



# 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 – August 30, 2023, 1:30 p.m.**

- I. ROUTINE ITEMS:
  1. Approve Agenda
  2. Acceptance of Minutes
  
- II. ACTION ITEMS:
  3. Certify the Post-Election Audit Results
  4. Reconsider Local Option Petitions
  
- III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
  1. Filed Write-In Candidates

The Columbiana County Board of Elections met in special session at the Board Office located at 7989 Dickey Dr., Suite 3, Lisbon, Ohio on August 30, 2023 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>Excused</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>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>___;</u>

Motion carried.

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### 2. Acceptance of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Bowersock and seconded by Ms. Colian to accept the minutes of the special meeting which was held August 23, 2023, as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

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### 3. Certify the Post-Election Audit Results

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to certify the results of the audit performed on State Issue 1 as presented in the submitted report.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco noted three precincts were chosen at random (Salem 3B, Liverpool Twp. West and Leetonia Village) to equal 5% of the vote to audit. The Staff divided up into teams and the audit was 100% accurate. The Board signed the official audit form for permanent record.

### 4. Reconsider Local Option Petitions

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to validate 1 local option petition as presented for placement on the ballot as presented by board staff.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco noted all liquor option petitions had been passed on their face so further research could be done with the Division of Liquor Control and the Prosecutor's Office. After speaking with Nikki, it was revealed the Division of Liquor Control instructed her to allow her license to expire, therefore the Board should not have invalidated their local option petition in a previous meeting. Director Fusco noted after conferring with the Prosecutor, the errors on the petition do not warrant invalidation. Mr. Johnson questioned why did the Prosecutor originally recommend to invalidate? Director Fusco noted because of the D6 application, but Nikki is a holder of C1 and C2 liquor license. Mr. Johnson asked since they are a holder of the C1 and C2, why do they need a D6? Director Fusco noted because it is for Sunday sales. Mr. Johnson stated if the Division of Liquor Control approves and the Prosecutor approves, then the Board should follow suit.

### **Director's Report:**

Director Fusco presented the Board with 9 write-in candidates and a withdrawal from Mike Lombardozzi for Wellsville Council making 8 write-in candidates for November. Deputy Director Miner presented the Board with a report of absentee by mail and in-person absentee voting data broken down by party from the August Special Election. Deputy Director Miner alerted the Board that Security Directive 4 had been issued by the SOS and each Board Member must take cyber security awareness training by October 6<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Director Miner informed the Board that e-

pollbook funds have been issued to counties from the state available until May of 2024 and proposals will be presented in a future board meeting since the current e-pollbooks will be end of life after 2024. Mr. Johnson asked if the security awareness training was the same as in the past, it is.

***Items From The Board:***

The Board wished everyone a happy Labor Day weekend and thanked the staff for their work.

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Next Meeting: TBD 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of September

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.