

Butler County Board of Elections

Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., for the General Election. Roll call was taken, and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member mariann penska, Member Todd Hall, Member Chris Wunnenberg III, Director Nicole Unzicker, Deputy Director Eric Corbin, and Poll Worker Administrator/Executive Assistant Melissa Trotta.

Under New Business, Director Unzicker presented the Manually Remade Ballots document. Director Unzicker stated there are forty UOCAVA voter ballots that were remade. She explained the ballots are emailed, but when the ballot is returned, it must be remade on the ballot paper in order for it to be scanned. She said four other absentee ballots were remade due to being torn, ripped, or mutilated. Director Unzicker stated that she and Deputy Director Corbin reviewed all of the ballots. Member Wunnenberg moved to approve the remade ballots for tabulation, seconded by Member Hall. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member penska yea
Member Hall yea
Member Wunnenberg yea
All in favor; motion carried.



Remade Ballots
November 7, 2023 General Election

Manually Remade Ballots

Below is a count of each type of ballot remake that must be approved by the Board as of November 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Ballot Type	Count
UOCAVA	40
Other Absentee Ballots	4
Total	44

The Director and Deputy Director verified on a bipartisan basis that original ballots which were unable to be scanned, were remade in accordance with Ohio Secretary of State Directive 2022-14.


Director


Deputy Director

Required Action

Board motion to approve remakes for tabulation.

Deputy Director Corbin presented the Draft Electronic Pollbook Procurement Document. There was a short discussion about state funding to assist Boards of Elections with the purchase of new electronic pollbooks, vendors, and cost comparison.

Member Hall moved to go into recess; seconded by Member Wunnenberg. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member penska yea
Member Hall yea
Member Wunnenberg yea
All in favor; motion carried.

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:02 p.m. Chairman Cloud stated the Board is back in session.

Roll call was taken, and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member mariann penska, Member Todd Hall, Member Chris Wunnenberg III, Director Nicole Unzicker, Deputy Director Eric Corbin, and Poll Worker Administrator/Executive Assistant Melissa Trotta.

The Board reconvened to observe the pre-tabulation test of the server and the unofficial canvass. Director Unzicker presented the opening zero report of the pre-tabulation test for the Board Members to sign. They also signed the summary report, which matched the 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.

Director Unzicker presented the Manually Remade Ballots document. Director Unzicker stated there are an additional five UOCAVA voter ballots that were remade. Member Wunnenberg moved to approve the five additional UOCAVA voter remade ballots for tabulation, seconded by Member Hall. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member penska yea
Member Hall yea
Member Wunnenberg yea
All in favor; motion carried.



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Below is a count of each type of ballot remake that must be approved by the Board as of November 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Type	Count
UOCAVA	5
Other Absentee Ballots	0
Total	5

The Director and Deputy Director verified on a bipartisan basis that original ballots which were unable to be scanned, were remade in accordance with Ohio Secretary of State Directive 2022-14.


Director


Deputy Director

Required Action

Board motion to approve remakes for tabulation.

Deputy Director Corbin presented three ballots to the Board Members to review voter intent. Deputy Director Corbin explained ballot 1 (WC32) there are inconsistent marks for Member of Education Lakota Local School Board. Member Hall made a motion to accept the votes cast for Lynda C. O'Connor and Julie Shaffer; seconded by Member penska. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Corbin explained ballot 2 (Fair2wd4) on Issue 1 the "yes" and "no" are marked. Member penska made a motion to count Issue 1 as an overvote; seconded by Member Hall.

Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The board reviewed ballot 3 (Liberty 28) inconsistent marks for Issue 1 and Issue 2. Member Wunnenberg made a motion to accept the "yes" votes for Issue 1 and Issue 2; seconded by Member Hall. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Hall moved to go into recess; seconded by Member Wunnenberg. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

At 11:10 p.m. Chairman Cloud stated the Board is back in session.

Director Unzicker provided the Board members with the unofficial summary results with all precincts reporting. With no further business, Member penska moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Member Wunnenberg. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:11 p.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Nicole Unzicker, Director

Todd Hall, Member

Chris Wunnenberg III, Member

mariann penska, Member