

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Director Hemmer-Haight 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

2023-44 – Mr. Grant 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

IV. Other Attendees – Brian Shrive (Assistant County Prosecutor) joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

V. Board to Determine the Eligibility of Provisionals Ballots Cast in the May 2, 2023 Special Election (R.C. §3505.183)

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR BOARD REVIEW

	<u>Invalid</u>	<u>Valid</u>
1 Hamilton County Address listed as Former Address is Current Address	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
1 Didn't Write Driver License Number in Boxes	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
2 Driver License Number Listed Does Not Match Voter Query	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
2 ID Box Not Checked and No Driver License Number Listed	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
4 Not Registered in Ohio	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Provisional Ballots with Unresolved Issues	10	0
1 Voted Right Location/Wrong Precinct – Duplicate/Add to Good Count	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
47 VALID PROVISIONAL BALLOTS – NO VISIBLE PROBLEMS	<u>0</u>	<u>47</u>

58 TOTAL PROVISIONALS CAST

Director Hemmer Haight presented the provisional ballots and addressed the board's questions. The Hamilton County address was confirmed as the voter's current address when she came into the office. Based on the new legislation, the SOS confirmed that the provisional ballots with no license number on the envelope are invalid, although the voters could have cured them at the office during the cure period.

Mr. Lembke inquired about Moscow provisional ballots; there were five.

Mr. Grant noted an issue with handicap access at the Loveland Presbyterian Church. He also mentioned a young lady that had been sent to multiple polling locations; she reported that one of the PEOs was rude. The directors will investigate.

2023-45 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to reject the 10 invalid provisional ballots for the reasons listed above. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2023-46 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the 48 valid provisional ballots and add them to the count for the official canvass. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2023-47 – Mr. Grant made the motion to allow the staff to open and count the valid provisional ballots. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

VI. Motion to Allow Board Staff to Remake Absentee Ballots that Arrived After Election Day Where the Voter Marked the Entire Ballot Contrary to the Instructions (R.C. §3506.21)

Director Hemmer-Haight reported that there are no mismarked absentee ballots to review; the board made a motion in the event it is needed.

2023-48 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to allow the staff to remake absentee ballots that arrived after Election Day where the voter marked the entire ballot contrary to the instructions. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Meeting & Special Dates:

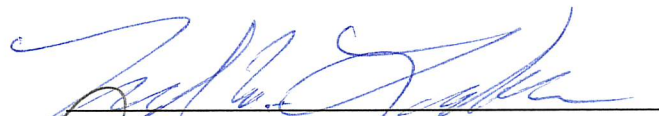
- May 17 (10:00 a.m.) – Open official canvass and certify election, monthly board meeting
- May 23 (9:00 a.m.) – Open recount (if necessary) and review ballot bids
- June 22 (10:00 a.m.) – June monthly board meeting (rescheduled from 6/21)
- June 27-28 – SOS Summer Conference – Hilton Columbus at Easton
- July 17-18 – DIMS conference sponsored by ES&S – Put-In Bay, Ohio

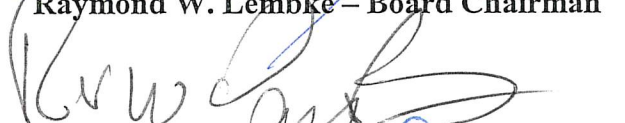
Mr. Combs reiterated his request from the April meeting for Facilities to clean up the front office entryway; several residents have made comments to him about the appearance of the doors and the entrance area. He also requested that we transition to the new website as soon as possible.

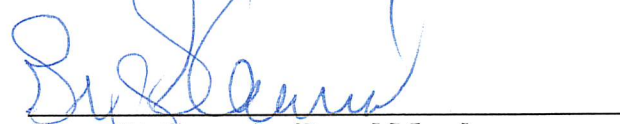
Mr. Combs inquired about staffing for the 2023 and 2024 elections. Previously, there were Democratic and Republican part-time positions for up to 1,040 hours/year; however, they may have been eliminated from the budget with the addition of the Administrative Support position. In preparation for 2024, and possible shadowing beforehand, we should ensure the budget is sufficient. We need funding for those two part-time positions and any additional full-time or part-time staff needed for the additional demands of a presidential election year on the heels of three elections each in 2022 and 2023.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

2023-49 – At 9:31 a.m., Mr. Grant made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Combs 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 May 17, 2023

Cherie Wilson

From: Cherie Wilson
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 8:41 AM
To: legals@clermontsun.com
Cc: Stephanie Haight
Subject: May 2023 Board Meeting Schedule
Attachments: 2023 May Special Election meetings.docx

Good morning!

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the scheduled board meetings for the May 2023 Special Election.

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

Thank you!

Cherie Wilson, Administrative Support Specialist
Clermont County Board of Elections
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Batavia, OH 45103

Clermont County Board of Elections Notice of Board Meetings

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for

May 2, 2023 at 6:30 a.m. – Special Election Day Board Meeting.

May 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Review of provisional ballots and mismarked absentee ballots received after Election Day.

May 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Opening of the Official Canvass

May 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. – Certification of the May 2023 special election and regular monthly board meeting.

May 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Special meeting to commence recount or audit and to review ballot bids.

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

Ray Lembke – Chairman
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director