

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:02 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. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented

2022-193 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

IV. Other attendees – Julia Carney (Assistant County Prosecutor) joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

V. Public participation – none

VI. Approval of Minutes

- November 8, 2022 – Election Day Board Meeting
- November 21, 2022 – Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Opening of Official Canvass
- November 29, 2022 – Certification of General Election Board Meeting

2022-194 – Mr. Grant made the motion to approve the three sets of November minutes. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Approval of Bills as of December 16, 2022

2022-195 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve payment of the bills as of December 16, 2022. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VIII. Motion to Approve the Results of the Post-Election Audit and provide Reporting Forms to the Ohio Secretary of State

Director Hemmer-Haight distributed a comparison of the audit results versus the official canvass. We had 99.95% accuracy. There was one discrepancy with a write-in vote that was unclear and marked invalid during initial adjudication. Upon closer examination of the paper ballot during the audit hand-count, the write-in vote was determined to be a vote for Marshall Usher (although his first & last names were reversed and rather difficult to read earlier on the screen image).

2022-196 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve the results of the post-election audit for the General Election of November 8, 2022 and to send the required reporting forms to the Ohio Secretary of State. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

The board signed the REVISED official results for submission to the Secretary of State.

IX. Directors' Report:

Director Hemmer-Haight reported receiving notice that someone potentially voted in two states in 2020; he allegedly voted in Clermont County and somewhere in Florida. She was asked to provide documentation and signature images of his voting record here. Mr. Conrad asked how the issue was discovered. Director Hemmer-Haight indicated that several states participate in an interstate database via the ERIC system. Mr. Conrad asked if the voter had shown up on our radar before; she replied that we have no records of prior issues with him. Mr. Lembke stated that voting twice would violate our law as well as Florida law; how will we receive updates on the ongoing inquiry regarding this voter? Upon providing the requested information, Director Hemmer-Haight will request follow-up on the results of their investigation.

Deputy Director Dennison summarized House Bill 458, which passed both houses of the Ohio Legislature on December 14th. The legislation (*signed by the governor in January, 2023*) modifies voter ID requirements, changes the early voting schedule, and eliminates August special elections except in a local fiscal emergency.

There is also pending legislation to (partially) fund Electronic Poll Book replacement. Mr. Combs suggested making a preliminary equipment selection; we expect vendors to have poll book demonstrations available at the January OAEO conference.

Mr. Combs requested that the board members receive a copy of the 2023 budget by email – including the initial budget request and the final budget approved by the commissioners.

Given the difficulty in hiring new employees, Mr. Combs mentioned that several county offices and other organizations had instituted policies regarding rehiring retired employees. He requested that the directors and assistant investigate the possible options for doing so, with the guidance of Ms. Carney.

The board discussed closing the office between Christmas and New Year's Day, with employees using their vacation or comp time for those days.

2022-197 – Mr. Combs made the motion to give the director discretion to close the office from December 27 through December 30. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

X. Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- January 11 - 13, 2022 – OAEO Winter Conference

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 (*virtual in-office*)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Introduction to Elections Administration
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. IT for Non-IT Administrators

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 (*Director / Deputy Director*)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Powerful PR
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Public Budgeting

Thursday, January 12, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Opening Session
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Breakout Session #1
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Keynote with Avery Roberts-Davis
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakout Session #2
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Breakout Session #3
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vendor Breakout Session

Friday, January 13, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Breakouts by County Size

- January 16, 2023 (Monday) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday – office closed
- January 18, 2023 (Wednesday) 10:00 a.m. – regular monthly board meeting

XI. Adjournment

2022-198 – At 10:41 a.m., Mr. Grant 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 1-18-23

Cherie Wilson

From: Cherie Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 10:18 AM
To: legals@clermontsun.com
Cc: Stephanie Haight
Subject: Dec 2022 Board Meeting Schedule
Attachments: 2022 December General Election meetings.docx

Good morning!

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

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 Meetings

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for

December 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. – Commence audit of November 8th
General Election

December 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Certification of the November 8th 2022
General Election Audit and regular monthly board meeting

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

Ray Lembke – Chairman
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director

**November 8, 2022 General Election
Official Certification of Results
Signature Form**

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Elections of County indicated below, do hereby certify that the Official 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.


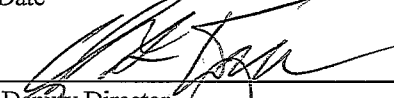
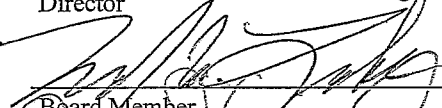
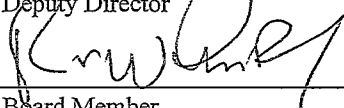
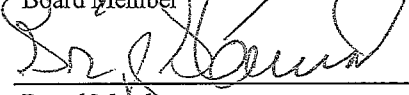
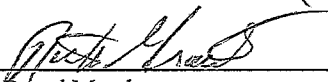
Clermont

County Name

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

Dec 16, 2022

Today's Date

 _____ Director	 _____ Deputy Director
 _____ Board Member	 _____ Board Member
 _____ Board Member	 _____ Board Member

The Board must complete and sign, scan, and email the signed form to Results@OhioSoS.gov along with the *Official Vote Total Summary Report with Group Detail*.