

**Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2012**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Monday, January 9, 2012 for a regular meeting. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Thomas Ellis, Member Judith Shelton, Member Frank Cloud, Member John Holcomb, Director Jocelyn Bucaro, Deputy Director Lynn Kinkaid, Sr. Executive Assistant Nancy Piper, and Administrative Assistant Janaya Scott. Also present were Secretary of State Regional Liaison Keith Corman, Barbara Wilks and Nanci Lanni representing Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park.

Chairman Ellis stated that there were no Minutes or Bills to approve.

Director Bucaro reviewed the Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park local option petitions for its language validity with the Board. Member Holcomb noted that Pyramid Hill was seeking to extend the permit they already have to allow for Sunday sales and that based on the opinion from the assistant county prosecutor to the Board, the local option issue should remain on the March 6, 2012 ballot. The representatives from Pyramid Hill noted that their intent was to offer full bar service on Sundays. Member Holcomb made a motion that the Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park local option issue remain on the ballot and that the ballot language be amended to include beer, wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquors. The motion was seconded by Member Shelton. Roll Call

Chairman Ellis	yea
Member Cloud	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Holcomb	yea

All in favor; motion carried

The Board then began discussion regarding In Office Early Voting hours. Director Bucaro submitted to the Board that extended hours for In Office Early Voting should be on Monday, February 6, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 pm as required for close of registration; on each Wednesday in February from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays in February from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Chairman Ellis suggested the Board office be open on Saturday, February 25, 2012 until 4:30p.m. as the final Saturday for In Office Early Voting. Member Holcomb motioned to accept the hours as:

Monday, February 6, 2012 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(This is also the deadline for voter registration.)

Wednesdays
2/1/12 through 2/29/12 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
(2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29)

Saturdays
2/4 through 2/18 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(2/4, 2/11, 2/18)

Saturday, 2/25 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Last Saturday to vote Early prior to Primary Election)

Friday, March 2, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
(Last day to vote prior to Primary Election.)

The motion was seconded by Member Cloud. Roll Call:

Chairman Ellis yea
Member Cloud yea
Member Shelton yea
Member Holcomb yea

All in favor; motion carried

Director Bucaro reviewed the following Directives with the Board:

- 01/04/2012 2012-01 **Determining the Validity of Provisional Ballots to the Board of Elections****
Prescribes a new form for the provisional envelope and establishes a mandatory process for the post-election review and validation of provisional ballots.
- 01/04/2012 2012-02 **Candidates for U.S. Senator and Justices of the Supreme Court****
SOS certification will take place by 1/11/2012 of names of candidates for U.S. Senator and Justices of the Supreme Court to appear on the March 6, 2012 primary election ballot.

The following Memoranda from the Secretary of State were reviewed with the Board by Director Bucaro.

- 01/04/12 Declaration of Candidacy Petitions to the Democratic National Convention (Melanie Poole)**
Petitions for Ted Strickland (candidate for Delegate-at-Large to the Democratic National Convention, first choice for President Barack Obama) and Chris Marsh (candidate for Delegate-at-Large to the Democratic National Convention, first choice for President Randall Terry) were sent to boards of elections on January 4th.
- 01/04/12 Minor Party State Central Committee (Matt Damschroder)**
Notification that in some cases minor parties elect more than one member to the state central committee: Green Party (not more than four), and Libertarian Party (not more than two). The prescribed ballot form was not reflective of this. Reminder that Constitution and Green parties elect their state central committee members by State Board of Education districts, the Libertarian Party elects its state central committee members by U.S. Congressional Districts.
- 01/05/2012 2012 Election Calendar (Matt Damschroder)**
Revised election calendar for 2012 reflecting the changes from HB 369.
- 01/05/2012 Withdrawal of Democrat Write-in Candidate for US Senate (Matt Damschroder)**
Mark A. McGinnis has withdrawn as a write-in candidate, so no longer necessary to place a write-in line for the office on ballot.
- 01/06/2012 New Party Correction (Robin Fields)**
New Party in Ohio's name is "Americans Elect" (incorrectly reported as "America Elects").

Other Communications:

Date: Subject:

- 01/05/12 Lawsuit on Districts (Aaron Ockerman)**
Legislative Democrats File Suit Challenging New General Assembly Districts. Mr. Ockerman does not believe this will affect the timing of the elections calendar this year, but will keep us apprised.
- 01/06/12 Supreme Court – Redistricting (Aaron Ockerman)**
Evidence in the case must be filed no later than Tuesday, 1/17. Plaintiffs must file their merit brief no later than 1/23. Defendants' response must come no later than 1/30, and plaintiffs must file their reply no later than 2/3.

Member Shelton recommended that in accordance with R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) a motion be made to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion was made by Member Holcomb, seconded by Member Cloud. Roll call:

Chairman Ellis yea
Member Holcomb yea
Member Cloud yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Upon returning from Executive session and with no further business, Member Cloud motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Holcomb. Roll call:

Chairman Ellis yea
Member Cloud yea
Member Holcomb yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Thomas W. Ellis, Chairman

Jocelyn Bucaro, Director

John M. Holcomb, Member

Judith A. Shelton, Member

Frank Cloud, Member