



COLUMBIANA COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Kim Fusco, Director
Bryce A. Miner, Deputy Director

Board Members:
David W. Johnson, Chair
Patricia Colian, Vice Chair
Larry Bowersock
Victor W. Maroscher

Board Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

- I. ROUTINE ITEMS:
 1. Approve Agenda
 2. Acceptance of Minutes

- II. ACTION ITEMS:
 3. Eligible Provisionals
 4. Ineligible Provisionals
 5. Uncountable Absentee Ballots

- III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Columbiana County Board of Elections met in regular session at the Board Office located at 7989 Dickey Dr., Suite 3, Lisbon, Ohio on November 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnson at 1:30 p.m.

Members present as shown by roll call:

Mr. Bowersock	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Colian	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnson	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Maroscher	<u>Yes</u>

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Reflection

1. Approve agenda

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to approve the agenda as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>
Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES:

2. Acceptance of minutes

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to accept the minutes of the regular meeting which was held November 7, 2022 and continued November 8, 2022, as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>
Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES:

3. Eligible Provisional Ballots

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to accept 419 eligible provisional ballots to be included in the official canvass as presented and recommended by board staff.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>
Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: Includes 12 “right church, wrong pew” provisional envelopes. 89% acceptance rate.

Director Fusco explained how ballots are acceptable based on the EOM falling under multi precinct polling location provisions after Chairman Johnson asked to clarify the rule for accepting the ballots.

Mr. Bowersock asked if voters preferences would be changed in any way by voting the wrong precinct and Director Fusco explained the process resulting in voter’s preferences being upheld. Mr. Maroscher asked if this occurred at only one location or multiple and there were multiple occurrences.

4. Ineligible Provisional Ballots

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to reject 53 ineligible provisional ballot applications for the reasons submitted:

31: Not registered to vote in Columbiana County or in the State of Ohio

1: Voter did not sign provisional envelope

17: Voter voted in the wrong precinct

1: Voter previously cast ballot

3: No ballot in provisional envelope

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>
Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: 11% deemed ineligible. Director Fusco explained the 12-D form that poll workers are

trained to give to voters if they attempt to vote in the wrong location. She noted that we did not receive any forms and the 17 wrong precinct voters cannot have their ballot counted and poll

workers will be further trained on this process again. Mr. Johnson remarked that we have to abide by the law and deny the ballots. Director Fusco also added there was one voter that voted absentee

and attempted to vote on election day as a provisional voter. The voter was an elderly nursing home resident and the Board deemed she was likely confused. Director Fusco noted we have

checks and balances in place so each voter only receives and votes one ballot.

5. Uncountable Absentee Ballots

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to reject 21 absentee ballots due to the presented errors, omissions, and deadlines.

16: Absentees received too late

5: Uncountable due to withdrawal, refusal, voter deceased, or undeliverable

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes;

Ms. Colian, yes; Mr. Maroscher yes;

Motion carried.

NOTES:

Director's Report:

Items From The Board:

Mr. Johnson remarked that this was a regular meeting in accordance with the SOS election calendar and the Board has acted as they have always done in getting 100% membership present for the meeting and will continue to follow the elections calendar.

Next Meeting: November 29, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes;

Ms. Colian, yes; Mr. Maroscher yes;

Motion carried.

Guests: Mary Ann Grier