

A court stenographer attended and recorded the meeting today.

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

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Mr. Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Roll Call**

Rick Combs – Yes

Larry Heller – Yes

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Chairman Lembke stated that there is currently three Board Members because of the retirement of Board Member Paul Campbell and we are waiting for the Secretary of State to approve a new Member.

Also present was Julia Carney – Director, Chris Dennison – Deputy Director, Mary Lynne Birck – Prosecutor’s Office, and Becky Rudd – clerk taking record.

**III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented**

**2018-30** – Mr. Combs made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Heller seconded Motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**IV. Protest of Certified Candidate Michael Collins**

**A. See letter from Suellen Brafford on behalf of Christopher Hicks and Tommie Bixler, both registered Republicans in Clermont County.**

Mr. Christopher Hicks and Mr. Tommie Bixler were represented by attorney Suellen Brafford, Mr. David Uible was represented by attorney Beth Bryan, and Mr. Michael Collins represented himself. All parties agreed that they were notified of the meeting today, Mr. Uible was not in attendance. Mr. Lembke proceeded with the protest hearing.

The Board Members were satisfied and agreed that there was a valid protest and there was compliance with the required notices of this hearing. Mr. Lembke continued with the hearing.

Refer to the stenographer transcript for the complete proceedings of this hearing/meeting.

**V. Determinations by Board**

**2018-31** – Mr. Heller made the motion to reject the protest on behalf of Mr. Bixler and Mr. Hicks and to accept the petitions of Michael Collins for Clermont County Commissioner, reason being that only one commissioner position is on the ballot for this election and the incorrect term date is not a fatal error. Mr. Combs seconded the motion because the Board agreed that the inaccurate term date on the candidate petition was not a fatal error. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VI. Protest of Certified Candidate David Uible**

**A. See Letter from Suellen Brafford on behalf of Christopher Hicks and Tommie Bixler, both registered Republicans in Clermont County.**

**VII. Determinations by Board**

**B. Protest of Petitions David Uible for Clermont County Commissioner.**

**2018-32** – Mr. Heller made the motion to reject the protest on behalf of Mr. Bixler and Mr. Hicks and accept the petitions of David Uible for Clermont County Commissioner. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Lembke stated the Board has an independent duty when information is brought before the Board to investigate irregularities and non-compliance with Ohio Election Laws and such information has been brought to our attention. The Board reviewed David Uible's part petition in question (part petition #1).

The following motion was made after reviewing the petition in question and hearing sworn testimony from Mr. James Kidwell.

**2018-33** – Mr. Combs made the motion based on investigation of this particular matter to reject part petition #1, circulated by Mr. James Kidwell on behalf of David Uible for Commissioner. After rejecting this part petition Mr. Uible does not have enough valid signatures to go on the May 8, 2018 Primary Ballot.

At 11:04 a.m., the Board recessed.

At 11:17 a.m., the Board returned from recess.

The court stenographer was no longer needed and did not transcribe the remainder of the Board Meeting.

**VIII. Acceptance of withdrawal of Jackie Smith (D) for County Central Committee Batavia Village A and Tom Bixler (R) for County Central Committee Goshen Township A.**

**2018-34** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the withdraws of Jackie Smith (D) – Central Committee in Batavia Village A and Tom Bixler (R) - Central Committee Goshen Township A. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**IX. Other Business of the Board**

**A. Review of Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate for May 8, 2018 Primary Election**

The Board reviewed the Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for Kevin Carlson (D), Mr. Carlson did not indicate on the form what precinct he was running in. Secretary of State Form No. 13 does not provide a place for the precinct and the instructions are not clear.

**2018-35** – Mr. Heller made the motion to accept the Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate for Kevin F. Carlson for Central Committee in Miami Township C1C. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**B. Acceptance of Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate for May 8, 2018 Primary Election**

Upon review, the staff did not find any problems with these candidates.

**2018-36** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the following Write-In Candidates:

Democrats – Jeremy Collier – State Representative 65<sup>th</sup> District, Richard J. Perry – County Commissioner (term 1/1/2019), and County Central Committee candidates - Timothy John Hisnay – BAT-L, Karen Taylor – MI-I, Pamela Sisney – MI-L, Jennifer Naylor – MI-Q, Michelle Szylakowski – MI-X, Orhan Kilki – MI-N1N, Linda Lusk Bourquin – UN-H, and Republican County Central Committee – Jason Shawn Hartness – BAT-K, William B. Knepp – MI-U, Joshua Crousey – PE-B, Francis A. Rapp – PE-C, Gloria Martin – SK-C, John M. Watson – UN-M, Lloyd Acres – UN-P, Jodi A. Beamer – UN-T, Jennifer Bond – UN-T. Mr. Heller seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Heller suggested that the Director and Deputy Director contact the Secretary of State's Office and advise them of the ambiguities in the write-in form, and see if there is any way to clarify the form so we do not have to as a Board or any Board of the eighty-eight counties have to deal with this issue.

**C. Approval of reimbursement of Secretary of State Training held in Hamilton County 2018-37** – Mr. Heller made the motion to retro actively approve mileage and lunch reimbursement for the staff that attended the Secretary of State Training held at the Hamilton County Board of Elections on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:  
Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Heller – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

Beth Hamad – SOS Liaison, advised the Board that she would also advise the Secretary of State's Office the concerns of the write-in form.

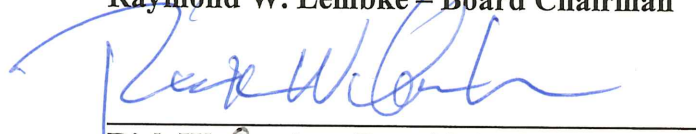
**Next Board Meeting date**


March 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., March Regular Monthly Board Meeting

**X. Motion to Adjourn**

**2018-38** – At 11:25 a.m., Mr. Heller made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:  
Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Heller – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

  
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Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman

  
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Rick W. Combs – Board Member

  
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R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member

Date

3-22-2018



**Rudd, Rebecca**

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**To:** legas@clermontsun.com; r maloney  
**Subject:** bd mtg meeting

Good Day,  
Please be advised an post the attached notice as a PSA (no cost) regarding the upcoming Board of Elections on March 5, 2018

Becky Rudd  
Clermont County Board of Elections  
76 S. Riverside Dr.  
Batavia, Ohio 45103  
513-732-7275

Notice of Special Meeting  
Clermont County Board of Elections

The Clermont County Board of Elections will hold a Special Meeting on **Monday March 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** to certify Write-In Candidates for the May 8, 2018 Primary Election, any other business as deemed necessary, and a Protest Hearing on (2) candidacy petitions for County Commissioner.

Ray Lembke – Chairman  
Julia Carney – Director

Dated: February 20, 2018

