

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 11:45 A.M., with the following members present: Melinda Miller, Dave Rhodes, Richard Salvage. Also attending were Director Brian Mead, Deputy Director Luke Burton, and a representative from the League of Women Voters.

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.

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.

- Statewide petitions expected to arrive for signature verification during the week of December 20th.
- 12-6-21 Weekly reminders - redistricting process.
- Registration readiness program mailing reimbursement documents due December 16th.
- Advisory 2021-06 redistricting.

Office Update:

Automatic recounts of the Village of Granville – Member of Council, Village of Hebron – Member of Council, and Newark City School District – Member of Board of Education races are complete. No change was found in any vote totals resulting in an accuracy rate of 100%.

The Board of Elections office will be closed on December 24, 2021 and December 31, 2021 for the observance of holidays.

Unfinished Business:

Deputy Director Luke Burton presented the Board with results of the post-election audit. Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept the results of the post-election audit. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

Director Brian Mead presented the 2022 budget including proposed staff pay increases for 2022.

Dave Rhodes made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Melinda Miller provided the second. Roll call vote: Latella – Absent, Miller – Yes, Rhodes – Yes, Salvage – Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Dave Rhodes made a motion to exit executive session. Melinda Miller provided the second. Roll call vote: Latella – Absent, Miller – Yes, Rhodes – Yes, Salvage – Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Melinda Miller made a motion to give the Director and Deputy Director a one-time payment of \$2000.00 and two days of compensatory time to full-time staff. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 3-0.

Melinda Miller made a motion to make amendments to proposed staff pay scale chart number two. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 3-0.

Dave Rhodes made a motion to accept amended staff pay scale chart number two, and to forward the Board's recommendations to the Board of Licking County Commissioners. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 3-0.

OAEO Report:

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

Election law session will be held in Richland County on January 19, 2022 with available credit.

Secretary of State Summer Conference will be held June 28th – 29th 2022 at the Hilton Columbus East.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The next meeting has been scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 11:45 A.M.

Filing deadline for 2022 Primary Election candidates and issues February 2, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.


Freddie Latella, Chair


Melinda Miller, Board Member


Dave Rhodes, Board Member


Richard E. Salvage, Board Member


Brian K. Mead, Director