

**Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2012**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, for a special meeting to reorganize under O.R.C. 3501.09 and Directive 2011-42. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Thomas Ellis, Member Judy Shelton, Member Frank Cloud, Member Bruce Carter, Director Lynn Kinkaid, Jocelyn Bucaro, and Administrative Assistant Tiffany Harmon. Also present were Mr. Bob Selak of Thompson Hine LLP Attorneys at Law; and Ms. Lauren Pack, Reporter for Cox Newspapers.

Chairman Ellis referred to the Agenda and stated that under O.R.C. and Directive 2011-42, the first order of business was the finalization of the reorganization.

Chairman Ellis stated that the Secretary of State weighed in on the tie vote for Director of the Butler County Board of Elections and appointed Mr. Lynn Kinkaid.

The next order of business pursuant to the directions of the O.R.C. 3501.09 and Directive 2011-42 was to appoint a Deputy Director of the Board of Elections.

Member Carter moved to open nominations for Deputy Director of the Butler County Board of Elections. Member Cloud seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Chairman Ellis	Yea
Member Cloud	Yea
Member Shelton	Yea
Member Carter	Yea

Motion carried to open nominations.

Member Cloud moved to nominate Jocelyn Bucaro for Deputy Director of the Butler County Board of Elections under O.R.C. 3501.09 and Directive 2011-42.

Member Carter seconded the motion. Chairman Ellis asked if there were any other nominations. There were none, and roll call was taken.

Chairman Ellis	No
Member Cloud	Yea
Member Shelton	No
Member Carter	Yea

There was a tie vote, and the motion, therefore, did not pass.

Chairman Ellis explained that under Revised Code, the Board is required to vote on this position again, and he again asked for a nomination for the position of Deputy Director. For a second time, Member Cloud moved to nominate Jocelyn Bucaro for Deputy Director of the Butler County Board of Elections under Revised Code 3501.09 and Directive 2011-42. Member Carter seconded the motion. Chairman Ellis asked if there were any other nominations. There were none, and roll call was taken.

Chairman Ellis	No
Member Cloud	Yea
Member Shelton	No
Member Carter	Yea

There was a tie vote, and the motion, therefore, did not pass.

Chairman Ellis explained that they must continue to vote on this position, and he again asked for a nomination for the position of Deputy Director. Member Carter moved to nominate Jocelyn Bucaro for Deputy Director of the Butler County Board of Elections according to Revised Code 3501.09 and Directive 2011-42. Member Cloud seconded the motion. Chairman Ellis asked if there were any other nominations. There were none, and roll call was taken.

Chairman Ellis	No
Member Cloud	Yea
Member Shelton	No
Member Carter	Yea

There was a tie vote, and the motion, therefore, did not pass.

Chairman Ellis explained that they must continue to vote on this position, and he again asked for a nomination for the position of Deputy Director. Member Cloud moved to nominate Jocelyn Bucaro for Deputy Director of the Butler County Board of Elections according to Revised Code 3501.09 and Directive 2011-42.

Member Carter seconded the motion. Chairman Ellis asked if there were any other nominations. There were none, and roll call was taken.

Chairman Ellis	No
Member Cloud	Yea
Member Shelton	No
Member Carter	Yea

There was a tie vote, and the motion, therefore, did not pass.

Chairman Ellis explained the Board is required to vote on this position again, and he again asked for a nomination for the position of Deputy Director a fifth and final time under O.R.C. 3501.09 and Directive 2011-42. Member Cloud moved to nominate Jocelyn Bucaro for Deputy Director of the Butler County Board of Elections. Member Carter seconded the motion. Chairman Ellis asked if there were any other nominations or discussion on the motion.

Member Carter stated that it is clear from the Secretary of State's recent letter regarding the tie vote for Director that Ms. Bucaro is qualified to hold not only the position of Deputy Director but Director, and she has certainly shown her qualifications since being unanimously appointed by the Board last year. He stated that he cannot see anything but partisan politics as blocking the appointment of Ms. Bucaro as the Deputy Director and would like to see the reason for the opposition to her appointment by the Republican Board Members. He stated that he fears that if this is an issue of partisan politics, it could undermine the operations of the Board of Elections. He stated that he would like for the members who have cast their votes against Ms. Bucaro to state a reason. Chairman Ellis and Member Shelton had no comment. Member Cloud stated that he was appalled and agreed with Member Carter. He also said that the Board Members put her in the Director position and she had done "one hell of a job" and both opposing Board Members have commented on that in the past.

Roll Call:

Chairman Ellis	No
Member Cloud	Yea

Member Shelton No
Member Carter Yea

Chairman Ellis stated that the Board was deadlocked in a vote for Deputy Director, and that the tie vote would be submitted to the Ohio Secretary of State to be broken.

Chairman Ellis stated the next order of business pursuant to the directions of the O.R.C. 3501.09 and Directive 2011-42 was to appoint a Chairman of the Board.

He explained the Chairman must be of the opposite party of Mr. Lynn Kinkaid.

Member Carter moved to nominate Frank Cloud as Chairman of the Board.

Member Shelton seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, and roll call was taken:

Chairman Ellis Yea
Member Cloud Yea
Member Shelton Yea
Member Carter Yea

All in favor; motion carried.

At approximately 3:20 p.m., Chairman Cloud moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Member Shelton.

Roll call:

Chairman Cloud Yea
Member Ellis Yea
Member Shelton Yea
Member Carter Yea

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Lynn Kinkaid, Director

Thomas W. Ellis, Member

Judith A. Shelton, Member

Bruce Carter, Member