

Marion County Board of Elections

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2023

I. Call to Order

Chair Todd Anderson called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Elections at 5:02 PM on May 15, 2023 the meeting was held in the Prospect Room of the Marion County Building.

II. Attendance

The following board members were present: Chair Todd Anderson, Robb Koons and Lynn Zucker. Brandi Downs was not present. The Director and Deputy Director were present.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023-Regular Board Meeting

Mrs. Zucker made a motion to approve meeting minutes for April 19, 2023. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

IV. Finance Report

Monthly budgetary report for April

The Deputy Director provided the financial report to the board. Mr. Koons made a motion to approve the financial report for April. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

2024 Tax Budget

The Deputy Director presented the county auditor's 2024 Tax Budget. Mrs. Zucker made a motion to approve the initial 2024 Tax Budget submission to the commissioners. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

V. Payroll Report

The Director reviewed the payroll worksheet reports from the auditor's system (4/28/2023 and 5/12/2023). Mrs. Zucker moved to approve the payroll reports. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion. The Director and Mrs. Zucker clarified that poll workers who assist with the Early Vote Center, L&A testing and moving equipment now pay into OPERS and have taxes removed from their pay.

VI. Old Business

Campaign Finance Update

The Deputy Director shared the updates of the Annual Campaign Finance Report and all Pre-Campaign Finance Reports for the primary have been received. The Director and Deputy Director have begun working on those reports. He stated next due are Post-Primary Campaign Finance Reports.

VII. New Business

2023 Election Updates

- **2023 Marion County May Primary Special Election**

The Director presented the official results for the 2023 May Primary Special Election for Marion County. The Director shared there were 3,085 ballots cast from 27,232 registered voters in this election which is 11.33% voter turnout. The Director requested the board certify the election results. Mr. Koons made a motion to approve the Marion County 2023 May Primary Special Election results. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **2023 Morrow County May Special Election**

The Director presented the official results for the 2023 May Special Election for Morrow County. The Director requested the board certify the election results. Mrs. Zucker made a motion to approve the Morrow County 2023 Special Election results. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **Audit**

The Director shared the audit has been cancelled. The Director stated that we have completed the pre-public and post public tests. We were 100% accurate and are not required to have an audit.

- **Poll Worker Pay**

The Director shared that poll worker pay has been processed and are in the process of processing charge backs.

The Director stated that she believes that poll workers who complete training should not be paid if they do not work election day. The Deputy Director stated that these are not the same poll workers every election who complete training and do not work election day. The Director and Deputy Director requested board guidance on this matter and the board decided to table the issue.

Special Election – August 8, 2023

- **Ballot Allocation-First Vote**

Mrs. Zucker made a motion to accept the first vote on the ballot allocation as presented. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **Machine Allocation – First Vote**

Mr. Koons made a motion to accept the first vote on the machine allocation. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **Office Closure/Coverage**

The Director requested office closure so staff can attend the Summer Conference June 26-28, 2023. Mrs. Zucker made a motion for office closure for Summer Conference June 26-28, 2023. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **Job Title**

Mr. Koons made a motion to change Holly Ramey's title to Election Specialist. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

VIII. Additional Business

Tim Combs addressed the board regarding the cost to Marion County for the August Special Election. The Director shared that we received a directive from the Secretary of State's office to move forward as if we are having an election. The Deputy Director shared the 2023 May Primary cost approximately \$60,000.00 with 35 precincts. The estimate for the August Special would be approximately \$75,000 – \$80,000.

Upcoming Dates


- June 6, 2023 – 5:00 PM – Regular Meeting and Independent Petitions
- July 12, 2023 – 7:00 AM – Regular Meeting
- August 8, 2023 – Special Election
- August 21, 2023 – 5:00 PM - Certify Election and Non-Partisan Petitions
- Summer Conference – Save the Date – 6/26/23-6/28/23 – Hilton Easton
- Winter Conference – Save the Date – 1/11/24-1/12/24 – Hilton Downtown

IX. Adjournment


Mr. Koons moved to adjourn. Mrs. Zucker second the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:32 PM on May 15, 2023.

Minutes submitted by: Holly Ramey


Minutes approved by:




Director



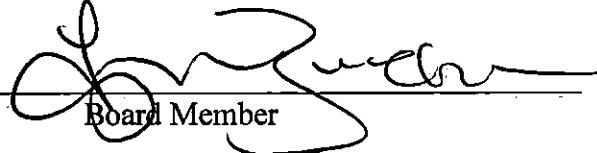
Board Chair




Deputy Director



Board Member



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the applicable law of the State of Ohio, the Marion County Board of Elections herein announces public notice of a Regular Board Meeting to be held on:

Monday, May 15th @ 5:00 PM

In the Prospect Room located in the Marion County Building located at 222 W. Center Street, Marion Ohio.

The public is invited to attend all meetings.

Signed this 20th day of April, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Price".

Cindy Price
Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Blair".

Brian Blair
Deputy Director

