

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 11:36 A.M., with the following members present: Melinda Miller, Dave Rhodes, Richard Salvage. Also attending were Director Brian Mead, Deputy Director Luke Burton, Secretary of State Liaison Susie O'Brien by phone, and 9th District State Board of Education Member Michelle Newman.

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

Richard Salvage led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Budget:

Minutes from the July and August regular meetings of the Board were presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as presented. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 3-0.

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 Reminders for tasks from 9/8, 9/14, 9/28, 10/4, 10/12, having to do with the November 2, 2021 General Election.
- 9/16/21 Advisory 2021-04 2020 Census – Johnstown is now a City instead of a Village.
- Aaron Ockerman, Executive Director of the OAEO, provided information related to 2,480 voter registrations being sent from an independent group called Center for Voter Information.
- Advisory 2021-20 Candidate Petition Undercounting.
- Directive 2021-20 Unofficial and Official Canvass

Office Update:

- Board of Elections 2022 budget will be submitted to the Board of Licking County Commissioners soon.
- Absentee voting numbers to date were shared. 1,688 Mail, 19 Hand Carry, 546 In-Office, 10 UOCAVA totaling 2,264. 806 ballots have been received.
- Precinct Election Official training is underway. 7 of 17 classes are complete with 150 PEOs trained.
- National Change of Address and Supplemental process mailings have been sent totaling 16,229.

Unfinished Business:

Chairman Freddie Latella entered the meeting at 11:46 A.M.

Deputy Director Luke Burton presented the Board with final resource allocation tables for voting equipment and paper ballots. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the resource allocation tables as presented. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

9th District State Board of Education Member Michelle Newman asked to address the Board. Michelle informed the Board that there were candidates placing signs and circulating materials without a disclaimer statement which is a violation of campaign finance law. Michelle expressed that she would like to see candidates better educated of the rules and laws surrounding campaign finance.

Chairman Freddie Latella asked if Michelle wanted to file a formal EAC complaint against any of the unnamed candidates. Michelle indicated she did not at this time. The Board continued a discussion of current practices and how to improve awareness for candidates in the future.

Deputy Director Luke Burton asked Secretary of State Liaison Susie O'Brien to forward up to date candidate education materials for campaign finance from the Secretary of State's Office.

OAEO Report:

Director Brian Mead gave a report of the OAEO.

Winter conference will be held at the Hilton Columbus Downtown January 11 – 14, 2022.

Two Registered Election Official courses will be offered during the conference.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The next meeting has been scheduled for Election Day November 2, 2021 at 6:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

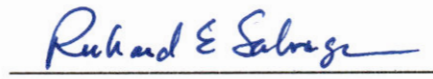
Official Certification is scheduled for November 22, 2021 at 11:40 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 P.M.


Freddie Latella, Chair


Melinda Miller, Board Member


Dave Rhodes, Board Member


Richard E. Salvage, Board Member


Brian K. Mead, Director