

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
OCTOBER 9, 2018 AT 8:30AM**

The meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Elections was called to order at 8:30am 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.

A Transcript of the meeting is attached hereto for reference.

I. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2018 and September 19, 2018; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. REVIEW: PAPPAS PETITION CIRCULATION INVESTIGATION

The Board began the continuation of the petition circulation investigation. Mr. Pappas and his counsel, Stuart Dornette were present.

Mr. Dornette provided an opening statement wherein he made his explanations as to the lack of appearance by Mr. Pappas at the September 17th meeting. Mr. Dornette stated that, at the time of their scheduling to appear at the September 17th meeting, Mr. Dornette and Mr. Pappas were not aware of a Board precedent wherein the Board did not require appearance and accepted a letter of explanation and apology. Mr. Dornette stated that upon learning of this precedent, he advised Mr. Pappas to do the same. An exchange of questions and answers followed.

Mr. Andrew Pappas was sworn and stated he would not be making a statement but was present to answer any questions. An exchange of questions and answers followed.

Ms. Katie Nappi, 644 Watch Point Drive, was sworn, made a statement and read a letter from Linda Young and a letter from Carol Hawkins; neither party was in attendance. Said letters were submitted to the Board. An exchange of questions and answers followed.

Ms. Martha Viehman, 7061 Grantham Way, was sworn and made a statement. An exchange of questions and answers followed.

Mr. Joshua Standish Fortin , 12137 McCauly Road, was sworn and made a statement.

Dr. Jim Wells, 8047 Kimbee Drive, was sworn and made a statement.

Ms. Mary Siegel from the Ohio Voter Integrity Project was sworn and made a statement. An exchange of questions and answers followed.

Ms. Tina Harrol, 2751 Eight Mile Road was sworn and made a statement.

Mr. Lebhar, 2320 North Heather Hill Blvd. was sworn and made a statement.

Ms. Denise Mayer, 6142 Woodland Drive, also from the Ohio Voter Integrity Project was sworn and made a statement. An exchange of questions and answers followed.

Ms. Jennifer Robbins, 6424 Copperleaf Lane was sworn and made a statement.

Ms. Erica Debling, Anderson Twp., was sworn and made a statement.

Ms. Jonelle Wehrman, 2182 Berrypatch Lane, was sworn and made a statement.

Ms. Sue Wood, 8109 Pineterrace, was sworn and made a statement.

Chairmen Burke concluded that all present who wished to address the Board had been provided an opportunity.

Mr. Faux made a motion to refer this matter to the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office for further investigation; Mr. Burke seconded. A discussion followed

The motion having a first and a second, Chairman Burke called for a vote: Mr. Burke – aye; Mr. Faux –aye; Mr. Triantafilou –nay; Mr. Gerhardt –nay. As the vote ended with a tie, each side will compose a letter to the Ohio Secretary of State, explaining their respective positions. The letter, together with the transcript of the meeting will be presented to the Ohio Secretary of State who will issue a decision on the tie vote.

III. APPROVE: ELECTION EQUIPMENT ALLOCATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Election Equipment Allocation for the November 6, 2018 General Election; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVE: BALLOT AND PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE QUANTITIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

The Board was advised that Ballot and Provisional envelop quantities has been adjusted based on the voter registration totals. Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballot and provisional envelope quantities for the November 6, 2018 General Election; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT AND EXECUTION OF BALLOT PRINTING CONTRACT

The Board was advised of the Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the Ballot Printing Contract; MCR was the only bidder. This contract would be for the 2019 through 2021 election cycles.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Resolution; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. UPDATE: REFERRALS TO HAMILTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Stevenson reported that the investigation with regard to the referrals made to the Hamilton County Prosecutor's office is still ongoing.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

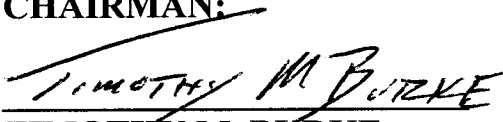
Ms. Poland reminded the Board of the previous discussion regarding the Campaign Neutral Zone. If there are no further recommendations from the Board, Staff plans to implement the plan as proposed beginning with the first day of early voting, October 10, 2018. A brief discussion regarding public right of way and private property followed. Ms. Poland indicated that the Board would increase the size of the campaign zone as necessary.


The Board was advised of a Sunshine Law class sponsored by the Ohio Attorney General taking place at the office of the Board of Elections on December 11, 2018.

Chairman Burke allowed for additional comments from the audience whereupon Mr. Joseph Janus asked some questions of the Board.

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

APPROVED:
DATE: November 5, 2018

CHAIRMAN:

TIMOTHY M. BURKE

DIRECTOR:

SHERRY L. POLAND