



**Board Meeting  
1-22-2019**

**Attending:**

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman  
David J. Wondolowski, Member  
Robert S. Frost, Member  
Jeff Hastings, Member  
Pat McDonald, Director  
Anthony Perlatti, Deputy Director  
Brendan Doyle, 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 2:04 p.m.

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

**Agenda Item 1: Approval of minutes from the December 19, 2018 Board Meeting**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2018 board meeting.

**Agenda Item 2: Acknowledgement of the following Secretary of State Directives:**

The Board voted unanimously to acknowledge Directives 2018-41, 2018-42, and 2018-43.

**Agenda Item 3: Amendment of the Official Results of the November 6, 2018 General Election to include the recently discovered ballot from Cleveland Ward 16 Precinct N**

Director Pat McDonald stated that last week staff found one clear, plastic provisional package containing four provisional ballots from Cleveland Ward 16, Precinct N. Three (3) are invalid. However one (1) of the ballots is valid, and so he recommended the Board to amend the certification to include the single provisional ballot. The package containing the four (4) ballots was inadvertently mixed into the large box used to store empty provisional packages on election night at the warehouse. Since these packages are virtually large clear plastic shipping envelopes they have always been one of the last items examined.

Moving forward, a team from Registration will head over to the warehouse the day after the election to ensure these packages do not contain any provisional ballots. We also intend to change the color of the bale on the outside of the package to something other than yellow. This is the color of the provisional envelope and possibly one of the reasons no one noticed envelopes in the stack of empty packages.

The Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the official district wide results of the November 6, 2018 General Election for Erie, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Medina, Ottawa, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne counties.

The Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the pre- and post-test results of the vote tabulation system from the November 6, 2018 General Election.

The Board voted unanimously to certify the official results of the November 6, 2018 General Election to include the newly discovered ballot from Cleveland Ward 16 Precinct N.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Acknowledgement of appointments to and resignations from elected office**

The Board voted to acknowledge the appointments to and resignations from elected office as listed. Board Member Hastings recused himself from voting on the resignation of Jeffrey A. Crossman, Parma City Council, Ward 9, and the appointment of Roy J. Jech, Parma City Council, Ward 9.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Acknowledgement of candidate withdrawals**

The Board voted to acknowledge the candidate withdrawals as listed. Board Member Hastings recused himself from voting on the withdrawal of Deanna O'Donnell, Parma Municipal Court Judge, FTC 1/1/2020.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Approval of vouchers**

Business Administrator Sean Webster stated that some of the iPad minis had to be replaced due to hardware issues, and it may be a common occurrence. The pallets used for offsite storage helps to free up space in the warehouse.

Board Member Wondolowski asked why a camera lens was so expensive. Information Services Manager Robin Roy stated that this lens was necessary to properly and clearly record the demonstrations and trainings. He stated that he solicited quotes from several other vendors and this one was one of the cheaper options.

The Board voted to approve the vouchers as listed. Chairwoman Chappell recused herself from voting on her reimbursement for travel expenses for the Winter Conference.

#### **New Business:**

##### Vendor Demonstrations

Director McDonald stated that three (3) vendors gave presentations. Each was given a full day. There was a good turnout from staff. The videos will be uploaded to the website today.

Board Member Frost asked if each vendor could leave a scanner to test at the Board of Elections. Director McDonald said he would look into it.

Director McDonald stated that staff will analyze the surveys and compile an in depth comparison of each system.

Chairwoman Chappell stated that she hoped each vendor felt that there was a level playing field. Director McDonald stated that he tried to reinforce the transparency of the process and that each vendor will be given equal consideration.

Chairwoman Chappell asked Director McDonald if compatibility costs will be factored into the analysis. Director McDonald stated that those costs will be factored in as well as any other collateral costs.

Board Member Hastings asked if staff could send the survey results to the Board.

#### Early Voting Locations

Director McDonald stated he met with John Myers, the real estate manager for Cuyahoga County, as well as several other officials. The county is working with us to find an offsite location.

Webster stated that they reached out to the Agora and the Masonic Hall, neither of which were interested in hosting the Board. There is another location off Hamilton Avenue, unfortunately it is not near public transportation.

Board Member Wondolowski suggested that if there is an appropriate site without public transportation that we ask the Greater Cleveland Rapid Transit Authority to accommodate us.

Webster also stated that the county is considering merging both headquarters and warehouse staff into one building in the warehouse. This would not happen until well after the 2020 Presidential Election. Both the Board of Elections and Cuyahoga County Council will need to approve a merger like this.

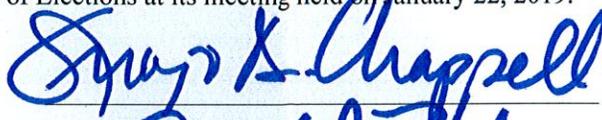
#### Ohio Association of Election Officials Recognition

Board Member Frost recognized Director McDonald for receiving the OAEO Volunteer of the Year Award.

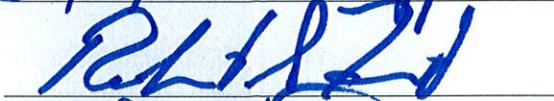
The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:33 p.m.

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 January 22, 2019.

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman



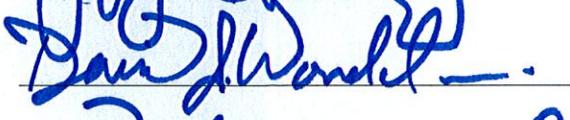
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