

**Butler County Board of Elections
Special Board Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2012**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. for a Special Meeting to approve the remakes of Provisional and Absentee Ballots from the November 6, 2012 General Election. Roll call was taken and present were Member Bruce Carter, Member Judy Shelton, Member Tom Ellis, Director Lynn Edward Kinkaid, Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro, Administrative Coordinator Donna DeFazio and Administrative Coordinator Tiffany Harmon. Chairman Frank Cloud was absent from the meeting, therefore Member Carter served as Acting Chairman for this meeting.

Acting Chairman Carter stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review and approve remakes of Provisional and Absentee Ballots, which Deputy Director Bucaro presented to the Board by categories.

Member Shelton moved to accept the five torn and mutilated Provisional Ballot remakes as presented. Member Ellis seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter	yea
Member Ellis	yea
Member Shelton	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Shelton moved to accept the four Provisional Ballot remakes with timing mark errors as presented. Member Ellis seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter	yea
Member Ellis	yea
Member Shelton	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Bucaro explained that “double bubble” errors occur when a voter fills in the oval next to a candidate’s name, and writes their name as a write-in candidate as well. Member Shelton moved to accept the fourteen Provisional

Ballot remakes with “double bubble” errors as presented. Member Ellis

seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Bucaro presented 130 ballots with ambiguous markings, and explained that voters used check marks, did not completely fill in the ovals by the candidate’s name, or used other markings. The scanner therefore, is unable to tabulate the vote. Member Shelton moved to accept the 130 Provisional Ballot remakes with ambiguous markings as presented. Member Ellis seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Bucaro then presented forty Provisional Ballots with voter intent in question. The Board Members all reviewed each ballot and determined voter intent, which was recorded by Ms. DeFazio and Ms. Harmon on each ballot remake. Member Ellis moved to accept the Provisional Ballot remakes with question of voter intent as directed by the Board. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Bucaro presented a Provisional Ballot where the voter was given two copies of the second page of the ballot. Member Ellis moved to remake the single Provisional Ballot with duplicate pages as directed by the Board. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea

Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Absentee Ballot Remakes were reviewed by the Board, and Member Ellis moved to approve three Absentee Ballots with ambiguous marking remakes as presented to the Board. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Ellis moved to approve one damaged Absentee Ballot remake as presented to the Board. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Ellis moved to approve one “double bubble” Absentee Ballot remake as presented to the Board. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Ellis moved to approve the five timing mark Absentee Ballot remakes as presented to the Board. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

After reviewing ten voter intent issues and agreeing as to how they should be remade, Member Ellis moved to approve the remakes as directed by the Board.

Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Ellis moved to approve one “double bubble” Absentee Ballot remake as presented to the Board. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Ellis moved to invalidate two Provisional Ballots which were sealed in one envelope. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Bucaro presented one Provisional Envelope with two copies of the second page of the ballot. She explained that the voter made an error on their ballot and requested a second copy, but the poll worker did not collect the original or make notes. Therefore, it cannot determine which is the soiled ballot.

Member Ellis moved to approve and accept the remake of the multiple page Provisional Ballot as made by the Board which is a blank vote for Issues 4 and 24. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Ellis moved to approve the six torn or mutilated Provisional Ballot remakes as presented to the Board. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Ellis yea
Member Shelton yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Member Carter yea
Member Shelton yea
Member Ellis yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Not Present

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Lynn Edward Kinkaid, Director

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Thomas W. Ellis, Member

Judith A. Shelton, Member

Bruce Carter, Member