

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
DECEMBER 8, 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 Shirley Frazier on behalf of Deputy Director Sally Krisel and David Stevenson 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 16, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes for November 16, 2020 and November 18, 2020; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. HEARING: REGISTERED VOTER CHALLENGE

The Board was advised of 2 Registered Voter Challenges filed November 30, 2020 by Mr. Joseph Janus, Jr. Chuck Eckert, Registration Administrator, reported that Staff sent letters, the challenge form and voter registration forms via regular mail to each voter on December 1, 2020. Pursuant to the request of the Challenger, a subpoena was served by the Hamilton County Sheriff to the residence of the voters on December 2, 2020. There has been no response from the voters.

Mr. Janus was sworn and provided testimony, stating he was informed by a family member of the voters that the voters had relocated from Deer Park to Anderson Township. Exhibits were provided.

It was reported that the voters voted in person at the Board of Elections on October 30, 2020; there was no change of address. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to table this item to the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REVIEW: NOVEMBER 2020 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION ANOMALY REPORT

The Board was advised that Staff has compiled an anomaly report listing 120 voters but a comprehensive review of said report has not yet been conducted.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to table the Anomaly report to the January 12, 2021 Board meeting; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVE: PROPOSED 2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the proposed 2021 Board meeting schedule; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVE: PERSONNEL POLICY (PAY IN LIEU OF VACATION LEAVE)

Per Board policy, four salaried employees requested pay in lieu of vacation leave.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to approve the pay in lieu of vacation leave for the four employees; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. UPDATE: EARLY VOTE CENTER.

Staff reported that County Administration has approved moving forward with plans to enter into a lease agreement for the space used for the Early Voter Center for a term beginning February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026. The lease would be at the same rate per square foot that is currently paid and would include a tenant improvement allowance.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-006 granting the Director and Deputy Director authority to enter into said lease agreement; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. HAMILTON COUNTY STAR PROGRAM – SERVICE TIME ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

Each year in December, per the Hamilton County STAR Program – Service Time Achievement Recognition, the Board recognizes those employees who have reached milestones in the year. Five employees were recognized with Service Award pins.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Poland reported that the audit has been completed with 100% accuracy. A holiday event is being planned for Staff.

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

APPROVED:

DATE: January 19, 2021

CHAIR:

DIRECTOR:


GWEN MCFARLIN


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