



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 7, 2022, 9:30 a.m. Continuation from Recess – November 8, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

I. ROUTINE ITEMS:

1. Approve Agenda
2. Acceptance of Minutes
3. Approval of Bills

II. ACTION ITEMS:

4. Absentee Ballot Review*
 - a. *denotes multiple board actions
5. Executive Session Concerning Pending Court Action
6. In Office Early Voting Ballot Review
7. Recess
8. Absentee Ballot Review (if needed)
9. Certify the Unofficial Results of the November 8, 2022 General Election

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. In-Office Absentee and Vote by Mail Totals
2. Holiday Hours
3. Election Day Occurrences

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 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnson at 9:30 a.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. Maroscher to approve the agenda as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<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 held October 18, 2022 as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

NOTES:

3. Approval of the Bills

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to approve the payment of bills for October 2022 totaling \$146,350.56 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: Director Fusco noted that roughly \$100,000 was due to the return of SOS grant funds.

4a. Absentee ballot review – ballots needing voter intent determined, including but not limited to, write-ins, erasures, overvotes, errant marks etc.

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to: remake or reflect the voter’s intent on the 55 presented ballots.

1. 40 voter intent
2. 5 erasure mark
3. 10 errant mark

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

NOTES: This action item began and was suspended after the 40 voter intent ballots to move to agenda item 5. The item was revisited and continued after executive session.

4b. Absentee ballot review – True Overvotes

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Ms. Colian to consider 16 presented ballots rejected as overvotes as true overvotes and re-run them through the scanner with the overvote function set to accept.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

NOTES:

5. Executive Session

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Ms. Colian to enter into executive session to conference with legal counsel concerning pending court action.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes;
Ms. Colian, yes; Mr. Maroscher yes;

Motion carried.

NOTES: Chairman Johnson made remarks on the Board's meeting practices and that the Board determines their schedule based on the SOS and elections calendar and that the Board minutes are recorded and available from all board meetings going back the last 4 years and further. Executive session lasted from 9:52 a.m. until 10:51 a.m. Chairman Johnson also discussed that the Board now posts meeting dates and times on the website along with Board minutes and a notice for anyone desiring to be added to the board meeting notification list to contact the office via email.

6. In Office Early Voting Ballot Review

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to accept and remake one ballot from a walk in early voter whose ballot did not scan in the DS200.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes;
Ms. Colian, yes; Mr. Maroscher yes;

Motion carried.

NOTES:

7. Recess

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to go into recess until 7:30 p.m. on November 8th.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock, yes; Ms. Colian, yes;
Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Maroscher, yes;

Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened by Mr. Johnson at 10:20 p.m. on Election Day.

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>

8. Absentee Ballot Review – if needed

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to

Roll Call:

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

Motion _____.

NOTES: Item not needed.

9. Certify the Unofficial Results

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to certify the unofficial results of the November 8, 2022 General Election for all Columbiana County contests presented in the election summary, a copy of which will remain on file in the board office.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

NOTES:

Director's Report:

Both Director Fusco and Deputy Director Miner thanked the staff, poll workers, and volunteers for all of their great work this election cycle.

Items From The Board:

Vice Chair Colian asked both Directors to look at ordering new flags that are made in America for the parking lot flag pole, additionally Chairman Johnson recommended looking for new board room flags as well. As a rule, Chairman Johnson also put on record that the Board will continue to have meetings as always and to follow the SOS election calendar to determine the timeframes of when the Board will meet from month to month so 100% of the members can attend. The Board will follow the rule that has been used since all members have been on the Board.

Next Meeting: TBD

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

Guests: Mike Halleck, Krista Peddicord, David Smith, Mary Ann Grier