



**Board Meeting  
9-28-2017**

**Attending:**

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman  
David J. Wondolowski, Member  
Jeff Hastings, Member  
Robert S. Frost, Member  
Pat McDonald, Director  
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 2:05 p.m.

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

**Agenda Item 1: Discussion of the East Cleveland Charter Section 115**

*The transcript of this discussion is incorporated by reference into the minutes and is available for review upon request.*

**Agenda Item 2: Certification of the Official Results of the September 12, 2017 Primary Election**

Ballot Manager Brian Cleary stated that there were 30,801 Election Day ballots, 10,447 absentee ballots, 692 provisional ballots, 115 post absentee ballots, and 21 post-Election Day ballots. A total of 13,052 absentee ballots were issued, 10,562 were returned and counted. 59 were challenged. 154 were returned late, and 2,699 were not returned. There were a total of 787 provisional ballots cast. 692 of those provisional ballots were valid while 95 were rejected. There were 48 ballot remakes. Ten ballots were folded, torn, or mutilated, two (2) were UOCAVA ballots, 19 contained votes for an ineligible contest. There were two (2) with inadvertent marks made by the voter. Three (3) ballots were marked entirely. Four (4) contained over votes. 389 precincts were involved in this election. Voter History is ongoing. Ballot reconciliation is currently being conducted. [There are two (2) automatic recounts for this election. The recounts will be conducted beginning Wednesday in Cleveland Wards 2 and 13. *There was an amended motion made at the end of the meeting that negated this as the mistakes were added in error.*]

**Agenda Item 3: Acknowledgement of the date, time, and place of the post-election audit for the September 12, 2017 Primary Election and random selection of a contest to be included in the audit**

The Board randomly selected the East Cleveland Mayoral race to be audited and acknowledged the date, time, and place of the post-election audit.

**Agenda Item 4: Approval of vouchers**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the vouchers as presented.

**Agenda Item 5: Approval of purchase award recommendation to Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the amount of \$28,724.22 for the rental of cargo vans and mini vans for the November 7, 2017 General Election**

A request for proposal was issued on September 15<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. One bid was received by the deadline in the amount of \$28,724.22. Enterprise has been a reliable partner.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase award recommendation to Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the amount of \$28,724.22 for the rental of cargo vans and mini vans for the November 7, 2017 General Election.

**New Business:**

Election Update:

Director McDonald stated that the roll-out of the electronic poll books was very successful. The initial feedback was overwhelmingly positive. He received a couple calls from County Council members commending the roll-out. The only issue was the intermittent connectivity of the MiFi. The reason for this was operator error on the part of the poll worker. The remedy is to better train the poll workers and to have the rovers ensure that they are placed in the right areas.

The General Election is 40 days away. Staff will be working on Columbus Day. Early voting will begin on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The sample ballots have been published. Poll worker recruitment is close to finished. There are 62 local issues and two (2) state issues on the ballot.

Security Update:

Director McDonald stated that the Secretary of State asked the Board to compile a report concerning the door incident. Staff compiled the report and sent it to the Secretary of State. All questions were answered except knowing how it happened. Staff is still waiting for the Sherriff Office's report on that issue. Staff will brief the board on the report once it receives it. The Board will take a global approach to security, including training, advanced security responses, and increases in both internal and external security. The front door will stay locked until early voting begins at which point there will be clerks at both doors. The Public Works Department also put new locks on the outside door.

**Public Testimony:**

Rico Dancy:

Mr. Dancy stated that he went to the United States District Court and filed a law suit. He talked to the National Black Deaf Advocate and the deaf club. It is a business. If they had deaf parents they would make sure they have equal access. He stated they will be getting a letter by the U.S. Marshall stating he is not playing.

**For the Good of the Order:**

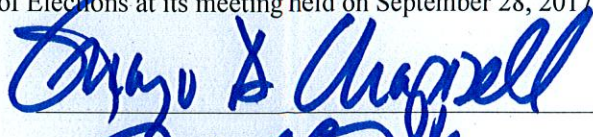
Ballot manager Brian Cleary stated that there was a miscalculation and no automatic recounts are needed.

The Board voted to amend the certification to remove the automatic recounts.

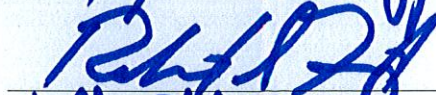
The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:01 p.m.

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 28, 2017.

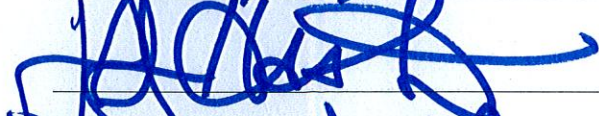
Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman

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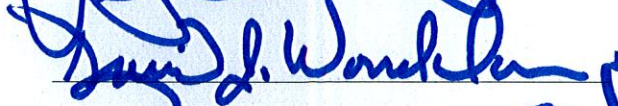
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