

Commence Post-Election Audit (May Primary) and Certify Candidates (August Primary)

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:00 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

2022-83 – Mr. Combs 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: Julia Carney (Assistant County Prosecutor), Chris Hicks

V. Certification of Candidates to the August 2, 2022 Primary Ballot

A. Motion to certify candidates to the August 2, 2022 primary ballot for the following races

- State Representative 62nd (formerly 65th) District – Democrat & Republican Ballots
- State Representative 63rd (formerly 66th) District – Democrat & Republican Ballots
- State Central Committee Man – 14th Senate District – Democrat & Republican Ballots
- State Central Committee Woman – 14th Senate District – Democrat & Republican Ballots

State Central Committee Candidates for 14th Ohio Senate District	
For Member of Democratic State Central Committee, Man	Randy E. Basham
For Member of Democratic State Central Committee, Man	Ben Brady
For Member of Democratic State Central Committee, Woman	Melissa Cropper
For Member of Republican State Central Committee, Man	Melvin A. Dean
For Member of Republican State Central Committee, Man	Chris Hicks
For Member of Republican State Central Committee, Man	Christopher Orleck
For Member of Republican State Central Committee, Man	Greg Simpson
For Member of Republican State Central Committee, Woman	Gloria Martin
For State Representative 62 nd District (Democrat)	Brian Flick
For State Representative 62 nd District (Republican)	Jean Schmidt
For State Representative 63 rd District (Democrat – WRITE-IN)	Richard J. Perry
For State Representative 63 rd District (Republican)	Adam C. Bird

2022-84 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to certify for the August 2nd primary ballot the candidates listed above. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Grant asked how many votes Mr. Perry would need to be elected as a write-in candidate for State Representative. Mr. Lembke replied that he will need at least 50 votes, the minimum petition signature requirement for that race. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

B. Motion to accept names of candidates – as they desire to be listed on the ballot which is different from their name as listed on their registration and/or petition

2022-85 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept Ben Brady (registered as Herbert Benjamin Brady), and place his name on the ballot for the August 2, 2022 primary election as he has requested to appear. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

VI. Rejection of Candidate Petition for August 2, 2022 Primary Ballot:

- Jean A. Chase, candidate for Republican State Central Committee Woman

2022-86 –Mr. Grant made the motion to reject the petition of Jean A. Chase for Republican State Central Committee Woman from the 14th Senate District because her circulator statement failed to include the number of signatures she witnessed. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

VII. Motion to Reduce Number of PEOs at Multi-Precinct Polling Locations:

Director Hemmer-Haight discussed the prospect that the August primary election turnout may be very low, and several PEOs may be on vacation. Although our goal is to fill every PEO position, she requested the flexibility to reduce the number of PEOs in some precincts if necessary.

2022-87 –Mr. Combs made the motion to provide the director and deputy director the opportunity to reduce the number of precinct election officials from four per precinct to two based on ORC §3501.22(A)(2)(c) if necessary. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

VIII. Races to be Audited per Secretary of State Instruction:

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Democratic;
- U.S. Senator, Republican; and
- A contested countywide race (*only one in Clermont County*)

Selected Contest: County Auditor (Republican)

IX. Selection of Precincts for Post-Election Audit

A. 5% of Total Votes Cast: 27,958 (5% = 1,398)

The board took turns randomly drawing numbered disks to select the following precincts:

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u># VOTES CAST IN PRECINCT</u>
1) <u>MI-F1F</u>	<u>175</u>
2) <u>ME-C</u>	<u>220</u>
3) <u>GN-G</u>	<u>82</u>
4) <u>MI-J</u>	<u>162</u>
5) <u>PE-A</u>	<u>208</u>
6) <u>WGT-C</u>	<u>129</u>
7) <u>WN-C</u>	<u>158</u>
8) <u>MI-K</u>	<u>270</u>
TOTAL	1404

X. Motion to Approve the Randomly Selected Precincts with an Accumulated Total Votes Cast of at least (5%)

2022-88 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to approve the precincts that were randomly selected with an accumulated total of votes of 1404, which is greater than 5% of the votes cast in the May 3rd Primary. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

XI. Motion to Authorize Full Time and Part Time Staff to Handle Ballots During the Audit and to Commence with the Audit

2022-89 – Mr. Combs made the motion to authorize full-time and part-time staff to handle ballots during the audit and to commence with the audit. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

XII. Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- Certification of primary post-election audit: June 17, 2022 (Friday) 4:00 p.m.
- June Regular Monthly Board Meeting: June 22, 2022 (Wednesday) 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 29, 2022 – SOS Summer Conference

IX. Motion for Board to go into Recess and Reconvene on Friday, June 17, 2022 (4:00 p.m.) to certify the results of the post-election audit

2022-90 – At 10:17 a.m., Mr. Conrad made the motion to recess and reconvene on Friday, June 17th at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

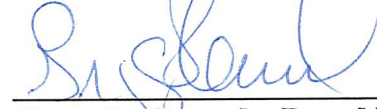
- Mr. Combs – Yes
- Mr. Conrad – Yes
- Mr. Grant – Yes
- Mr. Lembke – Yes



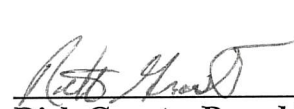
Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



Rick Grant – Board Member

Date July 20, 2022