



**Board Meeting
2-12-2019**

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 2:00 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 January 22, 2019 Board Meeting

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2019 board meeting.

Agenda Item 2: November 6, 2018 General Election Precinct Election Officials Evaluations Policy and Report

Election Officials Manager Henry Curtis stated that staff performed a review of precinct election officials pursuant to the Secretary of State's policy. The remedy for precinct election officials who repeatedly err will be to not allow those workers to work again, and if there is a certain reoccurring mistake then staff will adjust its training accordingly. He asked the Board to approve the policy which has been outlined by the Secretary of State.

Chairwoman Chappell asked to review a copy of the policy itself before the Board approves.

Agenda Item 3: Certification of candidates to the May 7, 2019 Primary Election

Candidate and Petition Services Manager, Brent Lawler stated Timothy Zvoncheck, Candidate for Strongsville City Council for the May 7th Primary Election, did not use the prescribed form. The Board then discussed whether to certify him to the ballot.

The transcript of this proceeding is incorporated by reference into the minutes and is available upon request.

Board Member Hastings moved to allow Mr. Timothy Zvoncheck to be certified to the ballot for the May Primary Election. Board Member Frost seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion. Board Members Hastings and Frost voted for the motion. Board Member Wondolowski and Chairwoman Chappell voted against the motion. The motion resulted in a 2-2 tie and did not carry.

The Board voted to certify the candidates as listed to the May 7, 2019 Primary Election as listed. Board Member Hastings recused himself from certifying any candidates running for any seat in the City of Parma.

Agenda Item 4: Certification of candidates to the November 5, 2019 General Election in lieu of the May 7, 2019 Primary Election

The Board voted to certify the candidates to the November 5, 2019 General Election in lieu of the May 7, 2019 Primary Election as listed. Board Member Hastings recused himself from certifying from any candidates running for any seat in the City of Parma.

Agenda Item 5: Certification of issues to the May 7, 2019 Primary Election

The Board voted to certify the issues to the May 7, 2019 Primary Election as listed. Board Member Hastings recused himself from certifying any issues for the City of Parma.

Agenda Item 6: Acknowledgement of appointments to and retirement from elected office

The Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the appointments to and retirements from elected office as listed.

Agenda Item 7: Acknowledgement of candidate withdrawals

The Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the candidate withdrawals as listed.

Agenda Item 8: Approval of vouchers

The Board voted to approve the vouchers as listed. Board Member Frost recused himself from approving his reimbursement.

Agenda Item 9: Recommendation of a contract award to Berman Moving and Storage in the amount of \$131,979.47 for the delivery and return of voting equipment for all elections through May 3, 2021

Business Administrator Sean Webster stated that the terms are very similar to the last contract. Victor Rush is listed as the project manager.

The Board voted unanimously to award a contract to Berman Moving and Storage in the amount of \$131,979.47 for the delivery and return of voting equipment for all elections through May 3, 2021.

Agenda Item 10: Update regarding ballot printing

Webster stated that only one (1) bid was received, and it was from ES&S. The bid increased by 28% from the last contract. After receiving it staff asked ES&S if they could reduce their price. They replied that they could not for the following reasons: 1) paper and transportation cost has increased; 2) their subcontractor has increased their price; and 3) the performance bond doubled the cost. Staff then reached out to three (3) other vendors who expressed interest in the past, however, none were able to meet the terms of the contract. Staff then went back to ES&S to try to renegotiate the contract. Staff will ask the Board at the next meeting to approve the current contract, and then try to renegotiate the contract after the May election.

Chairwoman Chappell expressed concern about the proposed increase by ES&S and was glad that staff has pushed back on the 28% increase. She was very distressed by it.

Webster stated that the bonding requirements were very high and is included in the pricing. ES&S told staff that they don't have to use special paper, but in this case, ES&S paper is the only available.

Agenda Item 11: Approval of personnel agenda

Chairwoman Chappell congratulated Director McDonald for his appointment to the Ohio Lottery Commission. Each of the other board members congratulated Director McDonald and thanked him for his service. Director McDonald thanked the Board for their leadership and commended the staff for their work and dedication.

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

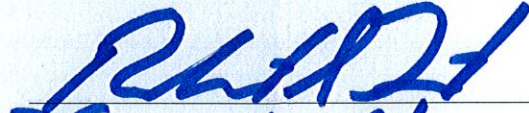
The Board voted unanimously to appoint Tony Perlatti as Interim Deputy Director.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Rob Frost as Interim Chairman.

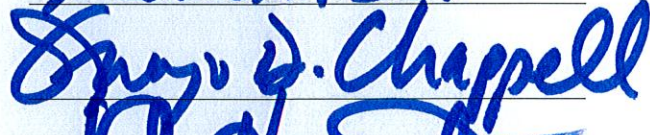
The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:51 p.m.

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 February 12, 2019.

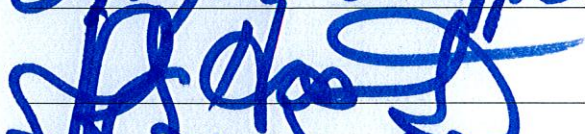
Robert S. Frost, Interim Chairman



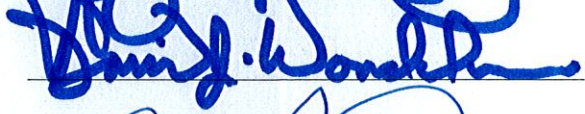
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