

Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., for a special meeting. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member Mariann Penska, Member Chris Wunnenberg, Director Diane Noonan, Deputy Director Eric Corbin and Poll Worker/Executive Assistant Melissa Trotta, and WCPO reporters.

Under Election Business, Director Noonan stated there are total of 929 provisional ballots from the March 17, 2020, Primary Election. Director Noonan said out of the 929 ballots there are 288 invalid ballots. She presented one provisional ballot with a birthday discrepancy between what the voter wrote on the provisional ballot envelope and what is in the voter registration database. Member Wunnenberg moved to accept the one provisional ballot with date of birth discrepancy; seconded by Member Penska. Roll Call:

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| Chairman Cloud | yea |
| Member Hall | absent |
| Member Penska | yea |
| Member Wunnenberg | yea |

All in favor; motion carries.

Director Noonan presented the following invalid ballots, 200 provisional ballots that are invalid according to Directive 2020-09 set forth by the Secretary of State, 78 provisional ballots that are invalid because the voters were not registered to vote in Butler County, 1 provisional ballot that is invalid because their identification does not compare, 4 provisional ballot that are invalid because the voter's signature did not match, 2 provisional ballots that are invalid because the voters address is not a current Butler County address, 1 provisional ballot that is invalid because the voter did not list their complete address, and 2 provisional ballot that are invalid because the voter cast two ballots.

Member Penska made a motion to invalidate the 288 ballots for the reasons outlined on Document 2; seconded by Member Wunnenberg. Member Wunnenberg asked about the 200 provisional ballots are invalid according to Directive 2020-09. Director Noonan explained these ballots are not valid because the voters who cast their ballot in-person on April 28, 2020, had not properly requested an absentee ballot.

Roll Call:

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| Chairman Cloud | yea |
| Member Hall | absent |
| Member Penska | yea |
| Member Wunnenberg | yea |

All in favor; motion carries.

Member Wunnenberg made a motion to approve the 640 valid provisional ballots; seconded by Member Penska. Roll Call:

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| Chairman Cloud | yea |
| Member Hall | absent |
| Member Penska | yea |
| Member Wunnenberg | yea |

All in favor; motion carries.

Deputy Director Corbin presented three challenged absentee ballots for the March 17, 2020, Primary Election. Deputy Director Corbin stated the signatures do not match the voter's signature in the registration database. Deputy Director Corbin said the signatures have been compared to all signatures on file with our office.

Member Wunnenberg made a motion to invalidate the absentee ballot with AVID 428106; seconded by Member Penska. Roll Call:

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| Chairman Cloud | yea |
| Member Hall | absent |
| Member Penska | yea |
| Member Wunnenberg | yea |

All in favor; motion carries.

Member Wunnenberg made a motion to invalidate the absentee ballot with AVID 443416; seconded by Member Penska. Roll Call:

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| Chairman Cloud | yea |
| Member Hall | absent |
| Member Penska | yea |
| Member Wunnenberg | yea |

All in favor; motion carries.

Member Wunnenberg made a motion to invalidate the absentee ballot with AVID 443020; seconded by Member Penska. Roll Call:

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| Chairman Cloud | yea |
| Member Hall | absent |
| Member Penska | yea |
| Member Wunnenberg | yea |

All in favor; motion carries.

Member Wunnenberg moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel according to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) at 1:37 p.m.; seconded by Member Penska. Roll Call:

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| Chairman Cloud | yea |
| Member Hall | absent |
| Member Penska | yea |
| Member Wunnenberg | yea |

All in favor; motion carries.

At 1:32 p.m. Chairman Cloud stated the Board is back in session. With no further business, Member Wunnenberg moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Member Penska. Roll Call:

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| Chairman Cloud | yea |
| Member Penska | yea |
| Member Hall | absent |
| Member Wunnenberg | yea |

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:12 p.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Absent

Todd Hall, Member

Diane Noonan, Director

Chris Wunnenberg III, Member

Mariann Penska, Member