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Wayne County Board of Elections Board Meeting October 25, 2022

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Andrew Neal, Staff Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Edwards.

I. Approval of October 25, 2022 Meeting Agenda

- Mr. Wright made a motion to amend the October 25, 2022 meeting agenda to add a closed session after the approval of the meeting agenda. Mr. Hull seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- Ms. Cowan made a motion to approve the October 25, 2022 meeting agenda as amended. Mr. Hull seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

II. Closed Session

- Mr. Hull made a motion to enter closed session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The Board entered closed session at 5:02 p.m.
- Ms. Cowan made a motion to return to open session. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The Board returned to open session at 5:15 p.m.

III. Director's Update: Ms. Risku updated the Board on the following items.

- Early Voting: As of 3:30 p.m. turnout was at about 9%. There was good turnout this weekend. The Library has proven to be a more popular site than The Maxwell Center. So far there have been few issues with Observers.
- There was an issue at the Library where a member of the public threatened one of the Elections Officials prior to the opening of the polling place. The issue has been referred to the State Board of Elections.
- An organization has coordinated with the Library to hold a rally on their property next week. The same group has had issues in the past but the Library gave them guidelines for their event.

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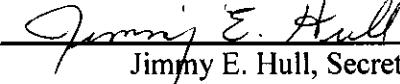
- Mr. Wright asked Mr. Neal what steps the Board can take – legally or otherwise – in regards to the Observer who visited a polling place and announced they had a communicable disease and the individual who made a threat against the Elections Official at the Library. Mr. Neal informed the Board that staff followed the directives of the State Board in regards to the threat and that the information has been referred to their investigators. Mr. Neal also informed the Board that the communicable disease referenced by the Observer does not fall within the statute for prosecution and that was confirmed by local and state health officials. Mr. Edwards stated the local office dealt with the issues as best they could. Ms. Risku reminded the Board that the Observer was removed from the Observer list by the Chairman for cause.

IV. Absentee by Mail Ballot Applications

- Approval
 - Ms. Risku presented the Board with (126) Civilian, (3) Overseas, and (5) Military properly executed Absentee ballots.
 - Ms. Risku presented the Board with (7) Civilian improperly executed Absentee ballots.
 - Mr. Cowan made a motion to approve (134) properly executed Absentee ballots and to disapprove (7) improperly executed Absentee ballots. Mr. Hull seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- Processing
 - Ms. Risku and Mr. Sullivan scanned the ballots into the DS200.
 - The ballots were boxed and sealed by the Board.
- Reconciliation: The Board reviewed and signed the *Executed Absentee Ballot List, Cover Sheet List of Envelopes Acted Upon and Approved or Disapproved in Lieu of Signing Individual Envelopes*, and the *Absentee Processing Log*.

V. Adjournment:

- With all business having been conducted, Ms. Cowan made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Hull seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary