

# **Marion County Board of Elections**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

April 20, 2022

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Todd Anderson called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Elections at 4:30 PM on April 20, 2022 the meeting was held in the Prospect Room in the Marion County Building.

### **II. Attendance**

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

### **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

#### **March 2, 2022-Regular Board Meeting**

Mrs. Downs made a motion to approve meeting minutes for the March 2, 2022 Regular Meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

#### **March 14, 2022-Special Meeting**

Mrs. Zucker made a motion to approve meeting minutes for the March 14, 2022 Special Meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept to motion.

### **IV. Finance Report**

#### **Monthly budgetary report for March**

The Deputy Director called the board's attention to the financial report sheet in their packet. Mrs. Downs made a motion to approve the financial report for February. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

### **V. Payroll Report**

The Director reviewed the payroll worksheet report from the auditor's system (3/18/22, 4/1/22, and 4/15/22) and the April board payroll. Mrs. Zucker moved to approve the payroll reports. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

## VI. Old Business

### Campaign Finance Update

The Director stated the following:

- Jeff Ratliff Campaign Finance was referred to the Elections Commission. Since then Kelly Ratliff the treasurer for Jeff Ratliff has completed the forms needed for our office. The Elections Commission required a hearing via zoom. The fee was waived.
- Pam Larkin's Campaign Finance was referred to the Elections Commission. The Campaign Finance was referred for these reasons. Campaign Finance report (Post-General/Termination) filed 12-6-2021 cover sheet is attached stating an expenditure of \$105.00 (Check #508). A copy of a negotiated check is required for the expense. A phone call was made to Christy Neff as well as certified letter sent 2/18/2022 with a response time of 3/11/2022. The returned receipt showing delivery was returned to office with no signature. A follow up phone call to Christy Neff leaving a voicemail was also provided.  
A withdrawal slip was provided and a front copy of a check was provided. No copy of a negotiated check has been provided to the office at the time this complaint was filed.

- Tara Dyer was also referred to the Elections Commission. The Campaign Finance was referred to the Elections Commission for the following reasons:

2021 Pre-General – Filed on 10/21/2021. Unable to audit due to incorrect amount being brought forward from previously filed report. Called candidate to explain the issue and candidate filed a 2021 Pre-General (First Amended) on 12/15/2021.

2021 Pre-General (First Amendment) – Total contributions did not total correctly. Total expenditures did not total correctly. 31-E total is not correctly reflected on 31-A. Report audited and certified letter sent to candidate with a response time of 2/2/2022. Willie King signed for his certified letter and the letter addressed to Tara Dyer was returned unclaimed.

2021 Pre-General (Second Amended) – Filed in office on 1/31/2022. Unable to complete audit on this filed report due to incorrect balance brought forward. Certified letter sent to both candidate and treasurer. Each letter was signed for as accepted. Letter listed a response time of 3/8/2022. As of the filing of this report, no additional amended report has been filed and we are unable to audit the 2021 Post General filing of this report, no additional amended 2021 Post General filing on 2/1/2022.

The Friends of Tara Dyer Treasurer and candidate have been provided certified letters and ample time to provide required documentation. Deadline to respond to certified letter - 3/8/2022. No amendment has been received as of the filing of this Complaint.

- The Director presented the letter to the board for late reporting of Campaign Finance Reports. Mrs. Downs made a motion to approve the proposed letter to send to the candidates and their treasurers. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.
- Sheriff Matt Bayles said there will be no problem to have a Deputy at every polling location.

## **VII. New Business**

### **2022 Primary Election**

- **Ballot Allocation-Second Vote**

The Director mentioned we will have 5 -17- years old's registered to vote in the Primary Election. Mrs. Downs made a motion to accept the ballot allocation for the second vote. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **Machine Allocation-Second Vote**

Mrs. Zucker made a motion to accept the machine allocation for the second vote. Mrs. Downs seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **Poll Worker List**

The Director presented 130 poll workers for the May Primary. Five still need to complete training. The Secretary of State Office would like us to have 150 poll workers.

- **Update on Redistricting**

The Director stated nothing at this time.

- **Provisional Ballot Procedure**

The Director presented the Provisional Ballot Procedure to the board. Mrs. Downs made a motion to approve the Provisional Ballot Procedure. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

### **Additional Business**

- **Remaking Ballots**

The Director asked for permission to remake ballots. Mrs. Zucker made a motion to give permission to a Democrat and a Republican to remake ballots. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

- **State of Acknowledgement**

III. CONSEQUENCE FOR CERTIFIED CANDIDATES FOR OHIO HOUSE, OHIO SENATE, AND STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE Candidates' petitions for Ohio House, Ohio Senate, or State Central Committee were certified based on the February 24, 2022 General Assembly district plan. Due to the Supreme Court's decision in League of Women Voters of Ohio, by operation of law, a board's decision to certify or reject those candidates' petitions for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election is null and void. Board members must acknowledge this on the record at their next board meeting. The Director, Deputy Director, and all 4 board members acknowledged the statement.

### **Meeting Dates**

The Board scheduled the following Regular Meetings:

- May 3, 2022 – 6:30 AM - Election Day
- May 23, 2022 – 7:00 AM – Regular and Provisional Meeting
- May 25, 2022 – 7:00 AM – Certification Meeting
- June 14, 2022 – 4:30 PM - Regular Meeting
- June 28 & 29- Summer Conference


**VIII. Adjournment**

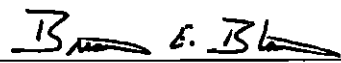
Ms. Smith moved to adjourn. Mrs. Zucker seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:11 PM on April 20, 2022.

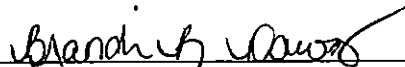
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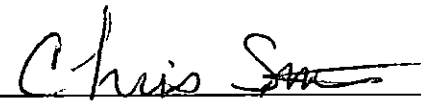
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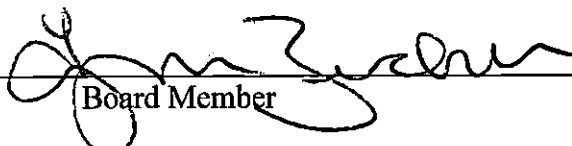
  
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**Wednesday, April 20th @ 4:30 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 3rd day of March, 2022.

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

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**Sign In Sheet**

Name – Please Print

Signature

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Ritch Ramey	Ritch Ramey
Tim Combs	Tim Combs
Carolyn Weston	Carolyn Weston
Diane Evans	Diane Evans
R. J. Birking	Ruth Jane & Birking