

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting Via Videoconference
Thursday, February 5, 2009

MINUTES

PRESENT: Albert S. Porter, Chairman
Bryan A. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Patrick A. Brady, Member
John R. Keith, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Jesse R. Smart, Member
Robert J. Walters, Member

ABSENT: Wanda L. Rednour, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

The special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via videoconference means at 9:35 a.m. with seven Members present. Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Schneider, Members Brady and McGuffage were present in the Chicago office. Members Keith and Smart were present in the Springfield office and Member Walters was present at Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey. Member Rednour was absent and Member Keith held her proxy.

The Chairman opened the meeting by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

The Executive Director presented the certification of the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election ballot for Regional Board of School Trustees and Fox Waterway Agency Trustees and asked for a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Schneider moved to accept the certification. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of an addition to the Board's legislative agenda. Legislative Liaison Cris Cray indicated, at the request of the county clerks, the current legislative agenda included a provision that allowed military ballots to be sent in via FedEx or UPS delivery service but only the military member could fax their federal postcard application. The clerks would also like to allow spouses and dependents of a military member (and who have accompanied them overseas) to fax them in as well. Vice Chairman Schneider moved to accept the addition to the legislative agenda. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

For informational purposes, Ms. Cray informed the Board that Representative Jack Franks introduced HB 365 to fill the US Senate seat vacancy, which allows for a temporary appointment by the Governor followed by a special election. Representative Franks was very appreciative of all of the Board's work and requested that Board staff assist with drafting the amendment. It was agreed that Ms. Cray would send the material to the Board for review.

With there being no further business before the Board Vice Chairman Schneider moved to adjourn until Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Chicago and Springfield via videoconference or until call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first. Member Brady seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director