

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 6:29 a.m. Mr. Grant 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.

2022-160 – Mr. Combs made the motion to open the polls for the November 2022 General 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. Other Attendees – None

V. Motion to adopt the agenda as presented

2022-161 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VI. Board to Review – Absentee Ballots

- 9 torn or defective ballots – to be remade
- 17 over votes with write-in also bubbled – to be remade
- 50 UOCAVA – to be duplicated to regular ballot stock
- 1 blank ballot
- 91 true over votes
- 32 unclear marks

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. However, an over-vote does not exist if the voter both selected a candidate and cast a write-in vote for the same candidate for the same office; those ballots will be remade.

All four board members reviewed the 32 ballots with unclear marks, the 9 torn or defective ballots, and the 17 ballots with over-votes due to bubbling both the candidate and write-in ovals.

2022-162 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept and remake the ballots as indicated during the board's review. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Director Hemmer-Haight reported that two voters had requested absentee ballots, which were mailed in the first absentee run on October 12th. The voters returned those ballots (processed on October 19th), then came into the office to vote early in person on October 31st. A part-time employee mistakenly removed the system entries from their returned mail ballots and reissued ballots to them. The voters were a married couple with birthdays in 1938 and 1945; it is possible they did not recall returning their mail ballots. Both the mail and in-person ballots were processed before the directors learned of the situation; we do not have a way to isolate the ballots. However, the early voting process has been tightened to add an additional check with the absentee personnel before suspending a mail ballot.

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

2022-163 – At 7:30 a.m., Mr. Grant made the motion to recess until 6:00 p.m. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

The board recessed at 7:31 a.m.
The board reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

VIII. Board to Review – Absentee Ballots

- 6 true over votes
- 1 ballot with unclear marks

2022-164 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept and remake the ballot with unclear marks. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

Director Hemmer-Haight informed the board that a Clermont County voter was hospitalized at Anderson Mercy. Two Hamilton County BOE employees voted the individual and faxed the ballot to Clermont County for duplication to regular ballot stock.

2022-165 – Mr. Combs made the motion to duplicate the ballot from the hospitalized voter. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

IX. Polls Close at 7:30 p.m.

2022-166 – Mr. Combs made the motion to close the polls for the November 2022 General Election. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

The board recessed at 7:31 p.m.
The board reconvened at 10:39 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 absentee ballots received to date, including those that were placed in the drop box by 7:30 p.m., as well as the curbside and emergency ballots from the polling locations; there are none for board review.

XI. Motion to Accept the Unofficial Results of the Election

2022-167 – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the unofficial results of the November 2022 General Election and to send a copy to the Secretary of State and the most populous county for the relevant races. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

The board signed the unofficial results and the required SOS reporting documents.

XII. Motion to allow staff to work half day Friday, November 11 (Veterans' Day).

Provisional cure period includes Friday, November 11 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Motion to close the office in accordance with Secretary of State cure period at 12:00 noon.

2022-168 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to close the office at noon on Friday, November 11th, in accordance with the SOS provisional cure period. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

XIII. Upcoming Meetings and Events:


- November 9 – 15 – post-election absentee and provisional cure period (7 days)

Wednesday, November 9 th	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 10 th	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 11 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 12 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 13 th	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, November 14 th	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 15 th	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- November 18, 2022 (Friday) – last day for boards of elections to receive absentee ballots that have been postmarked on or before November 7, 2022
- November 21, 2022 (Monday) 9:00 a.m. – regular monthly board meeting and open official canvass
- November 29, 2022 (Tuesday) 9:00 a.m. – Certification of November 8, 2022 general election
- Recounts:
 - candidate or group requested = 5 days after certification
 - automatic = NLT 10 days after certification
- Post-Election Audit:
 - no recount = 6 days after certification
 - recount = immediately after certification, completed within 14 days
- December 5, 2022 (Monday) 9:00 a.m. – Commence Recount or Audit (tentative)

2022-169 – Mr. Combs made the motion to allow staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (November 9th) – 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. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

XIV. Motion to Adjourn


2022-170 – At 10:43 p.m., Mr. Combs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Conrad 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 12-16-2022

Cherie Wilson

From: Cherie Wilson
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Subject: Nov 2022 Board Meeting Schedule
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Good morning!

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the scheduled November board meetings for the General Election.

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

Thank you!

Cherie Wilson, Administrative Support Specialist
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Clermont County Board of Elections Notice of Board Meetings

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for the November 2022 General Election as follows:

November 8, 2022 at 6:30 a.m. – Election Day Board Meeting.

November 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. – Opening of the Official Canvass, review of provisional ballots, and rescheduled monthly board meeting.

November 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. – Certification of the November 2022 General Election.

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

Ray Lembke – Chairman
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director.