

Hamilton County Election Board Minutes

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Present:

Ray Adler, Chairman

Greg Purvis, Member

Kathy Williams, Secretary and County Clerk

Kathy Moorhous, Chief Deputy of Clerk's Office

Beth Sheller, Election Administrator

Pat Brown

Shelly Brown

Jackie Bowen

Michelle Skaggs

Jennifer Kehl – by Zoom

William Howard – by Zoom

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adler at 1:54 pm.

January 20, 2022 minutes were presented by Clerk Williams. President Adler moved to approve, Clerk Williams seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Williams presented 5 candidates with late filings for their 2021 Annual Campaign Finance Reports.

- 1) Tony Scott – Jennifer Kehl (Tony's treasurer) joined the meeting by zoom to represent Tony. Jennifer indicated the late filing was her error. The report has been received and the committee disbanded. Mr. Purvis made a motion to waive any late fees, Clerk Williams seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Jackie Bowen – Jackie was sworn in by President Adler. Michelle Skaggs (Jackie's treasurer) was also present. Jackie said a miscommunication happened between her and her treasurer about the report. The report has now been received and the committee disbanded. Mr. Purvis made a motion to waive any late fees, Clerk Williams seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Tony Bagato – President Adler spoke with Tony and he had a doctor's appointment today but has agreed to come another day. The report has been received and the committee disbanded so the Board sees no need for Tony to appear at a later date. Mr. Purvis made a motion to waive any late fees, Clerk Williams seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- 4) William Howard – William joined the meeting by Zoom. He indicated he had personal reasons for the report being filed late. The report has now been received and the committee has been disbanded. Mr. Purvis made a motion to waive any late fees, Clerk Williams seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Bruce Kimball – Bruce was not called before the Election Board, as he has had extensive medical issues. His report has been received, but not closed due to still having an outstanding loan. In view of health issues, Mr. Purvis made a motion to waive any late fees, Clerk Williams seconded, motion passed unanimously.

No old business was presented.

Clerk Williams let the Board know that Candidate challenges have been filed right before the meeting and would need to be addressed at a later meeting. Meeting set for Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 2 pm for the purpose of making decisions for candidate challenges.

Clerk Williams brought before the Board a complaint from Eric Morris about the 2021 Annual Campaign Finance Report for Mayor Jim Brainard. The complaint was addressed by Mayor Brainard's accountant who fixed all outstanding errors except for a loan error. This will be brought up for discussion at the February 17, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Purvis cited Indiana Code 3-10-1-5 that **states a County Election Board Member** may submit a request for unopposed candidates to be placed on the ballot. **Mr. Purvis submitted this request** for the 2022 Election. He also made a motion that the Democratic unopposed candidates be placed on the ballot. After discussion, President Adler seconded the motion, Clerk Williams abstained, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chairman Adler and seconded by Clerk Williams. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Indicates corrections to the minutes from 2/17/22 Election Board Meeting