



COLUMBIANA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Kim Fusco, Director
Bryce A. Miner, Deputy Director

Board Members:
David W. Johnson, Chair
Patricia Colian, Vice Chair
Larry Bowersock
Victor W. Maroscher

Board Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

I. ROUTINE ITEMS:

1. Approve Agenda
2. Acceptance of Minutes

II. ACTION ITEMS:

3. Certify Official Results of Columbiana County
4. Certify Official Results of Overlapping Districts
5. Order Recounts (if necessary)
6. Post-Election Audit Procedures

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Board Member SOS Training Credit Hours

The Columbiana County Board of Elections met in special session at the Board Office located at 7989 Dickey Dr., Suite 3, Lisbon, Ohio on November 28, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnson at 1:30 p.m.

Members present as shown by roll call:

Mr. Bowersock	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Colian	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnson	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Maroscher	<u>Yes</u>

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Reflection

1. Approve Agenda

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to approve the agenda as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES:

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Bowersock and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to accept the minutes of the special meeting which was held November 15, 2023, as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES:

3. Certify Official Results of Columbiana County

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to certify the official counts of the November 7, 2023 General Election as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco reviewed the results with the board members and pointed out that the total ballots cast were 32,464 for a turnout of 50.16%, there will be no automatic recounts, and that the victors in the contested write-in race for Wellsville Village Council were Karen Dash, Martin Keith Thorn, Aaron Smith, and Cindy Mick. Mr. Johnson asked what the statewide turnout was in compared to Columbiana County and the Directors will provide the information when the Secretary of State posts the official results. Board members commented on the good turnout and accurate pre-election prediction of the turnout by directors.

4. Certify and Authorize Official Results of Overlapping Districts

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to authorize the official counts of the November 7, 2023 General Election overlapping contests, and include with the certified Columbiana County results for submission to the Secretary of State's office by board staff.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco reviewed the overlap report with the board having the Mahoning, Carroll, and Jefferson results added to the Columbiana County results for an official result. The board reviewed the report and made comments to the amount of votes added from other counties. Deputy Director Miner stated these are only the contests that Columbiana is most populous, the other contests where Columbiana is the least populous is not recorded in the report.

5. Order Recounts (if necessary)

NOTES: Item not needed.

6. Determine Post-Election Audit Procedures

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Ms. Colian to authorize board staff to conduct the mandatory post-election audit by precinct. The audit will be performed on the state issue 1 & 2 contests, and Columbiana County Member of Governing Board of ESC contests as determined by the board. The selection of random precincts to be audited will be performed by board staff and open to the public at the board office on December 5th at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: The Board must select one contested race. Director Fusco reviewed the audit procedures with the board and explained the Secretary of State's Office explained the third contest to be audited should be a contest that took place in the most total precincts. Both Directors agreed the Columbiana County Member of Governing Board of ESC contest would be the most logical to audit since it was in 38 precincts. The board discussed their availability to do the audit on December 5th or December 7th. December 5th was selected since three of the four board members will be able to attend the meeting at 1:30 p.m. on the 5th.

Director's Report:

Director Fusco reviewed with board members the needed SOS training credit hours that need to be obtained by year end. Director Fusco reviewed the budget allocation from the County Commissioners for 2024 with the board totaling \$654,000 which she expects the need to \$180,000-\$200,000 more in addition to the initial funding. Director Fusco and Mr. Johnson both expressed that the Commissioners have always additionally fully funded our office as needed.

Items From The Board:

The board signed all of the necessary official certification forms as required by law.

Next Meeting: December 5th at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.