

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 16, 2020 at 12PM**

The meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Elections was called to order at 12pm by Chair Gwen McFarlin. Present were members Mr. Triantafilou, Mr. Gerhardt and Mr. Faux. Also present: Director Sherry Poland and Deputy Director Sally Krisel and David Stevenson and Cooper Bowen with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's office. Due to Social Distancing and limited space in the Board Meeting Room, 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: NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2020

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes for November 2 & 3, 2020; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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
A3117 – A3126
A3130 – A3216

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

Remakes: Hospital/Out of County*
A3127 – A3129

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

*Voters hospitalized out of county; emailed ballots remade to ballot paper

Remakes: Single Sheet*
A3217 – A3225

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

*2nd Sheet of 2-page ballot returned; remade to include unvoted first page

Remakes: Damaged
A3226 – A3238

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

Remakes: Stray Marks*
A3239 – A3242

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

***Ballots reviewed by Director and Deputy Director.**

Remakes: Voter Intent*
A3249

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

***Ballot reviewed by Director and Deputy Director.**

Remakes: Incorrect Precinct*
A3243 – A3248

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

***Incorrect Precinct ballot returned; remade to correct precinct**

Remakes: FWAB*
A3250 – A3286
A3304

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

***Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot – Voter requested a UOCAVA ballot and completed a “FWAB” form as a “back-up ballot” to ensure a ballot is cast on their behalf in the event their UOCAVA ballot is not returned via international mail.**

Remakes: Change of Address*
A3287 – A3303

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

***Early AV request followed by a Change of Address submitted prior to close of registration; Ballots remade to correct Precinct.**

Remakes: Election Day unscanned*
P1 – P7

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

***Precinct ballots that were unscanned at the Polling Location on Election Day.**

III. APPROVE: PROVISIONAL BALLOT REPORT

The Board reviewed the Summary Staff Recommendation for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election dated November 16, 2020.

Total # of Provisional Ballots issued:	13,345
Total # Accepted:	11,613
Accepted:	11,422

Wrong Precinct Ballot:	94
APRI Exception – 2011:	12
APRI Exception – 2013:	5
APRI Exception – 2015:	37
APRI Exception – 2019:	43

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the 11,613 Provisional Ballots and add those to the official count; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Provisional Ballots identified by staff for rejection. The Ballots were presented by category:

Total # Rejected: 1,714

Not Registered: 1,156 Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Voted Wrong Precinct/
Wrong Location: 168** Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No Signature: 41 Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No ID*: 72 Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

***No ID provided or ID provided does not match BOE records**

Signature Mismatch 14 Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No Ballot: 18 Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these envelopes; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Voted Absentee*: **129** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

***The Board requests the ballots in these categories be included in the Post Election Anomaly report.**

No Printed Name: **1** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject this ballot; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Voted Twice In-Precinct*: **9** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

***The Board requests the ballots in this category be included in the Post Election Anomaly report.**

Invalid Address: **1** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject this ballot; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

No DOB: **74** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

No Address: **31** **Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to reject these ballots; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Further Review:

Month/Day

Mismatch: **16**

The Board was advised that, per Secretary of State Directive, if all other information provided is accurate per BOE records, the ballots may be counted.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept these ballots per Secretary of State

Directive and Staff recommendation; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Same Voter*

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Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to follow the recommendation from Counsel and open P9373 (lowest P# received); Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

***The Board was advised that two completed Provisional Envelopes were cast in the same precinct, same polling location within minutes of each other. No notes were included to indicate the reason for this, however Staff has surmised perhaps one was intended to be a soiled and defaced/voided ballot. As there is no way to determine this prior to opening the envelope, Staff is seeking instruction from the Board as to which Provisional Envelope should be counted; the envelopes have been provided a "P" number by Staff.**

Mr. Stevenson offered the following guidance: Open the lowest "P" number first; if the ballot can be counted (not voided in Precinct) then it is counted and the second envelope is rejected (unopened). If the first is voided, it is rejected and the second is opened and counted.

The Board inquired regarding ballots received after the Election and were advised that approximately 1,000 ballots were received after Election Day and were postmarked timely, including 11S forms (forms sent to voter by Staff to cure a deficiency on a timely returned Absentee ballot identification envelope).

The Board was further advised that statistics regarding Ballots received after the deadline would be included as part of the reports due to the Ohio Secretary of State.

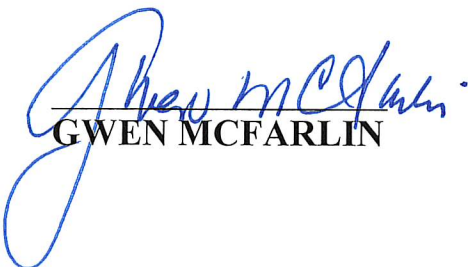
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to stand in recess; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

DATE: December 8, 2020

CHAIR:

DIRECTOR:


GWEN MCFARLIN


SHERRY L. BOLAND