precinct Pataskala 1-B, was presented. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 local liquor option petition for Depot Pub & Grub, precinct Pataskala 4-A, was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 local liquor option petition for Depot Street Coffee House, precinct Pataskala 4-A, was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 local liquor option petition for Old Fool Brewery LLC, precinct Perry Township, was presented. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

**Problem petitions requiring review:**

1 petition for the office of Buckeye Lake Village Member of Council, Deborah Julian, was presented. Petition part 5 was uncountable due to signature under count in the circulator statement. Excluding part 5 leaves enough valid signatures. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject part 5 and accept the remainder of the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Jersey Township Trustee, Richard Burns, was presented. Petition part 3 was uncountable due to signature under count in the circulator statement. Excluding part 3 does not leave enough valid signatures. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject part 3 as well as the remainder of the petition due to insufficient signatures. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Union Township Trustee, Bernard Randell Williams, was presented. Petition part 3 was uncountable due to signature under count in the circulator statement. Excluding part 3 leaves enough valid signatures. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject part 3 and accept the remainder of the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Hartford Village Member of Council, Christopher Zehnder, was presented. The petition was uncountable due to number of witnessed signatures in the circulator statement left blank. Melinda Miller made a motion to reject the petition. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of St. Louisville Village Member of Council, Donald Roderick, was presented. The petition was uncountable due to number of witnessed signatures in the circulator statement left blank. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Alexandria Village Member of Council, Jean Morgan, was presented. No county name or date of election were present on the statement of candidacy section. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Alexandria Village Member of Council, William H. Lower, was presented. Date of election was filled in at the time of filing at the Board of Elections counter. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Newark City School District Board of Education, Mark Christenberry, was presented. No date of election was present of part 7 statement of candidacy section. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 3-0. Dave Rhodes abstained.

1 petition for Kirkersville Village, Mark Alan Davis, was presented. The statement of candidacy section listed Council and Board of Public Affairs. Both of these offices have candidates running in the current election. Candidates can only run for a single office in the election. Melinda Miller made a motion to reject the petition. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Alexandria Village Member of Council, Michael M. Miller, was presented. No day written in statement of candidacy, nominating section filled out at Board of Elections counter. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Alexandria Village Member of Council, Jessica Voit, was presented. There were an insufficient number of valid signatures on the petition. Melinda Miller made a motion to reject the petition. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 local liquor option petition for Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, precinct Buckeye Lake Village, was presented. There were an insufficient number of valid signatures on the petition. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

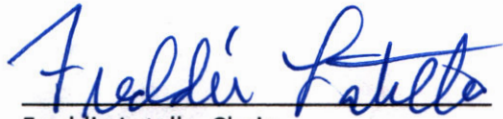
**OAEO Report:**

The Ohio Legislature is going on summer recess.

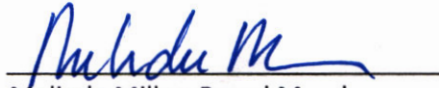
**Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 11:30 A.M. September 1, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 A.M.



Freddie Latella, Chair



Melinda Miller, Board Member



Dave Rhodes, Board Member



Richard E. Salvage, Board Member



Brian K. Mead, Director