



**Board Meeting
5-21-2018**

Attending:

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman
David J. Wondolowski, Member
Robert S. Frost, Member
Pat McDonald, Director
Anthony W. Perlatti, Deputy Director
Dave Lambert, Assistant Prosecutor, Cuyahoga County

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

The Board Meeting began via roll call at 9:39 a.m.

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

Agenda Item 1: Approval of Minutes from the April 23, 2018 Board Meeting

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2018 Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Acknowledgement of the following Secretary of State Directives and Memoranda:

The Board voted unanimously to approve Secretary of State Directives 2018-10 and 2018-11, and Secretary of State Memoranda 2018-01 and 2018-02.

Agenda Item 3: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the May 8, 2018 Primary Election

Registration Department Assistant Manager Tony Kaloger stated that there was a total of 1,781 provisional ballots cast, including 232 in-house provisionals. Of those ballots, 1,599 were found to meet the requirements for opening, including 57 correct location remakes, seven (7) valid with non-matching date of birth and eight (8) valid due to the APRI exception. One hundred and eighty were rejected for the following reasons: 75 were not registered, three (3) had missing dates of birth, seven (7) lacked addresses, four (4) had invalid addresses, five (5) had a missing ID, five (5) lacked a signature, one (1) had a non-matching signature, 11 had no ballot in the envelope, 21 voted absentee, three (3) voters' absentee ballots were challenged, three (3) had a non-matching ID, and 44 were wrong precinct wrong location.

Board Member Hastings asked why there were so many wrong precinct wrong location provisionals.

Director McDonald responded that staff will investigate why there were so many. Some voters knew that they were in the wrong precinct and the wrong location but refused to go to the correct location.

The Board voted unanimously to authorize to count the valid provisional ballots from the May 8, 2018 Primary Election.

Agenda Item 4: Acknowledgement of Appointment and Withdrawals

The Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the appointment and withdrawals as presented.

New Business:

May 8, 2018 Primary Election Overview

Director McDonald stated that the election was a success and there were no major issues. Voter turnout was 23.4% which was higher than the 2014 Primary Election at 21%. There were 207,844 total ballots cast. Sixty-five percent of ballots were cast on Election Day. Cuyahoga County had the highest voter turnout in the state, and also had the highest vote-by-mail rate. This is due to the Board's robust vote-by-mail program in addition to the Democrats sending out vote-by-mail applications to a targeted number of Democrats.

There were 926 electronic poll books. Six additional electronic poll books were dispatched at high volume locations throughout the day.

There are four (4) potential recounts in the following races: Democratic Central Committee race in Shaker Heights-A; Republican State Central Committee District 23 (Woman); Beachwood City School District Tax Levy; and the North Olmsted Bond Issue.

Official results will be posted on the website at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29th.

Public Testimony:

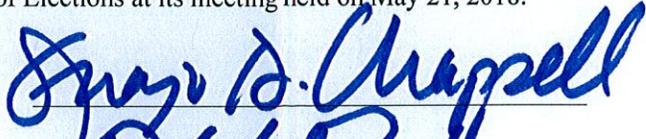
Doris Durica

Ms. Durica asked when the automatic recount will take place and that she would like to have an observer to witness the recount.

The Board voted unanimously to recess at 10:11 a.m.

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 21, 2018.

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman



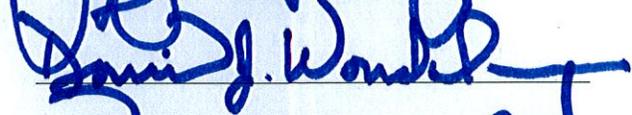
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