

The Union County Board of Elections met on May 13, 2025. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members Barbara Luke, and Fred Vogel; SOS liaison Susie O'Brien; Director Brandon Clay, Deputy Director Michelle Forrider, and Election Specialist Vicki Flanders.

*****OFFICIAL CANVASS*****

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Approval of the minutes from the May 6, 2025 meeting

Board Member Vogel moved to approve the minutes with Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Election Review

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider stated that it was a great election. Balancing of the polling locations went smoothly. The poll workers did an outstanding job. Chairman Cook complimented the staff on all their hard work.

Rule on Provisionals and Absentees

Director Clay presented the provisional ballots to the Board.
There were 83 provisional ballots in total.

Recommendation to Accept

The staff recommended accepting 64 provisional ballots. Board Member Luke made a motion to accept the 64 provisional ballots that included 48 in and out of county address changes, 4 absentee ballots sent but not returned, 5 name changes, 3 both name and address change, 1 no identification but corrected, and 3 cast provisional. Board member Vogel seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Pending Board Decision

Board Member Luke motioned to accept 2 ballots that were voted in the right polling location, but the wrong precinct. Board Member Vogel seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Luke motioned to accept 1 ballot where the voter put their birth year as 2025. Board Member Vogel seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Recommendation to Reject

It was recommended to reject a total of 16 provisional ballots. 9 were unregistered in the state of Ohio, 3 were in the wrong precinct and polling location, and 4 had no valid ID. Board Member Luke motioned to reject all 16 provisional ballots with Board Member Vogel seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Absentees with Recommendation to Accept

10 absentee ballots were received postmarked on time. Board Member Vogel motioned to accept all 10 ballots with Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Absentees with Recommendation to Reject

2 absentee ballots were received postmarked late. Board Member Luke motioned to reject both late ballots with Board Member Vogel seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Audit

May 6, 2025, Special Election audit is set for May 19th at 9am. Deputy Director Forrider explained they are looking to audit 647 votes. The Secretary of State set forth State Issue 2 to be audited and the Board would need to select 2 additional issues.

Board Member Vogel motioned to conduct the audit by precincts with Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

The precincts drawn for the audit included Marysville 13 and Allen 2.

Board Member Vogel motioned to Audit the Proposed Tax Levy for Marysville Exempted Village School District and the Proposed Charter Amendment to Article IV for the City of Marysville. Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

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Ballot Remakes

Board member Luke motioned 4 ballots were torn due to excess glue on the envelopes that causing it to stick to the ballot. Board Member Vogel seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

All final ballots were scanned and tabulated. Board Member Vogel motioned to approve the final election numbers with Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Vogel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:33am with Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Attest: Vicki Flanders

Vicki Flanders, Election Specialist

Chairman: Dean Cook

Dean Cook, Chairman