

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

Purpose: Provisional and Absentee Ballot Dispositioning for the 2021 General Election

November 17, 2021

**I. Call to order**

Todd Anderson called the Special Meeting to order at 4:30PM on November 17, 2021 in the Prospect Room at the Marion County Building.

**II. Roll call**

The following board members were present: Chair Todd Anderson, Brandi Downs, Chris Smith and Lynn Zucker. The Director and Deputy Director were also present.

**Provisional Ballot Approval and Vote**

The Director shared that all Board Members had the opportunity to review the ballots prior to the meeting. The Director gave each Board Member a spreadsheet and recommended the Board accept the provisional ballots numbered 1-74, in the far-left column, as one motion. Mrs. Downs made a motion to accept the ballots. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Director recommended accepting ballot number 75 as the birth year was incorrect. Ms. Smith made a motion to accept the ballot. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

**Provisional Ballot Rejection and Vote**

The Director recommended rejecting ballots numbered 76-83.

Mrs. Zucker made a motion to reject ballots from non-registered voters numbered 76, 79, 80 and 81. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Mrs. Zucker made a motion to reject ballot number 77 as no identification was provided at the polling location. Mrs. Downs seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Mrs. Downs made a motion to reject ballot number 78. The voter did not provide a signature on the provisional envelope. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Mrs. Zucker made a motion to reject ballot number 82 as the voter previously voted at the Early Vote Center and tried to vote on Election Day. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion. Ms. Smith recommends the Director and Deputy Director send the voter a letter informing them that they voted at the Early Vote Center and tried to vote on Election Day.

Mr Anderson clarified that the numbers used are the numbers listed on the spreadsheet beside the number assigned to each provisional ballot.

Ms. Smith made a motion to reject ballot number 83 the voter left without completing voting. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

## **Absentee Ballot Vote Accepted/Rejected**

The Deputy Director presented seven absentee ballots for board review.

The Deputy Director presented absentee ballot number 157620. The voter did not print their name or address on the ballot envelope. Mrs. Zucker made a motion to reject the ballot. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Deputy Director shared absentee ballot number 117706. The voter did not fill out any name, address or identification on the ballot envelope. Mrs. Downs made a motion to reject the ballot. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Deputy Director presented absentee ballot number 130861. The voter identification did not match the information on file at the Board of Elections office. Ms. Smith made a motion to reject the ballot. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. Mrs. Zucker stated on October 28<sup>th</sup> the Board of Elections office mailed a letter to the voter to give them an opportunity to update their information. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Deputy Director shared absentee ballot number 111980. The voter identification information did not match the Board of Elections identification on file. Mrs. Zucker made a motion to reject the ballot. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The Deputy Director stated on October 29<sup>th</sup> the Board of Elections office mailed a letter to the voter to give them an opportunity to update their information. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Deputy Director presented absentee ballot number 110474. The voter provided a signature in the section requesting a printed name. Mrs. Downs made a motion to accept the ballot. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Deputy Director shared absentee ballot number 102106. The voter contacted office and stated they did not receive their ballot. The Board of Elections office soiled and defaced ballot sent originally. We sent the voter a new ballot. The Board of Elections received a ballot from the voter but it was the original ballot sent to the voter not the second ballot. Ms. Smith made a motion to accept the ballot. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Deputy Director presented an absentee ballot. The voter took their ballot to a Contract Postal Unit (CPU) which dated it November 1, 2021. When the post office in Columbus received the ballot, it was stamped November 2, 2021. The Board reviewed an email from the Secretary of State in response to a request for clarification. Ms. Smith made a motion to accept the ballot. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

## **Additional Ballot Information**

The Director shared we received two UOCAVA ballots after the unofficial canvass. In addition to the 78 just accepted there were thirty-one additional absentee ballots received in a timely manner without issue.

## **Meeting Dates and Times**

The Director also shared the following meeting dates and time:

Post Public Test – November 19, 2021 at 9:00am

Budget Hearing – November 19, 2021 at 10:30am

General Election Audit – December 2, 2021 at 1:00pm

**III. Adjournment**

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion. Chair Todd Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:51PM.

**IV. Reconvene**

Chair Todd Anderson reconvened the Special Meeting November 17, 2021 at 5:12pm in the Board of Elections office.

The following board members were present: Chair Todd Anderson, Brandi Downs, Chris Smith and Lynn Zucker. The Director and Deputy Director were also present.

This meeting to is discuss an inter-office policy that was inadvertently overlooked in the Special Meeting. Mr. Anderson shared that Board Members were called to reconvene. Mrs. Zucker made a motion to reconvene the Special meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The Director shared when we open provisional ballots that the Board has accepted if an incorrect ballot was voted we have permission to remake the ballot and move the vote for similar contests over to the remade ballot. Mrs. Zucker made a motion to grant the Director permission to remake ballots consistent as described. Mrs. Downs seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

**V. Adjournment**

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion. Chair Todd Anderson adjourned the meeting at 5:14PM.

Minutes submitted by: Holly Ramey

Minutes approved by:

*Cindy Price*

Director

*Todd Anderson*

Board Chair

*Brandi Downs*

Deputy Director

*Brandi Downs*

Board Member

*Chris Smith*

Board Member

*Lynn Zucker*

Board Member