

**Marion County Board of Elections**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

February 16, 2021

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Lynn Zucker called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Elections at 4:00PM on February 16, 2021 the meeting was held online on Zoom due to the snow emergency.

**II. Attendance**

The following board members were present: Chair Lynn Zucker, Todd Anderson, Chris Smith and Carolyn Weston. The Director and Deputy Director were also present (a list of guests attached).

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

• **January 22, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting**

Mrs. Weston made a motion to accept the January 22, 2021 regular board minutes. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

**IV. Finance Report**

• Monthly budgetary report of expenses for January

The Deputy Director informed the board that the financial report was not available and asked that the board table the review of the financial report. Mr. Anderson made a motion to table the financial report. Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- The Deputy Director informed the board that the \$11,862.94 that was requested back from the commissioners that we received from the Secretary of State for the audit and additional CARES Act funding that was completed in 2020 was approved.

**V. Payroll Report**

The Director reviewed the payroll worksheet reports from the auditor's system that were emailed to the board for February 5, 2021 and February 19, 2021.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the payroll reports. Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

**VI. Old Business**

**a) The Schwamberger Lawsuit**

Mr. Anderson informed the board that the case is still pending decision

**b) Campaign Finance Update**

The Director informed the board that she and the Deputy Director have been setting aside an hour each week to work on campaign finance reports. The Director also stated that the only outstanding campaign finance report to the Ohio Elections Commission is Robert Landon's. The Ohio Elections Commission will be reviewing on February 18, 2021 at 10:00am to address any and all issues.

## **VII. New Business**

### **a) Candidate and Questions/Issues Board Certification**

Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the following petitions for City Council:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Democrat – Kai Meade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Democrat – Ayers Ratliff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Republican – Pamela Larkin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Democrat – Edwin Bibler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Republican – Jason Schaber
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Democrat – Dana Hanif-Booker
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Republican – Joshua Feliciano
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Democrat – Tara Dyer
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Republican – Karen Fosnaugh
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Republican – Mike Neff

Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the following petitions for City Council At-Large:

- Democrat – Evan Geyer
- Republican – Aaron Rollins
- Republican – Brett Cornelius

Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the following petition for City Council President:

Todd Schneider

Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Director explained that Democratic candidate Kathy Swanger did not specify on the Declaration of Candidacy the city ward in which she is running. Ms. Swanger is running for City Council 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the petition. Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Director explained that three (3) out of five (5) of Democratic candidate Mike Thomas's part petitions for City Council At-Large did not specify the term on the Declaration of Candidacy. Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the petition. Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Director explained that Democratic candidate Thomas Pannett's part-petition 1 for City Treasurer is invalid because the number of signatures in the circulator statement is less than the actual number of signatures on the part-petition. Mrs. Weston made a motion to accept the petition. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Director explained that Republican candidate Tommy Reese indicated the incorrect date of signature on petition-parts 2-5 for City Treasurer. He wrote the election date instead of the date the Declaration of Candidacy was signed. Mr. Anderson made a motion to accept the petition. Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

**b) May 2021 Primary Election**

The director stated that there will be no Primary Election in May 2021. The board determined that no motion needed to be made.

**c) Meeting Dates**

The Reorganization meeting will be held on March 3, 2021 at 4:00pm at the County Building in the Prospect Room.

The next regular board meeting will be March 17, 2021 and the time of the meeting will be discussed during the reorganization meeting.

**d) Additional Business and Office Updates**

The Director informed the board that the office is working on the record retention with Ohio Connections. The Director also stated that she would like to postpone turning in cell phone bill due to a recent change in service. The Director informed the board that the office is working on election forms and that the Secretary of State has issued a new directive allowing questions and issues to be submitted to a secure email in our office.

Mrs. Weston acknowledged the passing of former seasonal part-time staff member, Marla Trumble. A letter for a personnel matter from the previous election was mentioned to be placed in an employee's file. Discussion ensued and the issue was not resolved.

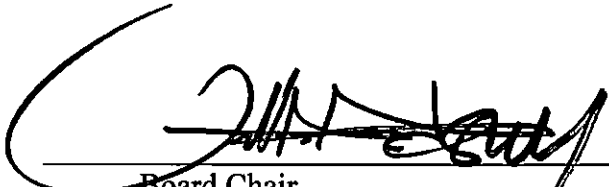
**VIII. Adjournment**

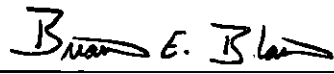
Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:47PM on February 16, 2021.


Minutes submitted by: Aiyana Jones

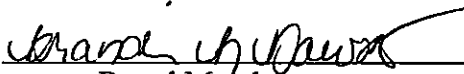
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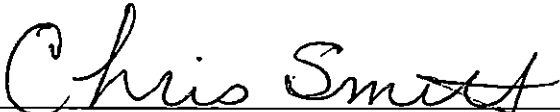
  
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**Marion County Board of Elections  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 16, 2021  
Zoom Guest List**

1. Kathy Swanger
2. Dana Hanif-Booker
3. Kai Meade
4. Tara Dyer
5. Brandi Downs
6. Evan Geyer
7. Susie O'Brien
8. Edwin Bibler
9. Robert Schultz

**AGENDA**  
**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**February 16, 2021 - Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Minutes**

- January 22, 2021 Regular Meeting

**Finance Report**

- Monthly Budgetary Report
  - January

**Payroll Report**

- Monthly payroll / time off reports
  - 2/5 and 2/19

**Old Business**

- Schwamberger Lawsuit Update
- Campaign Finance Update
  - Ohio Elections Commission – Meeting February 18<sup>th</sup>

**New Business**

- Petition Review and Certification
  - May Primary
- Dates - Time?
  - Reorganization Meeting between March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 6th
  - Next Regular Board Meeting – March 17th
- Office Updates
- Additional Business



# 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

**Tuesday, February 16<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 16th day of February, 2021.

**UPDATE: Due to weather emergency, this meeting is being held by ZOOM. Please use the link below to attend:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83062401378?pwd=TFd5RTJ5OEswKzFqMXFXd2xkdDBrQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 6240 1378

Passcode: BOE

*Cindy Price*  
Cindy Price

Director



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Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

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Cindy Price  
Director

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

Brian Blair  
Deputy Director