

**Butler County Board of Elections**  
**Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 31, 2024**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for a special meeting. Roll call was taken, and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member mariann penska, Member Tood Hall, Member Chris Wunnenberg III, Director Nicole Unzicker, Deputy Director Eric Corbin and one member of the public, Gail Niederlehner.

Director Unzicker said there is one item of business on the agenda which is to vote on the challenge of right to vote forms that were filed. She explained that Document 1 contains the relevant ORC which references the challenge of right to vote process and the requirements of the Board, challenger and voters. She explained the next packet contains the information of the voters and the third document contains copies of the original challenge forms.

Director Unzicker explained that the voters listed under, "Challenge 1 – Voters currently registered at post office box or a commercial mail store" have been challenged for being registered at a post office box or a commercial mail store. She explained that the office has blocked certain addresses from being used in the database to prevent voters from registering at post office boxes or commercial mail stores in the future, however there are some voters who were previously registered at some of those addresses. Member Hall moved to grant the challenge of voters listed under, "Challenge 1 – Voters currently registered at post office box or a commercial mail store"; seconded by Member penska. Roll call:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Unzicker explained that that the voters listed under, "Challenge 2(A) – Potential Duplicate Registration in Ohio – Cancelled" have been challenged as potential duplicate voters. The voters listed on Challenge 2(A) were cancelled in accordance with Ohio Secretary of State Directive 2024-06 on July 22, 2024. Member penska moved to deny the challenge of voters listed under, "Challenge 2(A) – Potential Duplicate Registration in Ohio – Cancelled"; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Unzicker explained that that the voters listed under, "Challenge 2(B) – Potential Duplicate Registrations in Ohio – Resolved" have been challenged as potential duplicate voters. The voters listed on Challenge 2(B) were able to be resolved by merging the voter to the correct county, either from Butler to another county, from another county to Butler or the duplicate voter could have both records merged within Butler County. Member penska moved to grant the challenge of voters listed under, "Challenge 2(B) – Potential Duplicate Registrations in Ohio – Resolved"; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

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

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Unzicker explained that that the voters listed under, "Challenge 2(C) – Potential Duplicate Registrations – Not Resolved" have been challenged as potential duplicate voters. The voters listed on Challenge 2(C) were unable to be resolved because the personal identifying information maintained by the Board could not confirm the voter records match. Member penska moved to deny the challenge of voters listed under, "Challenge 2(C) – Potential Duplicate Registrations – Not Resolved"; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member penska	yea

Member Hall                                yea  
Member Wunnenberg                        yea  
All in favor; motion carried.

Director Unzicker explained that that the voters listed under the next three sections are insufficient challenges as determined by the Director and Deputy Director.

Director Unzicker said “Challenge 3 – Second Challenge – Potential Deceased Voter – No Board Action Required” lists a voter that is a duplicate challenge which the Board voted to deny during a special meeting on June 27, 2024. The second challenge did not provide any new information and the voter’s personal identifying information does not match.

Director Unzicker said “Challenge 4 – Potential Out of State Challenges” includes a list of voters who may potentially be registered to vote out of state. The office has determined that the federal law supersedes the state law in regard to the NCOA process, which prohibits the Board from cancelling any voters who are currently in that process. The Board must follow and allow the process to remove those voters as outlined in federal law.

Director Unzicker said “ Challenge 5 – Voters with an Inactive Status and Sent a Confirmation Notice – No Board Action Required” is also an insufficient challenge because these voters were challenged for having an “inactive” or “active-confirmation” status and receiving a confirmation notice in the mail as required by law. Voters in this status are fully qualified electors and eligible to engage in the activities of a registered voter (i.e., sign a petition, request an absentee ballot, etc.) and appears in the pollbook on Election Day.

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 9:08 a.m.

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Frank Cloud, Chairman

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Nicole Unzicker, Director

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Todd Hall, Member

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Chris Wunnenberg III, Member

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mariann penska, Member