

**Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2015**

The Butler County Board of Elections was in regular session beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, for the General Election. At 5:35 p.m. the Board met for a special meeting to observe the pre-tabulation test of the server and the unofficial canvass. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member Bruce Carter, Member Todd Hall, Member Chris Wunnenberg, Director Diane Noonan, Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro, and Executive Assistant Donna DeFazio, Clerk of Courts Mary Swain and Mike Pitman from Cox Media.

Deputy Director Bucaro presented the opening zero report of the pre-tabulation test for the Board Members to sign. They also signed the summary report, which matched expected results. Then they signed the closing zero report on the pre-test and the opening zero report of the unofficial canvass showing zero votes on the tabulation server.

Chairman Cloud stated the Board will approve remakes. Deputy Director Bucaro stated there is a new procedure for the Board to approve remakes. It will be done by a network connection to our scanners on the computer and the ballots can be reviewed. The ballots can be adjudicated through the software. Board Members will see what race the scanner had difficulty reading and adjudicate the ballot on the screen according to how Board Members agree the ballot should be marked.

Before adjudicating on the computer, Deputy Director Bucaro presented two ballots that could not be read by the scanners due to ambiguous marks made by the voter. On the first ballot, Member Carter moved to accept the votes as directed by the Board on all candidates and races but Issue 3; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Hall	yea

Member Wunnenberg yea

All in favor; motion carried.

On the first ballot, Member Carter moved to accept Issue 3 as a yes vote;

seconded by Chairman Cloud. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member Carter yea
Member Hall nay
Member Wunnenberg yea

Majority in favor; motion carried.

On the second ballot, Chairman Cloud noted that the marking in the oval was not

vivid enough for the scanner to pick up the vote. Member Carter moved to

accept the vote for the Lakota School District as directed by the Board; second

by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member Carter yea
Member Hall yea
Member Wunnenberg yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Bucaro reviewed on the computer screen an absentee ballot for

Sharon1 member of council that the ambiguous marks were not picked up by the

scanner. Member Carter moved to accept the remake as a vote for Dave Koch;

seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member Carter yea
Member Hall yea
Member Wunnenberg yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed 44 absentee ballots for voter intent. Member Carter moved

to approve the 44 absentee ballots as directed by the Board; seconded by

Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member Carter yea
Member Hall yea
Member Wunnenberg yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Noonan stated that the Board needs to set a hearing date and discuss procedures for Challenges to the Right to Vote. Roger Gates from the Prosecutor's Office is available the week of November 9th and we will need to have a court reporter for the proceedings. The Board set the hearing for Thursday, November 12th at 1:00 p.m. Member Carter stated that the burden of proof is on the challengers. Deputy Director Bucaro stated the challengers are questioning her residence.

Member Carter moved to go into recess while they await election returns from the poll; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Chairman Cloud stated the Board is back in session.

Deputy Director Bucaro stated there are two more absentee ballots to review for voter intent that came over the counter today. Member Carter moved to approve the two absentee ballots as directed by the Board; seconded by Member Hall.

Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

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

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

In the tabulation room, Member Wunnenberg moved to approve one ballot remake for Archie Johnson for Hamilton City Council; seconded by Member Hall.

Roll call:

Chairman Cloud absent
Member Carter yea
Member Hall yea
Member Wunnenberg yea

All in favor; motion carried

Acting Chairman Carter stated the Board is back in session.

Acting Chairman Carter informed the Board that tabulation was complete in the unofficial canvass of the November 3, 2015 General Election and all results have been sent to the Secretary of State. The Board signed all reporting documents.

With no further business, Member Hall moved to adjourn; seconded by Member

Wunnenberg. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud absent
Member Carter yea
Member Shelton yea
Member Hall yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 a.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Diane J. Noonan, Director

Todd Hall, Member

Chris Wunnenberg, III, Member

Bruce Carter, Member