

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 via Zoom, Dave Rhodes, Richard Salvage. Also attending were Director Brian Mead, Deputy Director Luke Burton via Zoom, Assistant Licking County Prosecutor Carolyn Carnes, 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.

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 August 9th, 17th and 23rd.
- Review of HAVA and CARES inventory
- Directive 2021-18 General Election Ballots

Office Update:

- Newly appointed 72nd District Representative Kevin Miller visited the Board of Elections.
- Licking County Government offices will be closed September 3rd in belated observance of Juneteenth and September 6th in observance of Labor Day.
- The old Licking County 911 building has been deemed as a hazard. Board of Elections supplies stored in the affected areas must be moved to a new location at the direction of Licking County EMA.
- Logic and Accuracy testing on all voting equipment used for the November 2, 2021 General Election will begin September 7th.
- Ballots which qualify under UOCAVA will begin being transmitted September 17th.
- Precinct Election Official and Voting Location Manager training schedules have been set.
- S. Kelly Rammel – St. Louisville Council Withdraw Notice

Unfinished Business:

Richard Salvage made a motion to repurpose ES&S electronic pollbook cases to the best of our ability. Dispose of the remainder of ES&S electronic pollbooks with approval from the Ohio Secretary of State. Preference will be given to Ohio Boards of Elections which would benefit from acquiring the equipment. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

Melinda Miller made a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal matters. Dave Rhodes provided the second.

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

Richard Salvage made a motion to exit executive session. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Roll call vote. Latella – Yes, Miller – Yes, Rhodes – Yes, Salvage – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Melinda Miller made a motion to refer the petition, affidavit, and signature of Andrew King regarding the Etna Township Referendum to the Licking County Prosecutor for review and investigation. Richard Salvage provided the second.

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

A request to reconsider the candidate petition of Richard Burns for Jersey Township Trustee was presented. Mr. Burns' petition was rejected at the August 6, 2021 meeting due to signature undercounting in the circulator statement. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject the request to reconsider. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate was filed by three candidates. Andrew Bottar-Dillen for Alexandria Village Council. Darryl McGrew for Gratiot Village Council. Jeffrey C. Schrock for Northridge Board of Education. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the three write-in candidate declarations. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Richard Salvage made a motion to re-confirm the Licking County Board of Elections would use vendor Graphic Village for bulk mailings during the 2021 General Election. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Protest of Candidacy:

At 12:10 P.M. the Board began the candidacy protest hearing of Union Township Trustee Candidate Bernard Randall Williams.

Chairman Latella swore in the protestor, respondent, and others present to present relevant facts on the matter.

The Board heard testimony and reviewed documents submitted by the protestor and respondent.

Richard Salvage made a motion to enter executive session to discuss facts of the case with legal counsel. Melinda Miller provided the second.

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

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

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

While the Board was in executive session respondent Bernard Randall Williams filed a candidacy withdraw notice with the Board of Elections.

Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the candidacy withdraw notice of Bernard Randall Williams. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

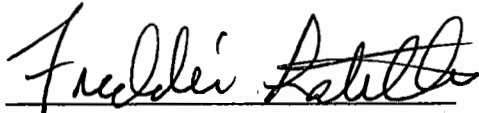
OAEO Report:

The Ohio Legislature is going on summer recess. No updates at this time.

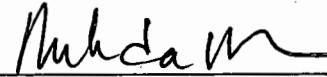
Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 11:30 A.M. October 18, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 P.M.



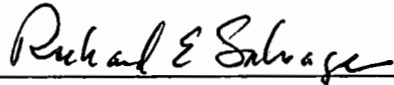
Freddie Latella, Chair



Melinda Miller, Board Member



Dave Rhodes, Board Member



Richard E. Salvage, Board Member



Brian K. Mead, Director