

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
MAY 14, 2020 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 with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's office. Due to COVID-19 and Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's stay at home order, the meeting was live streamed for public viewing.

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.

Board Member Caleb Faux addressed the Board with a statement of appreciation for the Staff and "Extras" for their hard work and diligence throughout the last months. Chair McFarlin, Mr. Triantafilou and Mr. Gerhardt concurred with this sentiment.

**I. MARCH 17, 2020 PROVISIONAL BALLOT SUMMARY STAFF
RECOMMENDATION – REVISED MAY 14, 2020**

Director Sherry Poland advised the Board of the Revised Provisional Ballot Summary Staff Recommendation dated May 14, 2020 for their review. The report is updated upon all of the Provisional ballots being opened and reflects changes to three categories. The Board approved the following changes to the Summary Staff Recommendation dated May 14, 2020:

Accepted/Wrong Precinct: +8* Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

*Number of Accepted/Wrong Precinct Ballots changed from 43 to 51

Rejected/No Ballot: +8* Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

*Number of Rejected/ No Ballot changed from 5 to 13

Rejected/After Deadline: +11* Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

***Number of Rejected/After Deadline Ballots changed from 70 to 81**

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: 17-year-old voter*
P1134** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballot 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. Ballot remade to exclude those contests.**

**Remakes: Double Bubble*
P40 – P41** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

***Voter cast vote for candidate and also votes same candidate as a write in – ballot remade to exclude second vote (overvote).**

**Remakes: Damaged
P42 – P50
P65 – P74
P90** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Remakes: Stray Marks
P75 – P89** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Remakes: Wrong Precinct*
P51 – P54
P56 – P58
P60** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the ballots as remade; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

***Voter was sent the Ballot/Provisional Packet consistent with the address provided by the voter on the Absentee Ballot request form. Voter completed the Provisional envelope providing the address of their current registration therefore an incorrect precinct Ballot was provided/voted. The Ballot was remade to the precinct as provided on the Provisional Envelope.**

**Remakes: Voter Intent*
P61 – P64**

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.**

Ms. Criddle advised the Board that in the previous Board meeting, Wrong Precinct Ballots were part of the approved/accepted provisional ballots. The remake of these ballots to the correct precinct has been completed and for Board information the remake numbers are provided as follows: P1 – P39; P55; P59

III. DISCUSSION: PREPARATIONS TO REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Board was advised that although the Board of Elections offices are closed to the public, the vestibule of the front office area has remained open and utilized for obtaining and submitting voter registration forms and absentee ballot request forms. Staff has been working on plans for the eventual reopening of the offices to the public. The County Administration has retained a consulting firm to assist county agencies with this process. Chair McFarlin expressed concern over public adherence to the guidelines for reopening. Ms. Poland assured the Board that the all plans for reopening would be submitted to the Board prior to implementation.

The Board stood in recess at 8:48am while Staff completes the process of conducting the official count for the March 17, 2020 Primary Election.

The Board resumed the meeting at 9:11am.

IV. CERTIFY: MARCH 17, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

The Board was advised that the official count was complete; no contests were in the recount range.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to Certify the results of the March 17, 2020 Primary Election; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. POST-ELECTION SCHEDULING

The Board was advised that due to no recounts being required, no further Post-Election meetings were required. Staff will schedule and provide public notice for the Post-Election audit which is required and will be conducted not earlier than May 20, 2020 and to be completed within 21 days of Certification.

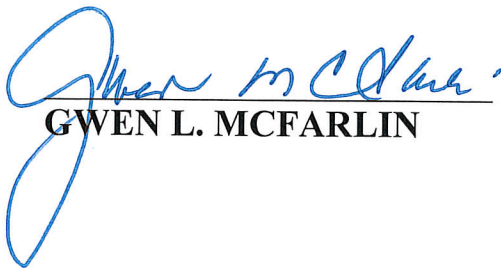
Kenny Henning, Regional Liaison to the Ohio Secretary of State addressed the Board.

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 9, 2020

CHAIR:


GWEN L. MCFARLIN

DIRECTOR:


SHERRY L. POLAND