

**Board Meeting
5-19-2014**

Attending:

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman
Robert S. Frost, Member
Eben O. (Sandy) McNair, IV, Member
Pat McDonald, Director
Anthony W. Perlatti, Deputy Director
David G. Lambert, Assistant Prosecutor

Linda Steimle, Clerk of the Board
Nic Del Ray, Court Reporter

Jeff Hastings, Member, absent

The meeting began at 9:40 a.m.

The Board voted unanimously to excuse Board Member Hastings from today's meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Post Election Update:

Director McDonald stated that the May 6, 2014 Primary Election was successful, and that only minor glitches were encountered. He stated that it was discovered during the Monday night organizational meeting that there was an additional security code for the DS200 precinct based optical scanning units that resulted from the ElectionWare update, but that staff was able to effectively communicate this to poll workers so as not to affect operations in the morning on Election Day. He stated that Cuyahoga County saw 22% turnout, which was the highest among all large counties in the state, and that 61% of votes were cast on Election Day and 39% prior to Election Day.

He also stated that poll worker checks would be mailed only two weeks after Election Day, which is a vast improvement over previous elections due to a new automated payroll and personnel tracking system developed by the Poll Worker Department. He concluded by stating that the races to be audited for this election are the Democratic Governor's race and the countywide Republican Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division race, and a local issue race to be determined by the Board.

Board Member McNair inquired about the memory stick upload process and the effect of our ability to utilize multiple upload stations. Shantiel Soeder, Manager of the Ballot Department stated that the multiple upload stations worked well and helped to avoid the backlog of sticks waiting to be uploaded that is normally encountered during a countywide election.

Agenda Item 2: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the May 6, 2014 Primary Election:

Tony Kaloger, Assistant Manager of the Registration Department presented the Board with The Provisional Validation Summary Report and stated that there were 1,944 provisional ballots cast in the May 6, 2014 Primary Election and that staff determined 166 should be rejected.

The Board voted unanimously to authorize the counting of 1,778 provisional ballots as reported by the Registration Department.

Agenda Item 3: Determination of voter intent and authorization to remake one optical scan ballot from the May 6, 2014 Primary Election:

Shantiel Soeder, Manager of the Ballot Department, stated that there was one ballot that the Board needed to review to determine voter intent. The absentee ballot in question contained a Republican ballot on which the voter created their own voting bubbles for each race and wrote the names of Democratic candidates next to them, with the exception of the Auditor's race which was voted correctly. Staff discovered this ballot while checking for valid write in votes, and she noted that staff had never encountered this type of scenario before. She stated that it was recommended that the ballot be scanned and allowed to tabulate races and contests that were voted properly.

The Board voted unanimously to scan the ballot in question as-is and count any valid votes that it contains.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Public Comment:

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz: Discussed the petitions he submitted to the City of Euclid.

The Board voted unanimously to recess at 11:15 a.m.

The Board returned into public session and voted unanimously to adjourn.

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 19, 2014.

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman

Robert S. Frost, Member

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Jeff Hastings, Member

Eben O. (Sandy) McNair, IV, Member

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