

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Open the polls – 6:30 a.m.

2022-55 – Mr. Combs made the motion to open the polls for the May 3rd portion of the 2022 Primary Election in Clermont County. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

IV. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented

2022-56 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

V. Other Attendees – None

VI. Board to Review Absentee Ballots

- blank ballots
- over votes
- torn or defective ballots

Per ORC 3506.21(B)(3), the board has no discretion if the tabulating equipment detects an over-vote. Director Hemmer-Haight reported that the DS-850 scanner identified five of these ballots, as well as one blank ballot. They will be set aside until the final group of absentee ballots have been run through the DS-850 tonight. Then we will reprogram the scanner to process any blank or over-vote ballots so the final tally includes the under-vote and over-vote counts. If a ballot has stray marks in addition to an over-vote, it may be segregated again for a different issue.

The board reviewed 4 ballots for voter intent on which the DS-850 scanner had detected unclear marks.

Mr. Grant requested an update on the absentee ballots. Director Hemmer-Haight replied that 2393 ballots were mailed, 1298 had been returned as of Monday, May 2nd.

Mr. Grant asked if we had received feedback regarding the USPS's mail processing during this election. Director Hemmer-Haight indicated that the overall service had been good.

2022-57 – At 6:43 a.m., Mr. Conrad made the motion to recess until 5:00 p.m. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Board to Reconvene at 5:00 p.m. to Review Additional Absentee Ballots

The board reconvened at 5:53 p.m. Director Hemmer-Haight reported that the absentee ballots received so far today have been run through the DS-850 scanner; none were rejected as over-votes or unreadable. We do have four valid email UOCAVA ballots that were received prior to Election Day and require duplication to regular ballot stock so the machine will accept them.

2022-58 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to duplicate the ballots that were indicated to need duplication, which include the UOCAVA ballots and the ballots with improperly marked ovals for which the board determined voter intent. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

The board recessed at 5:54 p.m.
The board reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

VIII. Closing of Polls – 7:30 p.m.

2022-59 – Mr. Combs made the motion to close the polls for phase one of the 2022 Primary Election. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

The board recessed at 7:32 p.m.
The board reconvened at 9:52 p.m.

IX. Board to Review any Election Day Ballots not Processed through the DS200 Including Emergency Slot Ballots and Curbside Ballots

Director Hemmer-Haight reported that we have tabulated all absentee ballots received to date, including those that were placed in the drop box by 7:30 p.m., as well as all of the curbside and emergency ballots from the polling locations; there are none for board review.

X. Motion to Accept the Unofficial Results of the Election

2022-60 – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the Unofficial Results of the May 3rd portion of the 2022 Primary Election and to send a copy to the Secretary of State and the most populous county for the relevant races. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

Mr. Combs and the board thanked the directors and employees for the great job on this election.

XI. Motion to allow staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (May 4th) – half coming in from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 and the other half coming in from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m.

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

XII. Meeting & Special Dates:

- May 24 – Tuesday – 10:00 a.m.: open canvass and May regular board meeting
- May 27 – Friday – 9:00 a.m.: certification of May 3 primary election
- June 1 – Wednesday: deadline to request a recount
- June 2 – Thursday – 9:00 a.m.: commence recount
- June 9 – Thursday – 9:00 a.m.: certify recount and begin audit
- June 17 – Friday – 4:00 p.m.: certify audit
Audit must be complete by June 17 (21 days after May 27 certification)
- June 22 – Wednesday – 10:00 a.m.: June monthly board meeting
- June 28 – Tuesday & June 29 – Wednesday: SOS Summer Conference

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

2022-62– At 9:58 p.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 6/22/22

Cherie Wilson

From: Cherie Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 4:10 PM
To: legals@clermontsun.com
Cc: bmilam@clermontsun.com; Stephanie Haight
Subject: May 2022 Board Meeting Schedule
Attachments: 2022 May Primary Election meetings.docx

Good afternoon!

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the scheduled May board meetings for the Primary Election.
My direct phone number is 732-7485 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

May 3, 2022 at 6:30 a.m. – Primary Election Day Board Meeting.

May 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Opening of the Official Canvass, review of provisional ballots, and regular monthly board meeting.

May 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. – Certification of the May 2022 Primary Election.

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

Ray Lembke – Chairman
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director