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# County of Wayne

## Board of Elections

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### Wayne County Board of Elections Board Meeting November 7, 2022

Eddie L. Edwards, III, Chairman  
Nicki T. Artis, Member  
Charles Wright, Member  
Anne Risku, Director

Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary  
Bridgette C. Cowan, Member  
Andrew Neal, Staff Attorney

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

**I. Approval of November 7, 2022 Meeting Agenda**

- Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the November 7, 2022 meeting agenda. Mr. Artis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**II. Director's Update**

- Ms. Risku provided the Board with the following updates:
  - A total of 21,416 voters voted early and 939 voted by mail so far. Staff expects around 14,000 Election Day voters.
  - There is a planned protest outside the State Board tomorrow and they've advised counties to be prepared for similar events. Also, there are groups encouraging people to vote as late in the day on Election Day in order to disrupt the process.
  - There was a shooting in front of the office earlier today but it was unrelated to elections. Law enforcement presence has been around the building and will be doing check-ins on polling places tomorrow.
  - Ms. Cowan stated that it seems to be the same people causing problems and that the Board should split up and visit polling places throughout the day. Ms. Risku responded that should time permit, she and Mr. Sullivan will be doing the same.

**III. Absentee by Mail Ballot Applications**

- Approval
  - Ms. Risku presented the Board with (331) civilian, (13) military and (9) Overseas absentee ballots for approval.
  - Ms. Risku presented the Board with (7) improperly executed absentee ballots.
  - Ms. Cowan made a motion to approve (353) properly executed absentee ballots and disapprove (7) improperly

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executed absentee ballots. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

- Processing:
  - Ms. Risku and Mr. Sullivan scanned the ballots into the DS450.
  - 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*.

IV. Signing of the *Certified Executed Absentee List*.

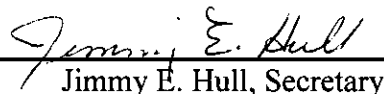
- The Board signed the *Certified Executed Absentee List*.

V. Signing of the *Civilian Certificate of Oath and Certificate of Executed Absentee Ballots (Military and Overseas)*.

- The Board signed the *Civilian Certificate of Oath and Certificate of Executed Absentee Ballots (Military and Overseas)*.

VI. Adjournment:

- With all business having been conducted, Mr. Hull made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Cowan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary