



**Board Meeting  
5-29-2018**

**Attending:**

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman  
David J. Wondolowski, Member  
Robert S. Frost, Member  
Pat McDonald, Director  
Anthony W. Perlatti, Deputy Director  
Nora Poore, 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 3:00 p.m.

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

**Agenda Item 1: Acknowledgement of Secretary of State Directive 2018-12: Use of a Remote Ballot Marking System**

The Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Secretary of State Directive 2018-12.

**Agenda Item 2: Certification of the Official Results of the May 8, 2018 Primary Election**

Ballot Manager Brian Cleary stated that there were 135,532 Election Day ballots cast; 72,318 absentee ballots cast; 1,597 provisional ballots cast; 932 post-election absentee ballots cast; and 203 post-election day ballots cast. A total of 1,781 provisional ballots were cast in-house and on Election Day. Of those ballots, 1,599 were valid and tabulated by the Ballot Department. There were 182 invalid provisional ballots resulting in a 10.22% rejection rate for this election. Of the 1,599 valid ballots, 2 multi-sheet ballots were returned without the first sheet. The sheets that were returned were tabulated, however only first sheets are recorded numerically in the tabulating system, resulting in a provisional scan of 1,597 ballots recorded. During the election, 1,545 ballot sheets were processed in accordance with the CCBOE Remake Policy. Of those, 796 were processed during the Unofficial Canvass. The remaining 749 ballot sheets were processed during the Official Canvass.

Board Member Hastings asked Director McDonald to provide an overview of the remake policy.

Director McDonald stated that when the scanner cannot read particular contests on ballots, a team comprised of a Democrat and Republican review the ballot to determine the voter's intent. When the intent is determined, a new ballot is marked according to the voter's intent and scanned accordingly.

Manager Cleary stated that there were a total of 2,623 over votes recorded, resulting in a 1.25% over vote rate for the election. Nine hundred and seventy-five precincts were involved in this election. Voter History is ongoing. Ballot Reconciliation is currently being conducted. There are six (6) automatic recounts for this election. The recounts will be conducted beginning Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

There are four (4) tied races that were resolved with a coin flip.

For the contest, Member of State Central Committee, Woman (Republican) – State Senate District 23, Candidate Doris Durica chose “heads.” The coin landed on “tails.” Candice Miller was declared the winner.

For the contest, Member of County Central Committee (Democrat) – East Cleveland-03-A, O Mays chose “heads.” The coin landed on “heads.” O Mays was declared the winner.

For the contest, Member of County Central Committee (Democratic) – Middleburg Heights-02-A, Lisa Nguyen chose “tails.” The coin landed on “tails.” Lisa Nguyen was declared the winner.

For the contest, Member of County Central Committee (Democrat) – Shaker Heights-00-A, since neither candidate was present at the meeting, the coin face was determined alphabetically. “Heads” represented David Dean while “tails” represented Dan Jenkins. The coin landed on “heads.” David Dean was declared the winner.

The Board voted to authorize remaking the optical scan ballots for the May 8, 2018 Primary Election except for Board Member, Rob Frost, who recused himself from authorizing remakes for the contests: State Central Committee, Man (Republican) – State Senate District 23, and State Central Committee, Woman (Republican) – State Senate District 23.

The Board voted to authorize approving the absentee ballots from the May 8, 2018 Primary Election Board except for Board Member, Rob Frost, who recused himself from authorizing absentee ballots for the contests: State Central Committee, Man (Republican) – State Senate District 23, and State Central Committee, Woman (Republican) – State Senate District 23.

The Board voted to authorize approving the provisional ballots from the May 8, 2018 Primary Election except for Board Member, Rob Frost, who recused himself from authorizing provisional ballots for the contests: State Central Committee, Man (Republican) – State Senate District 23, and State Central Committee, Woman (Republican) – State Senate District 23.

The Board voted to acknowledge the pre- & post-test results of the vote tabulation system from the May 8, 2018 Primary Election except for Board Member, Rob Frost, who recused himself from authorizing the pre- and post-test results for the contests: State Central Committee, Man (Republican) – State Senate District 23, and State Central Committee, Woman (Republican) – State Senate District 23.

The Board voted to acknowledge the official district wide results of the May 8, 2018 Primary Election for Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Geauga, Medina, Ottawa, Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties except for Board Member, Rob Frost, who recused himself from acknowledging any district wide results involving the contests: State Central Committee, Man (Republican) – State Senate District 23, and State Central Committee, Woman (Republican) – State Senate District 23.

The Board voted to certify the official results of the May 8, 2018 Primary Election except for Board Member, Rob Frost, who recused himself from certifying the official results for the contests: State Central Committee, Man (Republican) – State Senate District 23, and State Central Committee, Woman (Republican) – State Senate District 23.

**Agenda Item 3: Acknowledgement of the date, time, and place of the post-election audit for the May 8, 2018 Primary Election and random selection of a contest to be included in the audit.**

The post-election audit will be conducted beginning Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., pending the receipt of any requested recounts. The audit will be conducted using the batch-based risk-limiting audit method.

The race, Democratic Court of Common Pleas, General Division, FTC 1/9/2019, was randomly selected as the race to be audited.

**Agenda Item 4: Approval of Personnel Agenda**

Board Member Wondolowski asked if there was any policy in place that would prevent an employee from receiving funds for education and, shortly after the completion of their program, leave for another opportunity. Business Administrator Sean Webster replied that there was no policy currently in place, and that the Board of Elections Policy Manual was currently being updated. A new policy addressing this concern will be included in the updated policy. In specific regards to this request, the employee has been here for a substantial amount of time and has shown commitment to the agency and an interest in progressing upward through the agency. Board Member Wondolowski stated that he will approve the reimbursement today but will be unable to do so in the future unless there is a policy in place that commits the employee to remain at the Board of Elections for a reasonable amount of time following the completion of the program.

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

**Agenda Item 5: Approval of Vouchers**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the vouchers as listed.

**Public Testimony:**

Doris Durica

Ms. Durica asked that a non-biased person oversee the recount of her race and asked about the recount process.

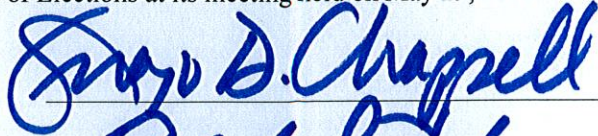
Mikhail Alterman

Mr. Alterman thanked the Board of Elections for its professionalism, efficiency, and assistance.

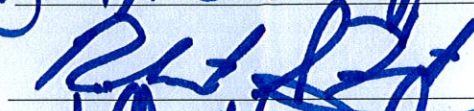
The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:33 p.m.

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 May 29, 2018.

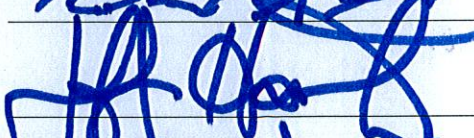
Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman

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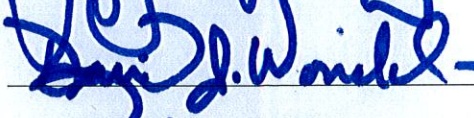
Robert S. Frost, Member

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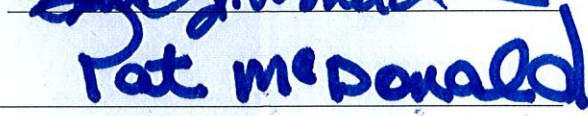
Jeff Hastings, Member

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