

**Marion County Board of Elections**  
**Board Meeting —Regular Meeting - Minutes**

September 18, 2019

**I. Call to order**

Larry Heiser called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Elections at 4:03PM on September 18, 2019, the meeting was held in the Prospect Room in the Marion County Building.

**II. Roll call**

The following board members were present: Larry Heiser, Chris Smith, and Carolyn Weston, along with the Director and Deputy Director were also present. Aiyana Jones was present to take meeting minutes. Chair Lynn Zucker was not present. (Guest sign in sheet copy attached.)

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

- August 19, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting  
Ms. Smith made a motion to accept the August 19, 2019 board meeting minutes (copy attached).  
Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the motion.
- August 27, 2019 – Special Board Meeting  
Mrs. Weston made a motion to accept the August 27, 2019 board meeting minutes (copy attached)  
Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

**IV. Finance Report**

- Monthly budgetary report of expenses for August  
The Deputy Director called the board's attention to the financial reports for August in their packet.  
Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the Finance Report for August. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion. (Copy attached).

**V. Payroll Report**

- The Director reviewed two payroll worksheet reports (8/18 and 9/1) from the auditor's system (Copies attached)  
Mrs. Weston moved to approve the payroll reports. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion. (Copy attached)

**VI. Old Business**

**a) Writ status regarding Ratliff Recount**

Mr. Heiser stated that briefs have been submitted and the Judge has not made a ruling on the writ.  
Mr. Heiser also stated that the Judge has all information that he needs.

**b) Protest**

The Director notified the board that the Secretary of State responded by not making a ruling. The essence of the response is that Sue McGowan will remain on the ballot.

**c) Part-time Seasonal Staff**

The Director notified the board that the drug tests are back for both part-time staff members. The Director had not received the results of the background check for the Democratic part-time staff.

**d) Poll Worker Update**

The Director informed the board that poll worker training began Monday, September 16, 2019. The Director spoke about how the training has changed and how receptive the poll workers have been to the new training. The board was informed that the poll workers have been given the opportunity for a refresher course on October 22, 2019. Also, poll worker recruitment is still on going.

## **VII. New business**

### **a) Upcoming Dates**

The Director informed the board of the following:

- The ballot proofs for the 2019 General Election are available for inspection in our office from September 18-20.
- The Freedom Vote machines will be available for the public to view and examine September 30 – October 2.
- A public test of the Freedom Vote machines, the OVO Scanners and the tabulation system will be performed on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.
- The logic and accuracy testing will take place in the board office and will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **b) Board Member Salary**

The Director informed the board that the state has approved an increase in their salary. The increase is equal to \$10.04 and will be effective October 17<sup>th</sup>. The percentage of increase is 1.75% annually possibly through 2028.

### **c) Office Updates**

The Director informed the board that the office had received an email from Diane Grosso from the Secretary of State's office concerning the lack of progression with the cybersecurity updates mandated by the state. The Director and Deputy Director participated in a conference call with Diane Grosso to discuss the above issue. The Director sent an email to Keith Vanderpool, Marion County I.T. Supervisor) asking for a progress report. The Director received no response. Diane Grosso also sent an email to Mr. Vanderpool requesting an update and had not received any response as of the board meeting. The Director stated the project target date was the end of September and the target date is not impossible but will be very difficult to achieve. The Director also stated that completing this project in such a rushed manner will call for our office to work overtime and may require additional staff.

### **d) Additional Business**

The Director informed the board that our office sent a letter to the five members of the editorial board of the Marion Star inviting them to our office for a meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am in response to the editorial piece that was released by the newspaper which was titled "Our view: Marion County Election Board should help candidates seeking office".

The Director informed the board that the office had received an email from Dave Stamolis which suggested that our voting equipment be stored in the cage area of the county building. The board will explore alternatives prior to making a final decision. The board decided to have the Director and Deputy Director write a response to Mr. Stamolis and present it to the board prior to sending the letter.

The Director invited Sheriff Tim Bailey to the meeting. Sheriff Bailey spoke briefly about the security during early voting hours and at the polling locations on election day.

The Director stated that our office has approached the commissioners about a salary increase for the poll workers. The commissioner's office is currently looking for the previous resolution increasing the poll worker salary.

The Deputy Director informed the board of plans to host a candidate's night/campaign finance class during the last week of October. He also made mention of UOCAVA Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and National Voter Registration Day, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

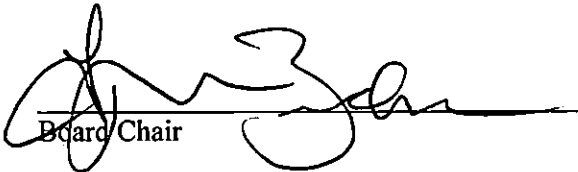
**VIII. Adjournment**


Ms. Smith moved to adjourn. Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:52PM.

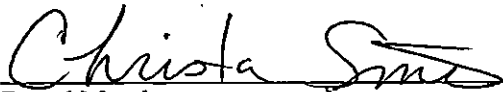
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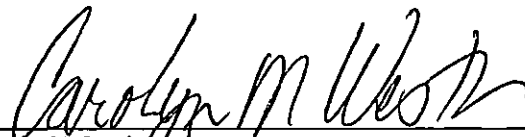
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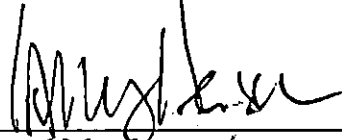
  
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**Sign In Sheet**

Name – Please Print

Signature

Name – Please Print	Signature
Tim Combs	Tim Combs
Jusie O'Brien	Jusie O'Brien
Brandi Downs	Brandi Downs
TARA DYER	Tara Dyer



# 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

**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m.**

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 August, 2019.

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

Cindy Price

Director