

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
MARCH 2, 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: FEBRUARY 16, 2018

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2018; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. HEARING: PROTEST FILED BY PAUL SOHI REGARDING THE CANDIDACY OF JESSICA MIRANDA DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY STATE REPRESENTATIVE 28TH DISTRICT (a copy of the transcript is incorporated herein for reference)

Chairman Burke indicated his intent to recuse himself on the substance of this matter due to the involvement of his law firm with Dr. Sohi on other legal matters.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to appoint Caleb Faux temporary chair for the purpose of this hearing; Mr. Gerhardt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Faux continued with the hearing, addressing the request set forth by Dr. Sohi for a continuance on the matter due to his counsel not being present. Mr. Stevenson expressed his opinion that the protest was filed by Dr. Sohi without counsel therefore he is not entitled to counsel at this time; it is in the Board's discretion to grant the continuance. The Board elected to hear arguments from both sides with respect to the request for continuance.

Dr. Paul Sohi presented his arguments in favor of the continuance.

Paul DeMarco, attorney on behalf of Jessica Miranda, presented arguments in opposition to the continuance.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to deny the request for the continuance; Mr. Gerhardt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Sohi presented his protest arguments and responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. DeMarco presented his arguments and responded to questions from the Board.

A discussion of the merits ensued; Mr. Stevenson responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to deny the protest filed by Dr. Sohi; Mr. Gerhardt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Burke returned to resume as chair and conduct the remainder of the meeting.

III. HEARING: PROTEST FILED BY GEOFFREY SEA AND JASON SHUGARD REGARDING THE CADIDACY OF WILLIAM SMITH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mr. Burke advised that this protest was withdrawn the previous day. Mr. Smith was informed of the withdrawal earlier today. No action is required of the Board.

IV. CERTIFICATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR THE MAY 2018 PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to certify the list of write-in candidates to the May 2018 Primary/Special Election; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF SEASONAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The Board reviewed the list of proposed seasonal staff.

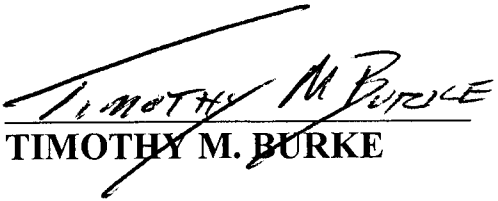
Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the list of seasonal staff and authorize the Director and Deputy Director to add additional seasonal staff as needed; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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: April 3, 2018

CHAIRMAN:


TIMOTHY M. BURKE

DIRECTOR:


SHERRY L. POLAND