

Union County Board of Elections
Board Meeting
January 8, 2024

The January meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to Order at 10:00 am by Chair Libby Stephens.

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. Invocation was led by Linda Hill.

The agenda was distributed. Minutes for the November 2023 meeting were read aloud. A motion was made by Riccardo Rivas and approved unanimously to accept the minutes as presented. They will be placed on the Website with the next round of updates.

Old Business:

Time of meetings: It was determined that our monthly meetings need to be at 10:00 am – most boards have their meetings during the day so OT pay would not be an issue. Also, during winter hours, the lack of daylight is concerning for overall safety. Therefore, the meeting was changed back to 10:00 am on the 2nd Monday of each month.

New Business:

1. Report on Narcan (Rivas): We received 4 doses primarily for Registrar's Office if there is an issue with the receipt of Absentee Ballots by Mail. In addition, Riccardo visited the Sheriff's Office and confirmed that each of the officers in the polling locations generally have 2 doses in their vehicles.
2. Libby reported on the emphasis on safety at the annual conference. Many Federal agencies including FBI, FEMA, DEA, Homeland Security, and others made presentations. Homeland Security will come into our new building to evaluate our security set-up. Early Voting will also have an officer on site for the entire 3 weeks.
3. Report on the Move (Rivas): Move went very well. New Quads (4 voting stations each) are in the process of being set up. Early voting will have 2 Quads (8 voting stations) set up in this room (the room where we meet). There will be 1 handicap station.
4. Website (Hill): Made several changes to the website for the Board of Elections. Tested the electronic entry for the ORR process. Ballot images will be on the SOS website following an election. Results, images, etc., will be available faster and via websites.
5. Calendar for January (Fitzgerald): The BOE are part-time positions. January calendar has been focused on completing move-in steps and getting ready for the PPP election. Absentee Ballot request window is open. If you are over 65, you can opt to receive Absentee Ballots for the remainder of the 2024 election cycle.

The next board meeting is Monday, February 12, 2024, at 10:00 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Hill
Secretary