

Early In-Person Voting Demonstrations | January 2020

About the Event

The event was set up like an open house and featured three equipment vendors. Guests were able to try out the equipment by voting sample ballots in a mock election that simulated the Early In -Person Voting process. This included the use of ballot optical scanners and ADA ballot-marking devices. The three equipment vendors included Clear Ballot, Elections Systems and Software (ES&S), and Hart InterCivic.

Event Attendees

Approximately 70 people attended the open house, representing more than 20 different organizations. The event was well attended by persons with disabilities, advocacy groups and the Board's community partners. Also in attendance were employees from the Board of Elections and representatives from the Ohio Secretary of State's office.

Results

Attendees were invited to complete a brief survey for each vendor. The surveys asked participants to rate their experience using the ADA ballot-marking and ballot-scanning devices. The Board received insightful feedback from the ADA community regarding the ballot marking devices. The voter advocacy groups had good interaction with the equipment vendors and Board of Elections staff. Several people commented on how they found it educational, and were very grateful that we invited them into the acquisition process and listened to their concerns. Additionally, it gave the Board's staff another opportunity to interact with the equipment vendors, ask questions and contemplate how the equipment will suit the election needs of Cuyahoga County.