

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
OFFICIAL CANVASS  
NOVEMBER 22, 2021

An Official Canvass meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 11:40 A.M. Roll was taken with the following members present: Chairman Freddie Latella, Melinda Miller, Dave Rhodes, Richard Salvage. Also attending were Director Brian Mead, Deputy Director Luke Burton, Newark Advocate reporter Kent Mallett, as well as members of the public.

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

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

**Official Canvass:**

The Official Canvass was conducted following Directive 2021-20 and all relevant sections of the Election Official Manual.

Deputy Director Luke Burton provided the Board with final results of the Official Canvass to be approved. After review of results Melinda Miller made a motion to certify results of the November 2, 2021 General Election. Richard Salvage provided the second.

Members of the Board made brief statements.

Roll call vote; Latella – Yes, Miller – Yes, Rhodes – Yes, Salvage – Yes.

The following races will be the subject of an automatic recount.

Village of Granville – Member of Council

Village of Hebron – Member of Council

Newark City School District – Member of Board of Education

The Board of Education race resulted in a tie for candidates John R. Ault and Mark Christenberry. Deputy Director Luke Burton provided the Board with procedures in regard to breaking a tie vote. Upon review and a discussion, it was determined the tie would be broken by flipping a coin.

Candidate John R. Ault was assigned “heads” and candidate Mark Christenberry was assigned “tails” on the coin. Chairman Freddie Latella flipped the coin into the air allowing it to land on a table without obstruction or interference. The result of the coin flip was “tails” in favor of candidate Mark Christenberry.

The automatic recount of Village of Granville – Member of Council, Village of Hebron – Member of Council, and Newark City School District – Member of Board of Education is scheduled to begin November 20, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. continuing during regular business hours until completed.

The post-election audit is scheduled to begin December 6, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. continuing during regular business hours until completed. The Board used a random number generator to pick voting locations to be audited. Hartford School and Tri Village Christian Church voting locations were randomly chosen. The three races receiving the most votes in each of the locations chosen will be audited.

**Office Update:**

Director Brian Mead began a discussion about the Congressional district plan. Candidates which are to file in Licking County have inquired as to when petition packets could be picked up. Richard Salvage made a motion to allow staff to begin handing out petition packets as early as today. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Roll call vote; Latella – Yes, Miller – Yes, Rhodes – Yes, Salvage – Yes.

**Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 11:45 A.M. December 13, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 P.M.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Freddie Latella, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Melinda Miller, Board Member

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Rhodes, Board Member

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard E. Salvage, Board Member

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian K. Mead, Director