

**Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2012**

The Butler County Board of Elections was in regular session beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 for the General Election.

At 7:30 p.m., the Board met for a special meeting to observe the pre-tabulation test of the server and the unofficial canvass of the November 6, 2012 Election.

Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member Bruce Carter, Member Judy Shelton, Member Tom Ellis, Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro, and Administrative Coordinator Tiffany Harmon. Director Lynn Edward Kinkaid entered the meeting later. A student from Miami University, Oxford was also present in the meeting.

Deputy Director Bucaro announced that the Board observed the pre-test of the tabulation server before our unofficial canvass and the Board members signed all of the reports.

Member Ellis asked about the current number of absentee ballots. Deputy Director Bucaro stated that 50,700 absentee ballots were issued and approximately 48,000 have been returned.

Member Ellis moved to go into recess; seconded by Member Carter. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Carter moved to go back into session; seconded by Member Ellis. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

There were 4 absentee ballots with marks that cannot be read by the scanners.

Member Carter moved to approve the 4 ballot remakes with ambiguous marks;

seconded by Member Shelton. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

There were 13 absentee ballots with timing marks that cannot be read by the

scanners. Member Carter moved to approve the 13 timing marks remakes;

seconded by Member Shelton. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

There were 11 absentee ballots that were torn or damaged. Member Carter

moved to approve the 11 ballots damaged remakes; seconded by Member

Shelton. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Five absentee ballots contained double votes for the same candidate, including a

write-in vote, that needed to be remade. Member Carter moved to approve the 5

“double bubble” remakes; seconded by Member Shelton. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The Board then reviewed 13 absentee ballots with questions of voter intent and directed the ballots to be remade on an individual basis.

Member Carter moved to approve the remakes of the voter intent ballots as directed; seconded by Member Ellis. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Seven optical scan ballots cast at the polls contained marks that cannot be read by the scanners. Member Carter moved to approve the 7 ballot remakes; seconded by Member Shelton. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried

The Board reviewed one optical scan ballot with timing marks that cannot be read by the scanners. Member Carter moved to approve the remade ballot; seconded by Member Shelton. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried

Member Carter moved to recess; seconded by Member Ellis. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried

Member Carter moved to go back into session; seconded by Member Ellis. Roll

Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried

Deputy Director Bucaro informed the Board that tabulation was complete in the unofficial canvass and that all results were being electronically transmitted to the Secretary of State's office.

Member Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Member Shelton.

Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 a.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Lynn Edward Kinkaid, Director

Thomas W. Ellis, Member

Judith A. Shelton, Member

Bruce Carter, Member