

**Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2018**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 7:00 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, Director Diane Noonan, Deputy Director Eric Corbin, Data Administrator Joe Andrews and Poll Worker/Executive Assistant Melissa Trotta. Members of the Public included observers from the Democratic and Republican Party.

At 7:00 p.m. the Board met for a regular meeting to observe the pre-tabulation test of the server and the unofficial canvass. Director Noonan 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.

Deputy Director presented ballots on the computer for adjudication.

Member Wunneberg moved for a vote for the tax levy; seconded by Member Hall. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Wunnenberg moved to approve a vote for State Member Board of Education (3rd district) Candidate Charlotte McGuire; seconded by Member Hall.

Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Corbin presented 2 ballots that had not been scanned and needed Board review for voter intent.

Member Wunnenberg moved to approve a vote for Justice of the Supreme Court Candidate Melody J. Steward; 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 reject a vote for Issue 2 and Issue 5; seconded by Member Penska.

Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Hall asked if the Secretary of State provides a directive on how to determine voter intent. Deputy Director Corbin explained the requirements from the Ohio Election Official (EOM) for determining voter intent. He read: If a voter marked the entire ballot contrary to the instructions provided, the board must follow the guidelines set forth in R.C. 3506.21(B)(1) to determine voter intent on that ballot. He explained any of the following marks, if a majority of those marks are made in a consistent manner throughout an optical scan ballot, shall be counted as a valid vote:

- a. A candidate, question, or issue choice that has been circled by the voter;
- b. An oval beside the candidate, question, or issue choice that has been circled by the voter;
- c. An oval beside the candidate, question, or issue choice that has been marked by the voter with an "x," a check mark, or other recognizable mark; or
- d. A candidate, question, or issue choice that has been marked with a writing instrument that cannot be recognized by automatic tabulating equipment.

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

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

At 7:42 p.m. Chairman Cloud stated the Board is in recess.

At 8:28 p.m. Chairman Cloud stated the Board is in back in session.

Deputy Director Corbin presented ballots on the computer for adjudication. Member Wunnenberg moved for an over vote for the race of State Member Board of Education approve; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

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

Member Penska moved for an over vote for the race of Treasurer of State; 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 for a vote for County Commissioner Candidate Cindy Carpenter and a vote against State Issue 1; seconded by Member Penska. Roll call:

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

Chairman Cloud moved for a vote for U.S. Senator Candidate Sherrod Brown and a vote for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Candidate Keith Spaeth; seconded by Member Penska. Roll call:

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

Member Hall moved to approve a vote for Justice of the Supreme Court Candidate Melody J. Steward; seconded by Member Wunnenberg. Roll call:

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

Member Wunnenberg moved to approve a vote for the Issue 2; seconded by Member Penska.

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 Penska. Roll Call:

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

At 8:47 p.m. Chairman Cloud stated the Board is in recess.

At 11:52 p.m. Chairman Cloud stated the Board is in back in session.

Member Wunnenberg moved to accept the Unofficial Results for the November 6, 2018 General Election; 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 Members and Director Noonan signed the results of the Unofficial Canvass for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

With no further business, Member Hall 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 11:55 p.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Diane Noonan, Director

Todd Hall, Member

Chris Wunnenberg III, Member

Mariann Penska, Member