

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
FEBRUARY 16, 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 Dave Stevenson 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: JANUARY 9, 2018

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2018; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. REVIEW: NOVEMBER 7, 2017 PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIAL ASSESSMENTS

The Board reviewed the November 7, 2017 General Election Precinct Election Day Performance Assessment Staff Summary Report with the following recommendations:

1. 165 - Voting Locations require no action
92 - Voting Locations had "no Issues" and will be sent a letter of commendation
2. 179 - Voting Locations will be sent Retraining information
3. In-Person Training for the following:
 - 6- Voting Locations
 - 4 - Individual PEOs
4. 1 - PEO - Removed for Not Voting
5. 6 - PEOs - Removed/Retired – No Rehire

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the Staff Summary Report; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES AND ISSUES FOR THE MAY 2018 PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION

The Board reviewed the list of candidates and issues for the May 2018 Primary/Special Election. This list included candidates whose petitions, upon review by Staff, were found to be sufficient to be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to certify the List of Candidates and Issues for the May 2018 Primary/Special Election; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board was presented a second list of candidates whose petitions, upon review by Staff, were found to require review by the Board. The list is as follows:

1. **Ginger Bock:** Petitions found to be sufficient to be placed on the ballot. The Board was asked to make a determination on the candidate's request to appear on the ballot as Ginger Bock. The candidate circulated petitions and is registered to vote as Ginger Bock Rea.

Mr. Burke made a motion to certify the Candidate's Petition and approve using the name Ginger Bock; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Kyle Hufford:** Mr. Hufford filed petitions for the Republican State Central Committee leaving the Nomination Section of the Petition blank.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to certify the Candidate to the Ballot stating the opinion that substantial compliance has been met; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Prince E. Johnson:** Mr. Johnson filed petitions for the County Central Committee for the Green Party. Mr. Johnson is a registered voter for the Democratic Party. Mr. Stevenson advised the Board that due to his voting record in the Democratic Primary, Mr. Johnson may not be considered a member of the Green Party for purposes of election to the Green Party County Central Committee per the Green Party's bylaws. Mr. Stevenson recommended the Board reject the petition.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to follow the advice of legal counsel and reject the petition; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Steven J. Megerle:** Mr. Megerle filed petitions for the Republican County Central Committee Cincinnati Precinct 13-E but incorrectly used form 2I (seeking nomination) instead of form 2L (seeking election). Mr. Stevenson recommended the Board reject the petition.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to follow the advice of counsel and reject the petition; Mr. Faux seconded.

Mr. Burke noted that it was his belief that substantial compliance was met due to the fact that although the candidate did use a form seeking nomination, he correctly referred to the May Primary/Special Election.

Mr. Triantafilou withdrew his previous motion; Mr. Faux withdrew his previous second.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to certify the Candidate to the Ballot; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Richard A. McVay: Mr. McVay filed petitions for the Republican County Central Committee in Colerain Township AA. Mr. McVay's declaration of candidacy was dated May 8, 2018, the petition signatures were dated February 6, 2018 and the petition was filed February 7, 2018. Mr. Stevenson advised that the dates on the petitions must be subsequent to the date that appears on the declaration of candidacy.**

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to reject the petition; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION: STATEWIDE CANDIDATE PETITIONS

The Board reviewed a letter and related materials provided by Mr. Burke. The consensus of the Board was that the letter and related materials be referred to the Ohio Secretary of State and asked Staff to forward same.

V. RESOLUTION: AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITES LEASE – PEO TRAINING FACILITY

The Board reviewed Resolution #18-001 authorizing Director Sherry Poland to enter into an agreement to amend the facility lease for additional space for poll worker training. The additional space is located to the rear of the Board offices, in the same office campus.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to adopt Resolution #18-001; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passes unanimously

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Ms. Poland reported on the status of the process for selecting new Voting Equipment. Two mock elections were conducted with over 100 people participating each day. Staff is in the process of using a scoring matrix to review through the data derived from the surveys completed by mock election participants.**
 - 2. Ms. Poland reported on the receipt of the Demolished Building report compiled by Ms. Marlene Kocher. The report consists of data provided by the City of Cincinnati (29 properties) and the Port Authority (14 properties) of properties demolished in 2017. Staff is in the process of reviewing the information and sending letters to voters registered at these addresses.**
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3. Chairman Burke reported that the interviewing process for the opening for the Democratic Campaign Finance Specialist is completed and decision has been made to hire Alicia Moore to fill the position.

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

4. The Board discussed upcoming meetings and scheduled the next special meeting for Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 8:30am to Certify Write-In Candidates to the May 2018 Primary/Special Election Ballot. The Board cancelled the regular meeting scheduled for March 6, 2018 and rescheduled it to March 13, 2018 at 8:30am.

Mr. Burke allowed for questions and comments from the audience.

Mary Siegel questioned the Board regarding the Livingston/Gragston complaint which came before the Board at the January 9, 2018 meeting. Mr. Stevenson advised that he sent an opinion to the Board addressing the question of a voter, registered in Ohio leaving the state and voting elsewhere. Mr. Stevenson advised that said voter would lose residency in the State but there is no provision in the law to automatically cancel the registration due to the move and no provision to mandate "re-registration". A brief discussion followed.

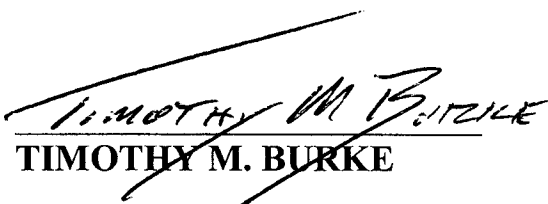
Mr. J. Janus Jr. questioned the Board regarding temporary signage for handicap parking at the Deer Park High School voting location. Ms. Poland advised that staff would investigate the matter.

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

APPROVED:

DATE: March 2, 2018

CHAIRMAN:


TIMOTHY M. BURKE

DIRECTOR:


SHERRY L. POLAND