

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 18, 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. 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. REVISED PROVISIONAL BALLOT REPORT

The Board was advised of the Revised Summary Staff Recommendation for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election dated November 18, 2020.

Total # of Provisional Ballots issued:	13,345
Total # Accepted:	11,614
Accepted:	11,393
Wrong Precinct Ballot:	124
APRI Exception – 2011:	12
APRI Exception – 2013:	5
APRI Exception – 2015:	37
APRI Exception – 2019:	43
Total # Rejected:	1,731
Not Registered:	1,156
Voted Wrong Precinct/Wrong Location	182
No Signature:	43
No ID	72
Signature Mismatch	14
No Ballot	18
Voted Absentee	129
No Printed Name:	1
Voted Twice In-Precinct	10
Invalid Address:	1
No Address	31
No DOB	74

Further Review: 0

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the revised Staff recommendation and reject 182 ballots in the wrong precinct/wrong location category; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the revised Staff recommendation and reject 43 ballots in the no signature category; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the revised Staff recommendation and accept 11,614 ballots; 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: Incorrect Precinct
P8 – P101
P178 – P185
P248 – P260
P300 – P311**

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

**Remakes: Damaged
P102 – P177
P186 – P247
P261 – P299
P312 – P355**

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

**Remakes: Stray Marks
P371 – P510**

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

**Remakes: Sheet Mismatch
P511 – P525**

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

**Remakes: Voter Intent*
P356 – P370**

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: Double Bubble*
****Electronic Override -77**

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 voted same candidate as a write in – ballot remade to exclude second vote (overvote).**

****The Board was advised of updated instruction from the Ohio Secretary of State that allows the use of the software system to enable bipartisan teams to override the over-vote rather than remake for a more efficient process.**

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

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 18, 2020 at 12pm

The meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Elections was reconvened on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 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 with the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s office.

I. CERTIFY: NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION OFFICIAL RESULTS

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to Certify the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election results; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. DECLARE RECOUNTS, IF NECESSARY

The Board was advised that no recounts were required.

III. CONDUCT RANDOM DRAW OF CONTEST TO BE AUDITED

The Board was advised that three contests are to be audited. Included will be two contests as chosen by the Ohio Secretary of State: 1. President and 2. Justice of the Supreme Court, full term commencing January 1, 2021. The third contest will be a county-wide contest and will be determined by random draw. A bipartisan team conducted said draw and determined the contest to be Judge of The Court of Common Pleas (Drug Court Division).

Staff recommends the Board allow the audit to take place by units by auditing polling locations; random draw of said polling locations by bipartisan teams on Thursday, November 19, 2020; audit to begin December 2, 2020 at 8:30am.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the Staff recommendation concerning the Audit; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Poland reminded the Board that Veterans Day is a Board recognized holiday that Staff was unable to take due to the ongoing post Election activity. Staff is requesting the Board grant Wednesday, November 25th as a holiday for staff this year in exchange for Veterans Day.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to accept the staff recommendation for a staff holiday on Wednesday, November 25th; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

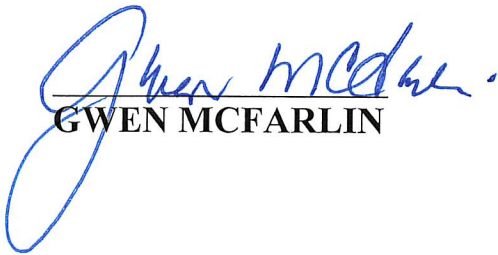
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to stand in recess; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

DATE: December 8, 2020

CHAIR:

DIRECTOR:


GWEN MCFARLIN


SHERRY L POLAND