

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SPECIAL MEETING – ELECTION DAY/UNOFFICIAL CANVASS
NOVEMBER 7, 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. He then led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October Regular Meeting. David Rhodes moved to accept them as written, seconded by Kaye Hartman.

Roll Call: Shai – yes, Rhodes – yes, Hartman – yes, Latella – yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Director Brian Mead and Deputy Director Tess Wigginton reported that we had around 10,000 early in-person voters for this election. While there were lines at times, they moved quickly. Having a third check-in station and five additional voting machines kept everything moving.

Tess Wigginton requested that the Board allow staff to proceed with examining Provisional votes. David Rhodes made a motion to do this, seconded by Park Shai.

Roll Call: Shai – yes, Rhodes – yes, Hartman – yes, Latella – yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mead asked the Board when they would like to meet to certify the results of the election. The Board chose Tuesday, November 21 at 11:30 to do so.

Board Member Comments:

The Board thanked Brian for the lanyards with name tags for their use as they visited polling places today. They prefer these to adhesive name tags.

Recess/Reconvene:

David Rhodes moved that the Board recess until 7:00 PM, seconded by Park Shai.

Roll call: Shai – yes, Rhodes – yes, Hartman – yes, Latella – yes. Motion carried.

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

Unofficial Canvass:

The election ran very smoothly. There were no reports of any issues at the polling places.

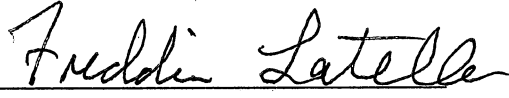
Chairman Latella declared the polls closed at 7:30 P.M. The unofficial Canvas began by tabulating all timely received absentee ballots. The process continued following Directive 2023-19 and all relevant sections of the Election Official Manual.

New Business:

Chairman Freddie Latella made a motion to offer the vacant full-time clerk position to Justin Phelps, who has been employed in the office on a part-time basis since July of this year. Motion seconded by Park Shai, and carried unanimously.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

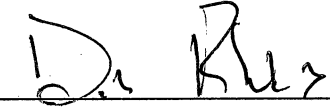
The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 11:30 AM for determining eligibility of provisional ballots and late arriving absentee mail ballots per Directive 2023-19, and for certifying the final canvass of the November 7, 2023 General Election. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 P.M.



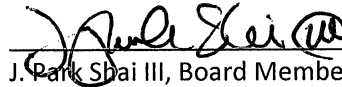
Freddie Latella, Chair



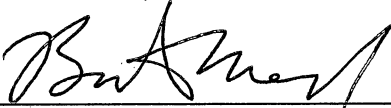
A. Kaye Hartman, Board Member



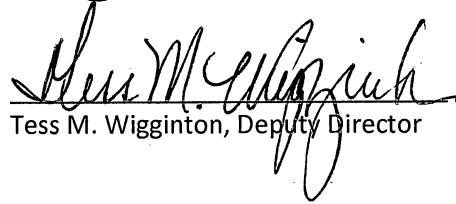
Dave Rhodes, Board Member



J. Park Shai III, Board Member



Brian K. Mead, Director



Tess M. Wigginton, Deputy Director