

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting November 20, 2024

Attending:

Henry F Curtis, IV, Chairman
Inajo Davis Chappell, Board Member
Lisa M. Stickan, Board Member
Terence M. McCafferty, Board Member
Anthony Kaloger, Deputy Director
Mark R. Musson, Assistant Prosecutor, Cuyahoga County

Mary Bejjani, Clerk to the Board
Skip White, Clerk to the Board

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Meeting began at 9:30 a.m. Hereinafter referred to as the CCBOE/Board. Chairman Curtis noted that all Board Members were in attendance.

Chairman Curtis noted that Member McCafferty's absence was excused.

Agenda Item 1: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election

Brian Cleary, Manger, Ballot Department, stated that the Board received a copy of the certification report and official results from the November 5, Presidential General Election.

A total of 587,282 ballots were cast on Election Day, 163,473 ballots cast in Vote by Mail (VBM), 62,790 Early In-Person (EIP) ballots cast, 11,301 ballots cast provisionally, 15 ballots cast Post-Election Day which were all curbside and 3,116 ballots cast in Post-VBM which were any postmarked and returned in the proper time.

Moving to the VBM/EIP Summary, Mr. Cleary stated that a total of 241,914 ballots were issued and 229,379 ballots were returned and counted by the Ballot Department, resulting in a 94.8% return rate. There were a total of 935 challenged or late VBM ballots resulting in a 0.41% challenge rate. That challenge rate drops to 0.17% when excluding voters who returned their ballots late.

Moving to the Provisional Ballot Summary, Mr. Cleary explained that a total of 14,390 provisional ballots were cast during the election, of which 11,302 or 78.54% were valid and tabulated by the Ballot Department. He noted that the department actually tabulated 11,301 ballots, and the slightly different numbers are because one ballot was returned without a page one.

There were 3,088 invalid provisional ballots resulting in a 21.46% rejection rate. That rejection rate decreases

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to 8.71% when excluding voters who had already cast a VBM Ballot or were not registered.

Moving to Ballot remakes, Mr. Cleary stated that 3,845 ballot sheets were processed in accordance with the Board-approved Adjudication Policy. The overall remake rate for the election was 0.219%. When excluding UACAVA and those who voted for ineligible contests, the remake rate decreases to 0.065%.

Voter history is complete and will be uploaded shortly.

There are two automatic recounts for this election: Cuyahoga County Council District 6, which is scheduled to be conducted on Monday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m. and Issue 37, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the Halle Warehouse. The schedule will be posted online upon the completion of this meeting and letters will be sent to the candidates informing them of the time and place of the recounts. Deputy Director Kaloger noted that each candidate will be able to bring one additional person with them for each County team.

Mr. Cleary stated that the requested recount deadline is Monday, November 25 at 4:00 p.m.

The post-election audit will be conducted upon completion of any automatic and requested recounts. The department will utilize its normal risk-limiting audit method. Three races will be audited – president/vice president and U.S. Senator were assigned by the Secretary of State and Issue 55, which is a county-wide tax, was chosen by Director Perlatti.

Member Davis Chappell inquired whether any contests were close enough that a recount may be requested. Mr. Cleary advised that he did not anticipate any requested recounts. He pointed out that no contest results changed when comparing the unofficial and official results but as part of the normal process certain numbers changed slightly based on issues at the polls that were reviewed and rescanned.

Agenda Item 1: Certification of the official results of the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election

1. Certification of the official results of the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the Certification of the official results of the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election; Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed.

- a. Authorization to approve the remake of the optical scan ballots from the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the remake of the optical scan ballots from the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election; Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed.

- b. Authorization to approve absentee ballots from the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the absentee ballots from the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election; Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed.

- c. Authorization to approve provisional ballots from the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election

Chairman Curtis moved to approve provisional ballots from the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election; Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed.

- d. Acknowledgment of the pre- & post-test results of the vote tabulation system from the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the acknowledgement of the pre- & post-test results of the vote tabulation system from the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election; Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed.

- e. Acknowledgment of the Official District-Wide Results of the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election for Cuyahoga, Ashland, Geauga, Holmes, Lorain, Medina, and Wayne Counties

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the acknowledgement of the Official District-Wide Results of the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election; Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed.

- 2. Acknowledgment of the date, time, and place of the post-election audit for the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election

Deputy Director Kaloger stated that the next Board Meeting to certify the recounts is scheduled for Thursday, December 12. However, if there are no requested recounts by Monday's deadline that meeting may be moved to Tuesday, December 10, depending on the Board's availability.

Agenda Item 2: Acknowledgment of resignation from, and appointment to elected office

Chairman Curtis moved to acknowledge the resignation from, and appointment to elected office; Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of the personnel agenda

Deputy Director Kaloger explained that the EPB Coordinator position has peaks and valleys in terms of workload and reclassifying the position will enable that person to assist with other duties in the Information Systems department.

Chairman Curtis moved to approve the personnel agenda; Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Director Kaloger stated that staff is continuing post-election cleanup the poll worker payroll file will go to the County today.

The Board thanked everyone for the tremendous job they did in the EIP voting process and in the field on Election Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

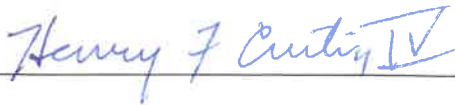
EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

Chairman Curtis moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Board Member Davis Chappell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Certification: I have reviewed the above minutes and certify that they are an accurate summary of the actions taken by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at its meeting held on November 20, 2024.

Henry F Curtis, IV, Chairman

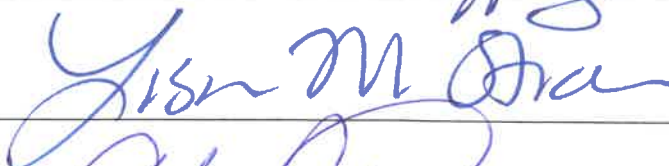


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