

***The Union County Board of Elections met on November 20, 2023. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members Gary Lee, and William Steele, Director Brandon Clay; Deputy Director Michelle Forrider; Election Specialist Renee Error, Gretchen Kinney, Amy Schrolucke and Vicki Flanders; Members of the Public Barb Phillips and Michael Wolfe; Member of the press Mac Cordell.***

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

Approve minutes from November 7, 2023, meeting.

Board Member Lee moved to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2023, meeting, with Board Member Steele seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### November 7, 2023, Election Update

Deputy Director Forrider said that the election was smooth and really wanted to thank our poll workers and staff. Director Clay updated the Board on the status of the Polling Location balancing. He informed the Board that Fairbanks had 2 extra votes due to ballot jams. He said that he and Deputy Forrider ran the ballots, and it came up correct.

Board member Steele made a motion to count the ballots scanned at the office rather than the media from the OVO's, with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay also presented a ballot from Radiant life that needed to be remade and counted. Once that ballot is counted Radiant life will balance. There was also a ballot from Liberty Township that was not run on Election Day.

Board member Steele made a motion to remake the ballot from Radiant life and run the ballot from Liberty township, with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Rule on Provisionals

Director Clay presented 273 Provisionals for Board Approval.

In County/Out of County Change of Address – 226

Change of Name – 12

Change of Name/Change of Address – 10

Undeliverable Acknowledgement – 5

Absentee sent – 9

Provisional Ballot Cast – 9

No ID but Provided in office – 2

Board Member Steele made the motion to accept all 273 Provisionals with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay presented 1 Provisional that was cast in the correct polling location but the wrong precinct. The ballot was cast for Jerome 4 but should have been Jerome 3.

Board member Steele made a motion to remake the Provisional on a Jerome 3 Ballot. with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously

Director Clay presented 68 Provisionals staff recommend rejecting.

Not Registered in the State – 48

Did not provide ID at the Polls – 18

Wrong Precinct Wrong Poll – 2

Board Member Steele made the motion to reject 68 Provisionals with Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

### Absentees

Director Clay presented 34 Absentee ballots that were Postmarked and arrived on time for the Board to Approve.

Board Member Lee made the motion to accept 34 ballots postmarked and arrived on time with Board Member Steele seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay presented 14 Absentee ballots for rejection.

Postmarked Late - 5

Arrived Late - 3

Undeliverable - 3

No ID envelope - 1

No Signature - 2

Board Member Steele made the motion to reject 14 ballots with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

### Audit

Deputy Director Forrider informed the Board that the State ordered us to audit Issue 1 and Issue 2. The Board will choose the final race to audit. Board Member Lee made a motion to audit the Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities Levy, with Board Member Steele seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Forrider gave the Board 3 options on how to conduct an audit. By Polling locations, Precinct, or by Voting Machines.

Board Member Steele made a motion to conduct the audit by precinct, with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Forrider let the board know that we would need 1290 ballots. Board Chair Cook asked if Mac Cordell would do the honor of pulling the precincts.

The following precincts were pulled for the audit.

Marysville 5 – 514

Marysville 16 – 578  
Dover 1 – 427  
Total - 1519

### Approve Bills

Deputy Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

1. Quill
2. RBM Consulting
3. Outside the Box (moving)
4. Vicki Flanders expense report
5. TRIAD Annual license

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

- The motion passed unanimously.

### Budget Review

Deputy Director Forrider presented the YTD budget. No questions or concerns were raised.

### Official Canvass

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider presented several ballots to be remade that were torn.

Board Member Steele made a motion to remake the torn ballots, with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider completed scanning and counting of all ballots and printed the results. Board Member Lee motioned to accept Official Canvass with Board Member Steele seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider informed the Board that the Marysville City Council 1<sup>st</sup> Ward race is within ½ of 1 percent and has triggered an automatic recount. The Board has set November 30, 2023, as the date for the Recount/Audit at 9:00 a.m.

All Board Members signed the Official Canvass Certification.

### Upcoming meetings

- November 30 Recount/Audit 9:00 am
- December 5, Regular meeting 1:00 pm

Chairman Cook made the motioned to adjourn at 11:00a.m. with Board Member Steele seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Attest:  Chairman:   
Brandon Clay, Director Dean Cook, Chairman