

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
JUNE 9, 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.

I. APPROVE: BOARD MEETING MINUTES: MAY 12, 2020 AND MAY 14, 2020

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2020 and May 14, 2020; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVE: EQUIPMENT ALLOCATION FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Equipment Allocation for the August 4, 2020 Special Election; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVE: BALLOT AND PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE QUANTITIES FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Ballot and Provisional Envelope quantities for the August 4, 2020 Special Election; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPOINTMENT: PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION

The Board was advised of the Staff recommendation to appoint a total of 20 Precinct Election Officials for the August 4, 2020 Special Election (6 each assigned to the Mt. Healthy precincts and 8 assigned to the St. Bernard precinct).

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Staff recommendation to appoint Precinct Election Officials for the August 4, 2020 Special Election; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. REVIEW: VOTER REGISTRATIONS

The Board was advised of two spreadsheets. The first was entitled “Registered Voters at 2019 Demolished Buildings – City of Cincinnati”. There were 67 properties identified in the demolished building report. Staff identified 24 voters registered at addresses appearing on the list. The Board was advised that on February 5, 2020 Staff mailed a letter along with a voter registration form and a request to update their registration was sent to each of the 24 registered voters. One voter (#9 on the spreadsheet) responded to indicate that the property had not been demolished and she was uncertain as to why it was included on this list; another voter (#13 on the spreadsheet) provided a change of address to update their voter registration. To date 11 of the remaining letters have been returned undeliverable.

The second spreadsheet was entitled “Landbank Demolitions 2019” and contained a list of 45 properties wherein Staff identified voters were registered. A voter registered at one of the addresses on the list cast a Provisional Ballot in the March 17, 2020 Primary Election and in doing so, changed their address. The Board was advised that a letter along with a voter registration form and a request to update their registration was sent to each of the remaining 44 registered voters. A change of address was submitted by voter #5 on the spreadsheet and a forwarding address was provided by voter #32 on the spreadsheet. To date, the remaining letters have been returned undeliverable.

The Board expressed concern regarding the properties as it was clear that at least one address provided on the list was there in error as the voter registered at that address disputed the demolition of the property. The Board instructed Staff to visit the properties contained in the first spreadsheet, obtain photos as necessary and update the list accordingly.

As is the practice of the Board, a Challenge Hearing was set for Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 8:30am.

VI. REOPENING PLAN

For the past several months, the offices of the Board of Elections have been closed to the public. The front office vestibule has remained open for self-serve voter registration and absentee ballot requests, etc. and Staff has been on duty to provide

assistance and conduct business with an appointment. The Board was advised that the Board of Elections facility is now set to fully reopen effective June 22, 2020. Several safety measures have been put in place to ensure adherence to safe distance protocol. Masks and hand sanitizer will be made available to visitors and Staff and work stations are separated by distance or protective barriers.

VII. APPROVAL: FULL TIME STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The Board was advised of the following Full Time Staff appointments:
Jeremy Jimmar promoted to Elections Administrator of the AV/PEO Department
Phelps Jones appointed to Election Specialist in the Operations Department

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to Approve the Full Time Staff appointments; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Poland updated the Board on several items with respect to plans for polling locations, poll worker recruitment and training and early voting for the November, 2020 Presidential Election.

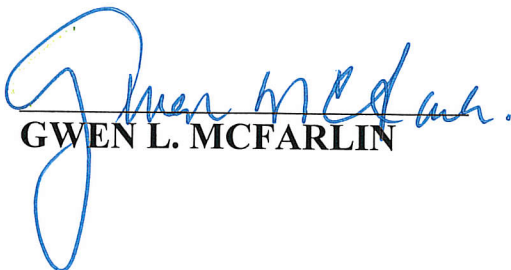
Chair McFarlin invited newly appointed Administrator Jeremy Jimmar to address the Board.

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: July 14, 2020

CHAIR:


GWEN L. MCFARLIN

DIRECTOR:


SHERRY L. POLAND