



**Board Meeting
5-15-2017**

Attending:

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman
Jeff Hastings, Member
David J. Wondolowski, Member
Robert S. Frost, Member
Pat McDonald, Director
Anthony W. Perlatti, Deputy Director
Brendan Doyle, Assistant Prosecutor

Linda D. Walker, Clerk to the Board
Anthony Alto, Clerk to the Board

The Board voted unanimously to begin the meeting at 9:34 a.m. via roll call vote:

Chairwoman Chappell: Yes
Board Member Wondolowski: Yes
Board Member Hastings: Yes
Board Member Frost: Yes

Agenda Item 1: Acknowledgement of Secretary of State Directives

The Board voted unanimously to approve the following directives:

- Directive 2017-06: Reasonable Accommodation for Voter with a Disability
- Directive 2017-07: Directives 2016-39, 2016-41, and 2016-45 Apply to the May 2, 2017 Primary/Special Election

Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from the April 19, 2017 board meeting

Chairwoman Chappell, Board Member Hastings, and Board Member Wondolowski voted to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2017 board meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Hearing of protest against TJ Dow, Candidate for Cleveland City Council Ward 7

The transcript of proceedings from the protest hearings are incorporated by reference into the minutes and are available for review upon request.

Agenda Item 4: May 2, 2017 Primary Election Overview and Election Poll Book Briefing

Director McDonald stated that the Primary Election was a success. There was a turnout of about 22 percent. 68 percent turned out to vote on Election Day. 411 of the poll workers responded to the survey

with about 300 specific responses that will help staff moving forward. About 95% of poll workers said that the poll books were easy to use. There were some connectivity issues, but it never affected the voting process.

Director McDonald stated that the Summit County Prosecutor has agreed to be special prosecutor for the Jeff Johnson hearing.

Election and Compliance Administrator Shantiel Soeder stated that 195 electronic poll books were deployed in the May election. 92% of voters were looked up using a driver's license. The average check in time was about 60 seconds which was a vast improvement over the paper poll books. 117 voters were directed to their correct polling location using the electronic poll books. Directions were either mailed or texted to the voter. There were no issues on Election Day that required use of the backup paper poll books. All functionalities were able to be tested. There are some processes that need to be tweaked moving forward. One of the issues is ensuring that the poll worker completes the entire check-in process. The Certificate # 1 reconciliation and data turnout functionalities were very helpful.

Soeder stated that the units will be shipped back to Tampa until they are needed for the September election. Training for this election will begin July 7th. Acceptance testing will begin the first week of August. On the Saturday and Sunday prior to the election, there was a final optional training session on the electronic poll books. At this session there was a much smaller trainer to poll worker ratio. She believes this is one reason why the electronic poll books were such a success and will continue to do them.

Board Member Wondolowski stated that he voted on Election Day and was very pleased with the comments made to him by voters. He stated that he was impressed at how easy it was for poll workers to use the electronic poll books.

Board Member Frost stated that he is pleased at how well the election went. He was even more pleased by Tenex's responsiveness to any issues found.

Agenda Item 5: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the May 2, 2017 Primary Election

Registration Assistant Manager, Tony Kaloger, stated that the registration department received 286 provisional ballots. There were 265 valid provisionals, including two (2) that were valid due to the APRIE exception, and 21 that should be rejected. Over half of provisional voters had to vote provisionally because they requested an absentee ballot.

Board Member Frost asked whether a 17 year old voter could vote a non-partisan nominating ballot in a primary. Kaloger said yes.

Kaloger stated that the registration department sends a letter to the individuals who vote both an absentee ballot and a provisional ballot stating that their provisional ballot will not be counted.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the validity of the provisional ballots and authorized the counting of the provisional ballots from the May 2, 2017 Primary Election.

Agenda Item 6: Acknowledgement of appointments and resignations

The Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the appointments and resignations as presented.

Agenda Item 7: Approval of personnel agenda

The Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel agenda as presented.

Public Testimony:

Andrew Kahn

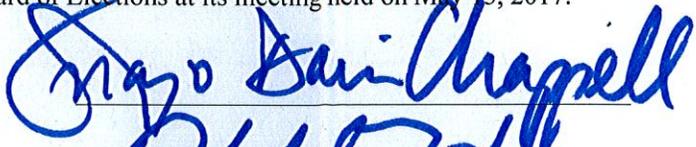
Mr. Kahn said he had spent hours registering voters in retail form during the previous election. He stated that there must be a more modern way to do this. He found a platform called Rock the Vote. He asked if the Board had any experience with Rock the Vote. It is helpful in collecting data and a very robust wraparound program.

Director McDonald stated that he is very interested and would like to find out more information.

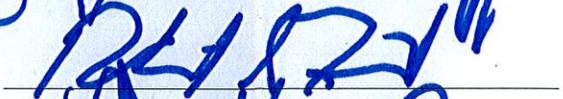
The Board voted unanimously to recess at 10:36 am.

Certification: I have reviewed the above minutes and certify that they are an accurate summary of the actions taken by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at its meeting held on May 15, 2017.

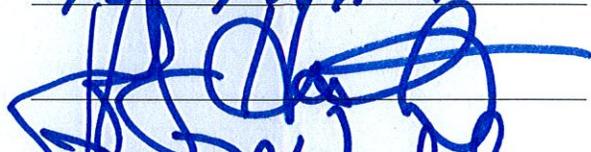
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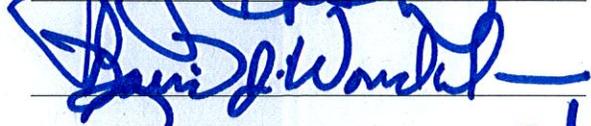
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