HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2019 at 1:30PM

The meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Elections was called to order at 1:30pm by Chairman Burke. Present were members Mr. Triantafilou, Mr. Faux and Mr. Gerhardt. Also present: Director Sherry Poland and Deputy Director Sally Krisel and David Stevenson and Cooper Bowen with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office.

Chairman Burke noted that proper notice was duly provided as required by O.R.C. 121.22.

I. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 13, 2018

Mr. Burke suggested tabling the approval of the Board Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2018 until a later meeting; the Board agreed.

II. PROPOSED PRECINCT REALIGNMENTS

The maximum allowable active voters per precinct is 1400 voters. Staff routinely monitors the number of active voters and when the number exceeds the allowable limit, a recommendation of Precinct realignment is made. The Board was advised of two precinct realignments recommended by Staff at this time:

The City of Harrison Precinct C: Proposed realignment of a portion of Precinct C be moved to adjoining Precinct D.

The City of Norwood Precinct 1A: Proposed realignment to divide Precinct Norwood 1A and add an additional precinct in Ward 1. The Ward will consist of three precincts: Norwood 1A; 1B and 1C. The polling locations for all voters in Ward One will remain the same.

The Board was also advised that the City of Blue Ash has redrawn their Ward lines which will require the Board to redraw precinct lines. It will be necessary for Legal Counsel to work with staff to make a formal request of the Secretary of State for a waiver from the requirement to align precinct boundaries to census blocks. There is no further action required by the Board at this time.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the Staff recommendation for the Precinct realignments as set forth in the City of Harrison and the City of Norwood; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board was advised that in February, the Blue Ash matter together with several additional proposed Precinct realignments would be brought before the Board.

III. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

The Board was advised that the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners has approved a 2% salary increase. It is the Staff recommendation that the 2% be distributed across the Board to all Staff.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the Staff recommendation on the Salary increase; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Board was advised of a change made by the Hamilton County Commissioners to the 2019 County Holiday Schedule. For the year 2019 only, the Hamilton County Commissioners adopted Friday, July 5th as a paid holiday.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to adopt the Holiday Schedule with the addition of July $5^{\rm th}$ as a paid holiday; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board was provided an update on the progress of implementation of the new voting system. It is expected the Board of County Commissioners will have a resolution to execute the purchase on their next meeting agenda. Staff is working on the resolution and the contract with the Hamilton County Administration and the Hamilton County Prosecutor's office. Staff is continuing to work with Hart on the project contract with the project scheduled to begin January 15th. The Board was advised of the process which will be employed to dispose of current equipment.

The Board was provided an update on changes to Ballot Bag distribution to Voting Location Managers.

Mr. Burke noted that the Board was in receipt of the Secretary of State decision reference the tie vote on the Pappas matter.

The Board was advised that the Hamilton County Prosecutors office is still investigating the matters which have been referred to them over the course of the previous election year.

The Board was advised on the voter registration "supplemental process".

Chairman Burke allowed for questions/comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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DATE: February 12, 2019

CHAIRMAN:

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