

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
MARCH 13, 2020 at 10:30AM**

The meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Elections was called to order at 10:30am 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 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. Ms. McFarlin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Mr. Gerhardt made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2020; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Triantafilou abstaining.

II. APPROVE: BALLOT REMAKES

Ms. Criddle presented the following ballots to the Board. All were remade by bipartisan teams pursuant to Secretary of State Directive and Board policy:

Remakes: UOCAVA
A1 – A87
A194 – A 198

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Remakes: Damaged
A88 – A133
A165 – A193

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Remake: 17-year-old voters*
A134 – A138

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

*17-year old voters may not vote on questions or issues or in contests to directly elect candidates. Ballots remade to exclude those contests.

**Remakes: Incorrect Precinct*
A139
A140**

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

***Voters received incorrect precinct ballot; no difference in contests; ballot remade to correct precinct**

**Remakes: Stray Marks
A141 – A159
(No Voter intent questions)**

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Remakes: Voter Intent*
A160 – A164**

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

***Remakes reviewed by Director and Deputy Director prior to being presented to the Board**

III. REVIEW: LOGIC AND ACCURACY RESULTS

The Logic and Accuracy Public Test Results were reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Logic and Accuracy Public Test Results report; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVE: AUDIT POLICY

An Audit Policy Designating Staff to Handle Ballots during Post Election Audits was presented to the Board.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to Approve the Policy; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. DECLARE THE POLLS OPEN FOR THE MARCH 17, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to Declare the Polls Open at 6:30am on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 for the Presidential Primary Election; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

It was the desire of the Board to place of record the Action and Response to Coronavirus:

- 1. 26 Resident Senior Centers that were Polling Locations have been relocated and moved to nearby existing Polling Locations. Notification has been sent to all applicable voters. Staff is working to enable the residents of these Senior living facilities to vote absentee by dropping off and picking up Absentee ballot request forms and voted Absentee ballots. In some instances, Nursing Home staff has been temporarily deputized so that they may assist the voter since Staff is not permitted in the facility.**
- 2. Polling locations will be equipped with hand sanitizer for both poll workers and voters and disinfectant wipes so the poll workers may keep the voting area and polling location clean. Poll workers will be provided gloves for their use and are encouraged to take frequent breaks to wash their hands with soap and water. Voters are advised that they may bring their own pens – blue or black ink – to use in voting. Trouble shooters will be equipped with back up hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipe and gloves in addition to the backup equipment supplies they usually carry.**

The Board was advised that polling locations in facilities that have previously been closed (schools; libraries) will remain as a polling location for the purpose of this Election.

Due to the many Poll Workers who have declined to work due to the circumstances of this Election, a Press conference was held as a call to action for the need for additional Poll Workers. Agencies such as the Secretary of State, the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Cincinnati Public Schools Teacher's Union have forwarded interested parties to our office. Staff has been receiving many calls and has added additional training classes to facilitate the additional last-minute sign ups.

The Board was provided an update of the Absentee Voting numbers to date.

Kenny Henning, Secretary of State Liaison to the Board addressed the Board. He provided information regarding possible reimbursement for the additional costs of sanitizing products for this Election.

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

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
MARCH 16, 2020 at 7PM**

The meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Elections reconvened at 7pm 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: RESOLUTION: 2020-001

A Resolution authorizing the Director and Deputy Director to take action necessary and appropriate to limit the risk to staff and to assure proper implementation of the duties of the Board was presented for approval. The entire Resolution was read into the record by Chair McFarlin.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-001; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. DISCUSSION: MARCH 17, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The Board discussed the Election scheduled to begin at 6:30am Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and the fluid situation regarding the discussions, press conferences and legal actions taking place among Governor DeWine and Secretary of State LaRose to suspend the election. At the time of the meeting, the polls were scheduled to be open at 6:30am on March 17, 2020.

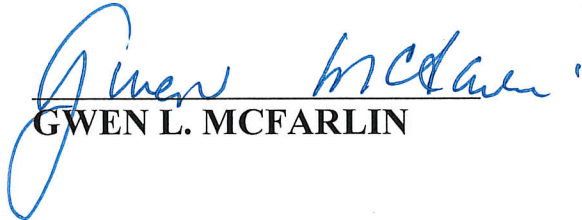
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

DATE: April 7, 2020

CHAIR:

DIRECTOR:


GWEN L. MCFARLIN


SHERRY L. POLAND