

# Hamilton County Election Board Minutes

## Thursday, February 17, 2022

Present:

Ray Adler, Chairman

Greg Purvis, Member

Kathy Williams, Secretary and County Clerk

Beth Sheller, Election Administrator

Patricia Brown

Ronnie Miller

Mario Massillamany

Andrew Greider

Nancy K Smith

John Accetturo

Eric Morris

Jim Flanders

Suzanne Flanders

Rachel Hyde

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adler at 2:02 pm.

February 10, 2022 minutes were presented by Clerk Williams. Mr. Purvis submitted corrections to the Minutes. One correction was a misspelling and the other was to correct how he cited Indiana Code 3-10-1-5. Mr. Purvis himself was presenting the request to place unopposed Democrat candidates to be placed on the ballot for the 2022 Elections (not Dayna Colbert, Hamilton County Democrat Chairperson). Clerk Williams made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections made by Mr. Purvis., Mr. Purvis seconded, motion carried.

Clerk Williams presented 12 candidate challenges for the 2022 Republican Primary made by Mario Massillamany, Hamilton County Republican Chairman.

- I. Nancy K Smith – (Delegate Fall Creek 3) Ms. Smith was present. Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Ms. Smith from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- II. William Gutrich – (Delegate Washington 2) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Mr. Gutrich from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.

- III. Andrew Johannes – (Delegate Delaware 2) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Mr. Johannes from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- IV. Cody Fenimore – (Delegate Washington 2) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Mr. Fenimore from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- V. Ingrid Muse – (Delegate Clay 3) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Ms. Muse from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- VI. Kevin Kobli – (Wayne Township Board) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Mr. Kobli from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- VII. Reshelle Connelly – (Delegate Fall Creek 3) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Ms. Connelly from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- VIII. Terry Young – (Delegate Noblesville 2) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Mr. Young from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- IX. Jennifer Hendrix – (Delegate Clay 2) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Ms. Hendrix from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- X. Jaime Young – (Delegate Clay 1) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Ms. Young from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- XI. Rebecca McCuaig – (Delegate Noblesville 3) Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Ms. McCuaig from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.
- XII. Rachel Hyde – (White River Township Board) Ms. Hyde gave her statement; Mr. Massillamany also gave a statement. After discussion, Mr. Purvis made a motion to sustain the challenge and remove Ms. Hyde from the 2022 Primary Ballot, Clerk Williams seconded, motion carried.

The Election Board reviewed a campaign finance complaint submitted by Eric Morris (present) against Mayor Jim Brainard (represented by Ronnie Miller). The complaint involved job titles, accumulative numbers, and candidate loan issues. Per Mr. Miller, all defects have been corrected and the Campaign Finance reports have been amended. After discussion, Clerk Williams made a motion that the maximum defective fee be assessed at \$100, Mr. Purvis seconded, motion carried.

The Election Board reviewed a complaint filed by John Accetturo concerning an article in the Reporter that announced the candidacy of Mr. Tim Griffin for County Council. The article was submitted by Coverdale Consulting (who according to Mr. Accetturo was the paid consultant for Mr. Griffin). Mr. Accetturo believed the article should have had a disclaimer on it because it was submitted by Mr. Griffin's consultant. Andrew Greider was present on behalf of Coverdale Consulting. Mr. Greider said that the article was submitted by another individual from Coverdale Consulting, that it was a press release and not a campaign ad, and Coverdale Consulting was not a paid consulting firm for Mr. Griffin at this time. After discussion, Mr. Purvis made a motion to deny the complaint filed by Mr. Accetturo, Clerk Williams seconded, and President Adler abstained.

Clerk Williams submitted a Resolution from the town of Atlanta for a public question to be placed on the 2022 Primary Ballot. The question is concerning decreasing the number of town council members from five to three. No motion is necessary.

Clerk Williams presented a CFA-1 given to her by the Elections Office for Terry Busby's Campaign Finance Committee. The committee is named "No Committee" and most of the form is incomplete. Clerk Williams will have the Election's Office send a letter to correct the form and will revisit this at the next Election Board Meeting.

No old or new business was presented.

Nancy K. Smith addressed the Election Board and other attendees, telling of her involvement with the Republican Party and thanking the Election Board for their work for Hamilton County.

At 3:00 pm, Mr. Purvis made a motion to adjourn, Clerk Williams seconded, meeting adjourned.