

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
MAY 20, 2019 at 8:30AM**

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

Ms. McFarlin noted that proper notice was duly provided as required by O.R.C. 121.22.

I. APPROVE BALLOT REMAKES

The Board was advised that there were no ballot remakes at this time.

II. VERIFICATION: PROVISIONAL BALLOT REPORT

The Board reviewed the Summary Staff Recommendation for the May 7, 2019 Primary/Special Election dated May 17, 2019.

Total # of Provisional Ballots issued:	11
<u>Total # Accepted:</u>	<u>8</u>

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the Staff recommendation and approve the 8 Provisional Ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Not Registered:	3
Total # Rejected:	3

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. CERTIFICATION: MUNICIPAL COURT JUDICIAL CANDIDATES AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION

The Board was advised of three separate lists for their review:

Independent Candidates

Judge of Municipal Court Candidates

Judge of Municipal Court Candidates – for Board Review

The Board considered the Judge of Municipal Court Candidate- for Board Review first: The petitions of Mr. Ed Lanter for Judge, Municipal Court District 6. The Board was advised that Mr. Lanter submitted 12 part petitions, all of which were examined by bipartisan teams. Staff determined that Mr. Lanter's part petitions consisted of a combination of form types, specifically form 3I and form 3ID.

Pursuant to Court Order, the form type to be used in Hamilton County is Form 3ID which is required to specifically set forth the Municipal Court District for which the petitions are being circulated. In 11 of the part petitions submitted, Mr. Lanter combined the cover page of form 3ID with the signature pages of form 3I for each of his part petitions. A discussion ensued. Mr. Stevenson recused himself from making recommendations due to a potential conflict as another candidate who has also submitted petitions for Municipal Court District 6 is currently employed by the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Faux indicated he believed substantial compliance had been met as Mr. Lanter included the District number on the form type 3I in an effort to mimic form type 3ID.

Ms. McFarlin pointed out the differences in the form types, including the Ohio Revised Code reference and other terminology specific to Hamilton County on form 3ID.

Mr. Lanter was given the opportunity to address the issue of the petitions he filed and the circumstances that lead him to the two different form types.

Mr. Triantafilou expressed his concerns regarding the submission of two different form types coupled together to create each part petition. His concern was specifically centered on the timing of form 3ID being added to the signature pages of form 3I. Mr. Lanter was unable to address that question.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to reject the petitions filed by Mr. Lanter for Municipal Court Judge District 6; Mr. Gerhardt seconded. Ms. McFarlin- aye; Mr. Triantafilou –aye; Mr. Gerhardt –aye; Mr. Faux –nay. The motion carries with three affirmative votes.

Continuing with the Certification of Candidates, Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the Staff recommendation and certify the independent candidates to the

November 5, 2019 General Election Ballot; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the Staff recommendation and certify the Judge of Municipal Court Candidates to the November 5, 2019 General Election Ballot; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. CERTIFICATION: QUESTIONS AND ISSUES FOR THE AUGUST 6, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION

The Board was advised of two issues requiring certification for the August 6, 2019 Special Election.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the Staff recommendation and certify the Princeton City School District Tax Levy and the Hilltop Joint Fire and Rescue District Tax Levy to the August 6, 2019 Special Election Ballot; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Acknowledging that the Board has business for an Executive Session, Ms. McFarlin first allowed for questions and comments from the audience.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Specialized Details of Security Arrangements (i.e. Future Cyber Security Planning); Mr. Faux seconded. Ms. McFarlin –aye; Mr. Triantafilou –aye; Mr. Faux –aye; Mr. Gerhardt –aye. The motion passed unanimously whereupon the Board entered Executive Session at 9:02am.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to return to Regular Session; Mr. Faux seconded. Ms. McFarlin –aye; Mr. Triantafilou –aye; Mr. Faux –aye; Mr. Gerhardt –aye. The motion passed unanimously whereupon the Board returned to Regular Session at 9:32am.

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: June 11, 2019

CHAIR:


GWEN L. MCFARLIN

DIRECTOR:


SHERRY L. POLAND