

Marion County Board of Elections

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

I. Call to Order

Chair Lynn Zucker called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Elections at 5:30 PM on January 17, 2024 the meeting was held in the Prospect Room of the Marion County Building.

II. Attendance

The following board members were present: Chair Lynn Zucker, Robb Koons, Brandi Downs, and Jennifer Croskey. The Director and Deputy Director were also present.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Mrs. Downs made a motion to approve meeting minutes for December 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

January 2, 2024-Special Board Meeting

Mr. Koons made a motion to approve meeting minutes for January 2, 2024 Special Board Meeting. Mrs. Croskey seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

IV. Finance Report

Monthly budgetary report for December

The Deputy Director provided the financial report to the board. Mrs. Downs made a motion to approve the financial report for December. Mrs. Croskey 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 (1/5/2024 & 1/19/2024). Also, December pay for Jennifer Croskey and January Board Pay. Mrs. Croskey moved to approve the payroll reports. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

VI. Old Business

Campaign Finance Update

The Deputy Director stated he and The Director have been working daily on the Post General reports. The semi-annual and pre-general reports are finished. The post general is almost done but had to make a few phone calls for corrections. There are 3 campaign finance reports that were required to file a report and didn't file on time. The 3 campaign committees have been submitted to the Election Commission: Friends of Thaddaeus Smith., Friends of Patrick Fisher, and Friends of Tara Dyer. They have all filed as of today.

Questions and Issues Discussion-Tabled at 11/20/2023 Meeting

The Director mentioned the board should be certifying the questions and issues to the ballot. The Board decided to remove this matter from the agenda.

VII. New Business

March Presidential Primary Election

- **EVC Location**

The Director stated the Secretary of State's Office gave permission to leave the Freedom Votes on the tables each night at the early vote center as long as they are locked, sealed and documented.

The board doesn't agree with leaving the Freedom Votes on the tables. The Director and Deputy Director will look for a place to store the Freedom Vote machines when not in use at the EVC.

- **Write in Candidate**

Mrs. Downs made a motion to approve Linda L. White as a write in for Marion County Coroner's Office. Mrs. Croskey seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Director mentioned that Deb Miller resigned effective 12-31-2023 from the Recorder's Office. Leslie Longstreth has been appointed by the Commissioner's to fill her term. Until the Republicans appoint someone for the position. Mrs. Downs made a motion to acknowledge the resignation letter of Debra Miller. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board unanimously to accept the motion.

Miranda Meginness rescinded her resignation. Mr. Koons made a motion acknowledging Ms. Meginness resignation effective on 1-5-2024 and also acknowledging her rescindment effective 1-4-2024. Chair Zucker restated Mr. Koons motion that they are acknowledging Ms. Meginness resignation letter dated 12-11-2023 effective 1-5-2024 from the City Auditor Office. And then there is another letter that the board is acknowledging dated 1-4-2024 that Ms. Meginness is rescinding her resignation. Mrs. Croskey seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **Advisory 2019-06**

The Director explained Advisory 2019-06 to the board. Mrs. Downs made a motion to reduce the amount of poll workers to less than 4 per precinct, with a minimum of 2. Mr. Koons seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **Directive 2023-30**

The Director explained Directive 2023-30 to the board. Mrs. Downs made a motion to designate the Director and Deputy Director or their designee to remake ballots as long as they are a bipartisan team. Mrs. Croskey seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **PEO List**

The Director explained the list of poll workers. There is a total to 101 poll workers as of now. The goal is 130. Mrs. Ramey has been in contact with all the schools.

- **Election Availability**

The Director asked the board if anyone would be able to help with set the day before the election. Or help with the returning of the equipment the day after the election. And if anyone would like to help with L&A testing on 2-13-2024, 2-14-2024, and 2-15-2024. Mrs. Downs will not be available. Chair Zucker is available on 3-18-2024. Mrs. Croskey is available on 3-18-2024 and 3-20-2024. Mr. Koons will check and see if he will be able on 3-18-2024 and 3-20-2024. Mr. Koons will be able to help with L&A in the afternoons.

VIII. Additional Business

- The SOS would like any feedback on the conference.
- Chair Zucker recommends to never put the term date on the guideline sheets.

Upcoming Dates

- January 18th – 1:30-3:30 PM – Candidate Class
- February 1st – 8:30-12:30 PM – Review of Ballots
- February 13th – 15th – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Logic and Accuracy Testing
- February 20th – 10:00 AM – Pre-Public Test
- February 21st – 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting
- March 19th – Election Day!
- March 21st – 10:00 AM – Post Public Test

IX. Adjournment

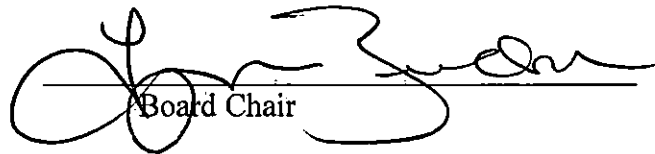
Mrs. Downs moved to adjourn. Mr. Koons second the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:34 PM on January 17, 2023.

Minutes submitted by: Jackie Fields

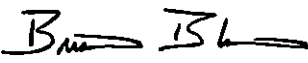
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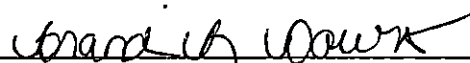
Director



Board Chair




Deputy Director



Board Member



Board Member



Board Member



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, January 17th @ 5:30 PM

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

The public is invited to attend all meetings.

Signed this 22nd day of December, 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

AGENDA
MARION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
January 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

- December 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
- January 2, 2024 Special Board Meeting

Finance Report

- December Budget Report

Payroll Report

- Payroll / time off reports
 - 1/5/24 and 1/19/24 Office Pay
 - December for Jennifer Croskey and January Board Pay

Old Business

- Campaign Finance Update
- Questions and Issues Discussion – Tabled at 12/20/23 Meeting

New Business

- March Presidential Primary Election
 - EVC Location
 - Write in Candidate
 - Advisory 2019-06
 - Reduction in number of poll workers
 - Directive 2023-30 – Section 10.01
 - Designate Team
 - PEO List
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