



**Board Meeting
9-25-2017**

Attending:

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

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

The Board voted unanimously to begin the meeting via roll call vote at 9:37 a.m.

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

Agenda Item 1: Approval of minutes from the September 11, 2017 board meeting

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 board meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the September 12, 2017 Primary Election

Registration Assistant Manager Tony Kaloger stated that of the 787 provisional ballots cast, 692 provisional ballots were valid including 19 correct location remakes, five (5) that met all the requirements except date of birth, and eight (8) valid due to the APRI exception. 95 ballots were rejected. 71.67% of provisional voters voted provisionally because they either had an address change or did not return their absentee ballot.

The Board voted unanimously to authorize to count the valid provisional ballots from the September 12, 2017 Primary Election.

New Business:

East Cleveland:

Deputy Director Tony Perlatti stated that there is an issue with the interpretation of the East Cleveland Charter Section 115. Legal Counsel Brendan Doyle has been doing research and will have more

information at the Board Meeting on Thursday, September 28. Chairwoman Chappell asked Assistant Prosecutor Doyle to send a legal opinion as soon as possible.

Bay Village:

Deputy Director Perlatti stated that the second highest vote getter in the race for council member ward 4 race may want to withdraw. The deadline to withdraw has already passed. Staff is researching how to address the situation.

Automatic Recounts:

As of today there are potentially three (3) automatic recounts. They are in Cleveland Ward 2, Ward 13, and Local Option, Cleveland-7-J. The recounts in the Cleveland wards would be for the second and third highest vote getters.

Security Update:

The County will be replacing the doors on the main building. The Sherriff said they are making progress on their investigation. A security report is due to the Secretary of State by Tuesday September 26th.

Public Testimony:

Devin Branch:

Mr. Branch stated that there are several members on East Cleveland City Council who have not yet been certified by the Board of Elections. Now there is a contradiction in the charter language in East Cleveland. A partisan primary as a runoff occurs prior to a General Election for a reason. Allowing Una Keenon to be placed on the ballot would thwart the will of the legislature and place him at a severe disadvantage. He was never placed on the September ballot, he was certified straight to the General Election. Interpreting the statute to place Una Keenon on the ballot in the General Election is unprecedented. To do so would be akin to both Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders facing Donald Trump in the election.

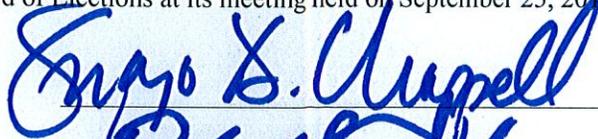
Rico Dancy:

Mr. Dancy stated that it is funny Dennis Kucinich came here and the cameras were not working. He stated that he will file a discrimination because he requested an interpreter. He stated that by the ADA the Board is supposed to have access. He has no choice. He will go to the District Court and hold the Board accountable. He sits on the National Black Deaf Advocate. He also sits on 15 Boards. He was told not to let it get away. The Board needs to be held accountable because if their mother was deaf they would get an interpreter.

The Board voted unanimously to recess at 9:58 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 September 25, 2017.

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman

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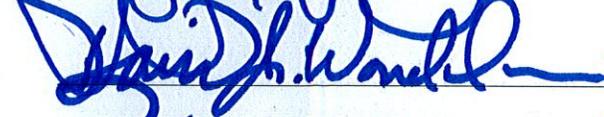
Robert S. Frost, Member

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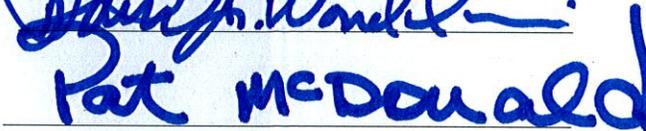
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David J. Wondolowski, Member

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Pat McDonald, Director

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