

**Union County Board of Elections
Board Meeting
August 14, 2023**

The August meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to Order at 10:00 am by Chair Libby Stephens. Linda Hill led the invocation.

A Quorum was established. Board members in attendance: Libby Stephens, Pat Christ, Riccardo Rivas, Jim Fitzgerald and Linda Hill. A number of people from the voting public were in attendance.

The Agenda was distributed. Minutes for the July meeting were approved with the correction for the next Board Meeting date.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Look at Plans for 1st Election – 2024: If move date holds, all elections will be run out of the new building. This is the preferred approach.
- Plans for Moving: There will be assistance for moving furniture and equipment. Still looking at a potential October move date. Equipment will move to a locked location with seal identification. Cameras will be in place as additional security.
- Voting Modules: 4 voting machines will be in each precinct and an appropriate number for early voting. The modules will lock, seals will still be used on the equipment. They should be here the first of November.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ORRs: We anticipate using the current form on the UC Website to submit an ORR request.
- Security Threats: Riccardo recommends that we have a conversation with those in UC Government that have experience in contingency planning about how we work to further secure Poll Workers/Watchers, Voters and facilities from unexpected actions. UC Elections have had a number of verbal threats – nothing physical. Officers will be in place in the new building during election cycles.
- Building Progress: We want to begin elections in 2024 from the new site and not have to change in mid-stream.
- Meeting Date Change: September 25th will be our board meeting date for September. Date will be changed on the website. December meeting will have to change as well due to the Conference. Will be determined at the November meeting.

COMMENTS:

- Questions were asked and answered about current security for the elections.
- Resolution to issues raised by the Public: Many of the issues raised do not fall within our responsibility and we refer to a more appropriate group.

- Riccardo reported on the potential use of PSAs for educating the public on election process. Asking for additional help from the board to design/develop a program. Pat Christ will work with Riccardo to recommend a program. One topic suggested from the public is Election Security/Integrity.

The next board meeting is Monday, September 25, 2023 at 10:00 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Hill
Secretary