

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 Christopher Dennison and Administrative Assistant Cherie Wilson.

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented

Mr. Grant requested that an item be added to the agenda, a recent Secretary of State correspondence.

Mr. Lembke suggested adding the item in after Public participation.

2022-96 – Mr. Combs made the motion to adopt the agenda as amended. 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), Chris Hicks, Lauren Kluge

V. Public participation – Lauren Kluge, Chris Hicks,

Chris Hicks requested more than 5 minutes for public participation. Chairman Lembke asked for a motion to allow Mr. Hicks more than five minutes, no motion was made. Mr. Hicks stated there are important matters that need to be brought to the board's attention.

- 1) Dropbox – The camera is more than 100 feet away and there is a 15-day retention when the election cycle is 60-90 days, should be kept one year. Requested 1 day of video 20 days ago. Suggested a common sense plan around the drop box, retain video for a year and live stream.
- 2) SOS download file – school district part not fixed, was requested in November 2021, the BOE does not have a timeframe to update the school districts – 204 days after advised vendor – ES&S can't get voter records right – make ES&S accountable with a letter to them.
- 3) BOE politicization – Mr. Shrive hosts fundraiser & endorses candidates and asked Mr. Lembke why he has no objection to a politicized person be our representative. Why isn't Julia Carney representing the Board of Elections Office?
- 4) Weaponized 1st amendment – used lets go Brandon signs as part of his campaign, a completely false narrative including the Board of Elections that Chris Hicks behaved in an inappropriate manner at the polling location, his signs were removed and had the police called on him.

Ms. Kluge asked if she can come every month and speak – nothing to state for the record today.

Mr. Grant wanted to read a correspondence received from Amanda M. Grandjean, Secretary of State's Office. As part of the comprehensive after-action review of the May 3, 2022 Primary Election, our election team met and discussed our county's performance. We had nothing but positive feedback to offer during our discussions of the Clermont County Board of Elections. We want to commend you on your excellent performance, even under extremely difficult and constantly changing circumstances due to redistricting. We still encourage each board to conduct their own internal after-action review, but you may be proud of the fact that May 3, 2022 Primary Election the decision to election administrative continues to set Ohio apart as gold standard. Thank you so much for your hard work and service to the voters of Clermont County. Our office looks forward to working with you for another secure and accurate election cycle. Keep up the good work. Thank you Mandi Grandjean – Director of Elections. Mr. Grant also added that we had an audit (hand count) that was 100% accurate, a job well done to our director, deputy director and staff.

VI. Approval of Minutes

- May 3, 2022 – Election Day Meeting
- May 24, 2022 – Regular Monthly Meeting and Opening Official Canvass
- May 27, 2022 – Certification and Continuation of Regular May Meeting

2022-97 – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2022 Election Day Meeting, May 24, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting and Opening of Official Canvass, and May 27, 2022 Certification and Continuation of Regular May Meeting. 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 June 22, 2022

Mr. Conrad inquired about the red locks and asked if we should be getting more than 500? The Director advised that this lock is a different, more secure lock. Mr. Combs inquired about the Red Barn contract and if it was resolved. The Director advised that it was, and signed.

2022-98 – Mr. Grant made the motion to approve payment of the bills as of June 22, 2022. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

VIII. Director's Report

a. 24 hour look posted

The Director advised the board the 24-hour look was posted, no problems.

b. Security cameras

The Director and the Deputy Director are looking into a system that is maintained at the board office instead of the commissioner's office. They are checking out different vendors and equipment. Mr. Grant asked about the feasibility to have face recognition on camera in time for early voting. Mr. Lembke is still concerned about vandalism to the box and having the ability to identify someone could be a deterrent.

c. Dropbox

We are adding signage on the drop box stating what is to be dropped in the box and advising who can deposit voted ballots. Mr. Combs asked if she or the Deputy Director had been to any other counties to see how the camera placements were installed on their drop boxes, she has not to date. This could be helpful for the five-year plan.

d. Regular monthly meeting day

The Board had previously discussed changing the monthly meeting date to the 3rd Wednesday of the month instead of the 4th Wednesday. The next regular meeting date would be July 20, 2022.

2022-99 – Mr. Grant made the motion to move the regular monthly board meeting to the third Wednesday of each the month. Gregg Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

IX. Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Dennison did not have a report for this meeting. Mr. Combs inquired about the webpage. The Deputy stated he did have a meeting and approved the list of pages. Mr. Combs wants the website easy for people to look at.

Mr. Grant asked Mr. Shrive if the board is in compliance with the state law with the requirements of what we list on the website with our voting information. Mr. Shrive stated we were and the state does not require the school district, the Secretary of State has been encouraging it, with what is being downloaded today, it is accurate with state law.

X. Upcoming Events and Meetings

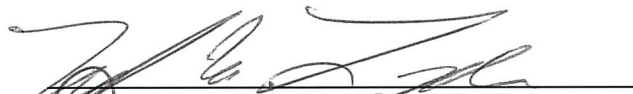
- Tuesday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 29, 2022 – SOS summer conference
- July 5, 2022 (Tuesday) - registration deadline – office open until 9:00 p.m.
- July 6, 2022 (Wednesday) – early voting begins – office open extended hours
 - July 6-8: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - July 11-15: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - July 18-22: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - July 25-29: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - July 30 (Saturday): 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - July 31 (Sunday): 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - August 1: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- August 2, 2022 (Tuesday) – primary election day (polls open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
- August 12, 2022 (Friday) – last day for boards of elections to receive absentee ballots that have been postmarked on or before August 1, 2022
- July 20, 2022 – regular monthly board meeting
- August 17, 2022 – regular monthly board meeting date TBD

XI. Adjournment


2022-100 – At 10:20 a.m., Mr. Combs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

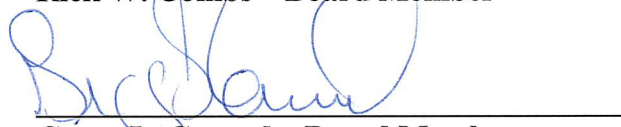
- Mr. Combs – Yes
- Mr. Conrad – Yes
- Mr. Grant – Yes
- Mr. Lembke – Yes



Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



Rick Grant – Board Member

Date August 17, 2022

Cherie Wilson

From: Cherie Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:53 PM
To: legals@clermontsun.com
Cc: bmilam@clermontsun.com; Stephanie Haight
Subject: June 2022 Board Meeting Schedule
Attachments: 2022 June Primary Election meetings.docx

Good afternoon!

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the scheduled June board meetings for the Primary Elections and regular board business.
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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Clermont County Board of Elections Notice of Board Meetings

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for

June 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Commence audit of May 3rd Primary Election, certify candidates for August 2nd Primary Election and any other matter(s) that may come before the board

June 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. – Certification of the May 3rd 2022 Primary Election Audit

June 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – 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