

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
JUNE 27, 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 Bowan 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: MAY 31, 2018 AND JUNE 5, 2018

Chairman Burke requested the Board hold the minutes for June 5, 2018 for approval at a later date.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes for May 31, 2018; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A Transcript of the meeting is attached hereto for reference.

**II. HEARING: PROTEST REGARDING CRISTINA BURCICA
PETITIONS FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE**

Ms. Poland provided the background information regarding this protest: On June 5, 2018 the Board voted to reject certain part petitions that were submitted by Cristina Burcica, which left Ms. Burcica three signatures short of the required number of signatures. Ms. Burcica returned to the Board of Elections office to review those part petitions that the Board did not reject at the June 5th meeting. She identified approximately 8 signatures that she believes should have been accepted by Staff. Ms. Burcica is asking the Board to review those 8 signatures to determine if they should be accepted. Ms. Poland advised that Staff has reviewed those signatures and determined that 4 should have been accepted and 4 would require Board determination.

Cristina Burcica was sworn and provided testimony regarding the collection of the signatures and the research she conducted to determine the validity of the signatures in question. An exchange of questions and responses regarding each of the signatures in question ensued. The Board made their determinations as follows:

- Part petition p. 2; line 2: Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to reject the signature consistent with Staff recommendation; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Part petition p. 2; line 29: Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the signature consistent with Staff recommendation; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Part petition p. 4; line 7: Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the signature consistent with Staff recommendation; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Part petition p. 6; line 8: Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to reject the signature; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Part petition p. 6; line 24: Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the signature consistent with Staff recommendation; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Part petition p. 8; line 12: Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the signature; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Part petition p. 10; line 27: Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the signature consistent with Staff recommendation; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Part petition p. 12; line 5: Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to reject the signature; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

The review of the signatures completed, it is determined that 5 additional signatures have been added; 3 were required.

Chairman Burke indicated that he had additional questions regarding the petitions and his concern regarding substantial compliance on several of the part petitions. An exchange of questions and responses ensued. Mr. Triantafilou addressed the issue of this item not being a part of the original protest and therefore not a part of the agenda. The Board was advised that July 15, 2018 was the deadline for certification.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing this quasi-judicial proceeding; Mr. Faux seconded. Mr. Burke-aye; Mr. Triantafilou –aye; Mr. Faux –aye; Mr. Gerhardt –aye. The motion passed unanimously whereupon the Board entered Executive Session at 9:32am.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to return to Regular Session; Mr. Faux seconded. Mr. Burke – aye; Mr. Triantafilou –aye; Mr. Faux –aye; Mr. Gerhardt –aye. The motion passed unanimously whereupon the Board returned to Regular Session at 9:45am.

Mr. Burke advised that this meeting will be continued until Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 8:30am to allow the Board to specifically address the issues raised by Mr. Burke and to allow Ms. Burcica opportunity to prepare her response and to engage counsel if she so desires.

III. APPROVAL: FULL-TIME STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The Board was provided the names of two new full-time Republican employees in the Absentee Voting/PEO Department: Mel Gertz- PEO Coordinator and Catherine Tuttle – PEO Recruiter.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the hiring of the two full-time staff members as named; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REVIEW: PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET

The Board was provided a copy of the first draft of the recommended 2019 Budget, requiring approval prior to submission to the Hamilton County Commissioners.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the recommendation for the first draft of the 2019 Budget; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board was advised that the Hamilton County Board of Elections is hosting the OAEO Southwest Regional Meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2018.

Mr. Faux raised questions regarding the recent Supreme Court decision on the supplemental process for purging voter registration and any Directives that may have been set forth by the Ohio Secretary of State as a consequence of the decision. Ms. Poland advised that instructions have been received from the Secretary of State and that there will be no cancellations based on the supplemental process until after the November Election at which time further guidance will be provided. A discussion followed.

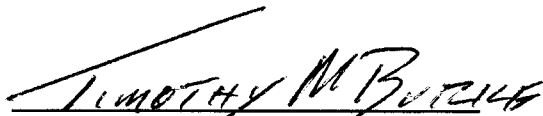
Ms. Poland advised that the Election Administration Plan that is required to be updated prior to every even year General Election is being prepared and will be emailed to the Board this week. The Board may affix their signatures to the document on July 3rd.

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: August 2, 2018

CHAIRMAN:


TIMOTHY M. BURKE

DIRECTOR:


SHERRY L. BOLAND