

**Opening of Official Canvass  
of the November 2, 2021 General Election**

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

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Conrad 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**

**2021-140** – 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** – Brian Shrive, Assistant County Prosecutor

**V. Public participation** – none.

The board recessed at 9:10 a.m.

The board reconvened at 9:13 a.m.

**VI. Determination of Absentee Ballots**

The board reviewed 35 mail ballots with late or missing postmarks and 21 ballots with other issues including invalid identification or signature. They also reviewed envelopes that were returned without marked ballots, including undeliverable mail and ballots refused by nursing home voters.

**2021-141** – Mr. Combs made the motion to reject the 56 regular domestic civilian absentees that should not be counted. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2021-142** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept 204 additional valid regular absentee ballots postmarked by Nov. 1, 2021 and received by Nov. 11, 2021 and add them to the count. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Grant asked about a UOCAVA ballot from the list of absentee ballot issues. Deputy Director Dennison replied that the UOCAVA ballot was on the list to be reviewed because it is a timely received email ballot that must be duplicated, but it should be included in the count of valid ballots. The corrected numbers are 205 ballots to add to the count, and 55 to reject.

**2021-143** – Mr. Conrad amended the earlier motion to reject the 55 regular domestic civilian absentees that should not be counted. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2021-144** – Mr. Grant amended the earlier motion to accept 205 additional valid regular absentee ballots postmarked by Nov. 1, 2021 and received by Nov. 11, 2021 and add them to the count. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:  
Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VII. Determination of Provisional Ballots**

<b>PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR BOARD REVIEW</b>	<b><u>Invalid</u></b>	<b><u>Valid</u></b>
1 No Ballot in Envelope (voter put in DS200 at the polls)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
1 Blank Envelope	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
3 New Address in Another County	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
2 Voted Wrong Precinct in Office/Claimed House was in 2 Twps.	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
2 Voted Wrong Precinct/Wrong Location	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
6 Not Registered in Ohio	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
2 New Address Questionable	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

**Total Reviewed** 17 4

7 Voted Right Location/Wrong Precinct – Duplicate/Add to Good Count  
243 VALID PROVISIONAL BALLOTS – NO VISIBLE PROBLEMS

**267 TOTAL PROVISIONALS CAST**

The board discussed two voters who had recently moved and cast provisional ballots during early voting. The voters stated that their new home straddles the Pierce Township/Union Township line, and that their bedroom is in Pierce Township. Therefore they were given provisional ballots for PE-A. Further GIS research using maps that were not available to the early voting employees revealed that their entire house is in UN-O, but part of their driveway and their mailbox is in PE-A, so their mailing address is in Pierce Township. However, the voters cast provisional ballots based on the information that they and the BOE employees had at the time. The board decided to duplicate their ballots to the correct precinct (UN-O) for the races for which they were entitled to vote, which are only the countywide races in this case.

The board also discussed two Washington Township voters who stated on their provisional envelopes that they had moved into the village of Moscow; their residence address was questioned by someone in the community. Since voters must complete their provisional envelopes under penalties for election falsification, the board concluded that we must accept their affirmations of residence at face value unless we have a convincing basis to believe their statement is false, or upon a successful challenge hearing of the voters' registration address. The deadline for a challenge hearing is 30 days prior to each election.

**2021-145** – Mr. Combs made the motion to reject the 13 provisional ballots as identified by the staff that should not be counted. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:  
Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2021-146** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept and include in the official count the 254 valid provisional ballots, with the caveat that the identified ballots will be remade to the proper precinct. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:  
Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VIII. Board to Instruct the Director and Deputy Director and Office Staff to Proceed with the Official Canvass.**

**2021-147** – Mr. Conrad made the motion to instruct the Director, Deputy Director and office staff to proceed with the official canvass of the 2021 General Election. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:  
Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes


**IX. Upcoming Events and Meetings:**

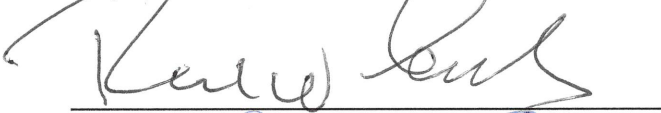
- Friday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. – Official Certification & Regular Monthly Board Meeting
- Monday, November 29, 2021 at 9:00 am – Start of Recount – If any  
*Recounts must be held within 6-10 days after the Declaration of the Official Results of the Election (November 25 (Thanksgiving) – November 29)*
- Office Closed – Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 25, 2021- Friday, November 26
- Monday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting and Office Holiday Party
- Office Closed – Christmas – Friday, December 24 - Monday, December 27
- Office Closed – New Year Holiday – Friday, December 31
- Thursday, January 13- 14, 2022 – OAEO Winter Conference (virtual REO classes Jan 11-12)
- Tuesday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 29, 2022 – SOS Summer Conference

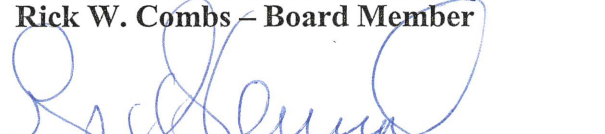
**X. Motion for Board to Recess and Reconvene on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 10:00am to Complete the Official Canvass and to Certify the Election for the November 2, 2021 General Election and Conduct any Other Regular Business the Board Deems Necessary.**

2021-148 – At 9:50 a.m., Mr. Grant made the motion to recess until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – 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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Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member

  
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Rick Grant – Board Member

Date 12/13/2021

**Cherie Wilson**

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**From:** Cherie Wilson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:06 PM  
**To:** 'legals@clermontsun.com'  
**Cc:** 'bmilam@clermontsun.com'  
**Subject:** Notice of upcoming board meetings  
**Attachments:** 2021 Nov General Election meetings.docx

Good morning,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the upcoming board meetings for the November 2021 General election. Please let me know 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

November 2, 2021 at 6:30 a.m. – General Election Day Board Meeting.

November 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. – Opening of the Official Canvass and review of provisional ballots.

November 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – Certification of the November 2021 General Election and regular monthly board meeting for general purposes.

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

Ray Lembke – Chairman  
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director