

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SPECIAL MEETING – ELECTION DAY/UNOFFICIAL CANVASS
AUGUST 8, 2023

An Election Day meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 6:30 A.M., with the following members present: Chairman Freddie Latella, Dave Rhodes, Kaye Hartman and Park Shai. Also attending were Director Brian Mead and Deputy Director Tess Wigginton.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the unofficial canvass and any other business brought before the Board.

Polls Open:

Chairman Freddie Latella declared the polls open at 6:30 A.M. Member Kaye Hartman led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

Director Brian Mead and Deputy Director Tess Wigginton gave an update on in-person early voting, which was very heavy.

Recess/Reconvene:

The Board went into recess at 6:42 A.M., scheduling to go back into session at 7:00 P.M.

The Board reconvened and Chairman Latella called the meeting back to order at 7:00 P.M.

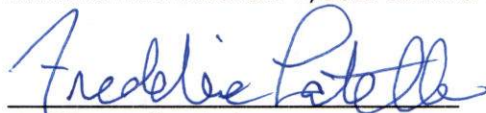
Unofficial Canvass:

A discussion began about observations made during the day. As expected, turnout was heavier than normal for an August election. There were a few complaints from the public about individuals and one church displaying "Vote Yes" or "Vote No" signs near polling places. When Board personnel investigated, no violation of election laws were found.

Chairman Latella declared the "polls closed" at 7:30 P.M. The unofficial Canvas began by tabulating all timely received absentee ballots. The process continued following Directive 2023-06 and all relevant sections of the Election Official Manual.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Monday, August 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM for determining eligibility of provisional ballots and late arriving absentee mail ballots per Directive 2023-06, and for certifying candidates and issues for the November 7, 2023 General Election. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.



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