

**I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m. Deputy Director Dennison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Roll Call**

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Yes

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Also present were Director Stephanie Hemmer-Haight, Deputy Director Chris Dennison and Administrative Assistant Cherie Wilson.

**III. Open the polls – 6:30 a.m.**

2023-79 – Mr. Combs made the motion to open the polls for the August 8, 2023 special election in Clermont County. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**IV. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented**

2023-80 – Mr. Combs made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**V. Other Attendees – none**

**VI. Board to Review Absentee Ballots**

- Blank ballots
- True over votes
- Torn or defective ballots
- Unclear marks
- UOCAVA ballots – to be duplicated to regular ballot stock

Per ORC 3506.21(B)(3), the board has no discretion if the tabulating equipment detects an over-vote. Those ballots will be set aside until the remaining absentee ballots have been run through the DS-850 tonight. Then we will reprogram the scanner to process any blank or over-vote ballots so the final tally includes the under-vote and over-vote counts. If a ballot has stray marks in addition to an over-vote, it may be segregated again for a different issue.

All four board members reviewed the ballot with unclear marks, the 5 blank ballots and the 3 ballots with over-votes due to marking both ovals.

2023-81 – Mr. Combs made the motion to duplicate the UOCAVA ballots that require duplication and the unclearly marked ballot where the board determined voter intent. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

The board recessed at 6:41 a.m.

**VII. Board to Reconvene at 6:00 p.m. to Review Additional Absentee Ballots**

The board reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

**VIII. Board to review any Election Day Ballots not Processed Through DS-200 that are Blank or Over-Voted**

There are no ballots for board review at this time.

**IX. Closing of Polls – 7:30 p.m.**

2023-82 – Mr. Combs made the motion to declare that it is 7:30 p.m. and the polls are closed. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

After a final check of the drop box, the directors confirmed that all of today's absentee ballots have been run through the DS-850 scanner; no additional ballots were rejected as over-votes or unreadable.

Director Hemmer-Haight discussed a voter (born in 1946) who voted in the office on 8/1; she said she didn't receive her mailed ballot. However, her ID envelope is signed and dated on 7/24 and was received here on 8/3. After discussing her age, signatures and whether anyone else in the household voted absentee, the board concluded that the voter attempted to vote twice; whether it was intentional or innocent, the prosecutor has the jurisdiction to investigate and decide.

2023-83 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to refer the voter to the Clermont County Prosecutor. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

The board recessed at 7:34 p.m.  
The board reconvened at 9:49 p.m.

**X. Board to Review any Election Day Ballots not Processed through the DS200 Including Emergency Slot Ballots and Curbside Ballots**

Director Hemmer-Haight reported that we have tabulated all of the eligible absentee and Election Day ballots, including the curbside and emergency ballots from the polling locations; none need review.

**XI. Motion to Accept the Unofficial Results of the Election**

2023-84 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept the unofficial results of the August 2023 special election and to send a copy to the Secretary of State. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**XII. Motion to allow staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (August 9<sup>th</sup>) – half coming in from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 and the other half coming in from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m.**

2023-85 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to allow staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (August 9<sup>th</sup>) – half coming in from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 and the other half coming in from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

Chairman Lembke and the board thanked the directors and employees for the great job on this election.

**XIII. Meetings & Special Dates:**

- August 9-12 – post-election absentee and provisional cure period (4 days)

Wednesday, Aug 9	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Aug 10	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, Aug 11	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Aug 12	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- August 12 – Last day to receive mail-in ballots postmarked on or before August 7
- August 16 (9:00 a.m.) – Provisional ballot meeting (mandatory) and regular monthly board meeting
- August 21 (9:00 a.m.) – Open official canvass and certify November candidates

- August 29 (9:00am) – Close official canvass and certify November write-in candidates
- Sept TBD – Open recount (if necessary) or post-election audit
- Sept 11-12 – DIMS conference sponsored by ES&S – Put-In Bay, Ohio

**XIV. Motion to Adjourn**

2023-86 – At 9:53 p.m., Mr. Combs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.

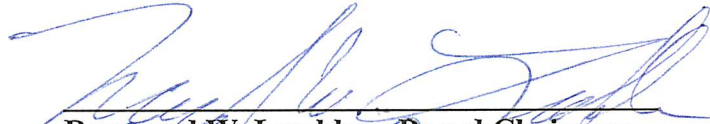
Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

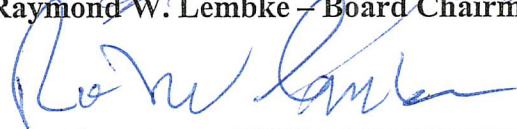
Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

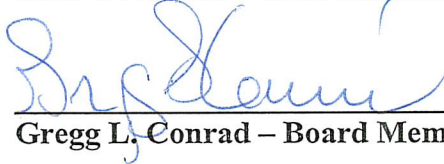
Mr. Lembke – Yes



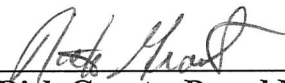
Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



Rick Grant – Board Member

Date 8-16-23

**Cherie Wilson**

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**From:** Cherie Wilson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 3:52 PM  
**To:** legals@clermontsun.com  
**Cc:** Stephanie Haight  
**Subject:** August Election Day Board Meeting  
**Attachments:** 2023 August 8 election day mtg.docx

Jamie,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the August Election Day meeting.

My direct phone number is 732-7485 if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Cherie Wilson, Administrative Support Specialist  
Clermont County Board of Elections  
76 S. Riverside Dr.  
Batavia, OH 45103

**Clermont County Board of Elections  
Notice of Board Meeting**

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled a meeting for:

**August 8, 2023 at 6:30 a.m.** – Special Election Day Board Meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, 45103.

Ray Lembke – Chairman  
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director

August 8, 2023 Special Election  
Unofficial Certification of Results  
Signature Form

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Elections of County indicated below, do hereby certify that the Unofficial Results of the Election (county specific and most-populous, if applicable) submitted to the Secretary of State's Office are valid and accurate, and the number of absentee voters reconciles with the number of absentee ballots cast and counted.

Clermont

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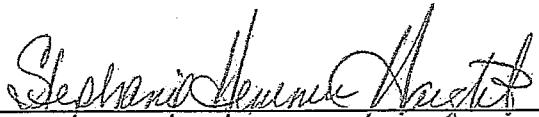
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have subscribed our names officially on the date indicated below:

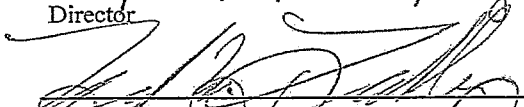
8/8/2023


Today's Date

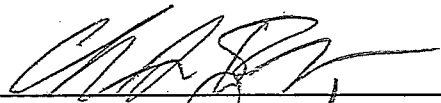
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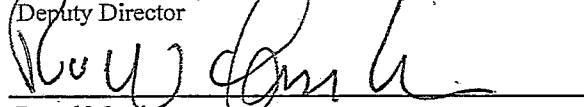
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- Group Detail Report

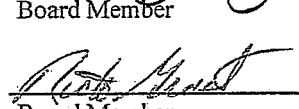
  
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