

The Union County Board of Elections met on July 6, 2022. Those in attendance were Chairman William Steele; Board Members Gary Lee; Dean Cook; Rebecca Pokorski; SOS Liaison Susie O'Brien; Director Michelle Forrider; Deputy Director Brandon Clay; and Election Specialist Gretchen Kinney.

Chairman Steele called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approve minutes from May 31st board meeting

The minutes from the May 31st meeting were presented to the Board for their approval. Board Member Lee motioned to approve minutes. Board Member Pokorski seconds the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Staffing

Board Member Lee and Cook presented Michelle Forrider as the Republican Board Members choice for the open Director position. Chairman Steele and Board Member Pokorski concurred with this decision. Board Member Lee motioned to appoint Michelle Forrider as Director of the Union County Board of Elections. Board Member Pokorski seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Lee presented Gretchen Kinney for the Election Specialist full time position. Board Member Pokorski motioned to approve Gretchen Kinney as Election Specialist of the Union County Board of Elections. Board Member Lee seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously

Approve Campaign Finance reports

Director Forrider presented campaign finance reports for approval.

1. Citizens for Schools Committee
2. Chris Schmenk for Commissioner
3. Committee to Elect Andrea L. Weaver
4. Friends of Dave Lawrence

Board Member Lee motioned to approve, and Board Member Pokorski seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

2022 YTD budget summary

Director Forrider discussed using a portion of the May grant money to pay the salary of the 2 part time staff members that have been working full time (March-current). Director Forrider also mentioned the August grant money that the Union County BOE will be receiving however awaiting the parameters from the SOS of how the money can be utilized. Board Members had no issues or comments.

Approve bills

Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

1. SOS
2. Triad
3. Verizon

Board Member Lee motioned to approve with Board Member Pokorski seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Ballot Allocation for August 2, 2022, Primary

Director Forrider and Deputy Director presented the Ballot Allocation for approval, explaining they reduced the number of ballots slightly. Board Member Lee motioned to approve with Board Member Pokorski seconding the motion.

- This motion passed unanimously.

Machine Allocation

Director Forrider explained that all machines will be deployed for the August 2, 2022, election due to utilizing a new moving company. This will allow a clear picture of how Outside the Box moving company manages the equipment. Board Member Lee motioned for approval with Board Member Pokorski seconding the motion.

- This motion passed unanimously.

Poll Worker list

Director Forrider presented for approval the poll worker list of those working the August 2, 2022 election. Board Member Pokorski motioned for approval with Board Member Lee seconding the motion.

- This motion passed unanimously.

Chaffin certificate of appreciation

Director Forrider presented a Certificate of Appreciation for Kirk Chaffin to be signed by the Board Members. Chairman Steele and Board Members Cook, Pokorski, and Lee signed the Certificate of Appreciation as well as Director Forrider and Deputy Director Clay.

Official Canvass/Audit date

Director Forrider gave dates for Board approval. August 16th at 9:00AM for the Official Canvass with the Audit to be on August 29th at 9:00AM. Board Member Cook motioned for approval with Board Member Pokorski seconding the motion.

- This motion passed unanimously.

Keys

Director Forrider and Deputy Director Clay are creating a list of keys assigned to each BOE staff and Board Members.

Misc.

Director Forrider notified the Board Members of her and Election Specialist Error being at CERA classes August 8-17.

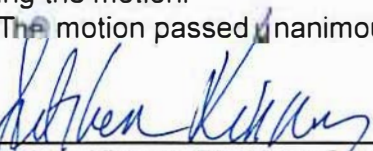
Board Member Lee suggested to SOS Liaison O'Brien that a variation of sessions for BOE staff and Board Members at the summer conference would have been more beneficial. Board Member Lee also suggested that a session on Media crisis would also be beneficial. SOS Liaison O'Brien reassured she would relay these suggestions to the SOS.

Board Members did discuss additional security cameras for increased safety. Board Members had no other comments or concerns.

Board Member Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am with Board Member Pokorski seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously

Attest:


Gretchen Kinney, Elections Specialist

Chairman:


William Steele, Chairman