

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting Via Videoconference
Sunday, November 30, 2008

MINUTES

PRESENT: Albert S. Porter, Chairman
Bryan A. Schneider, Vice Chairman
John R. Keith, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Wanda L. Rednour, Member
Jesse R. Smart, Member

ABSENT: Patrick A. Brady, Member
Robert J. Walters, 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 5:35 p.m. with six Members present. Members Keith and Smart were present in the Springfield office, Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Schneider and Member McGuffage were present in the Chicago office and Member Rednour was connected via teleconference. Members Brady and Walters were absent and Vice Chairman Schneider and Chairman Porter held their proxies respectively.

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

The Executive Director stated the reason for meeting on Sunday evening was to proclaim the results from the November 4, 2008 General Election so the judges may take office on December 1. He thanked the Board for meeting on a Sunday evening and also the election authorities for their cooperation and effort in submitting the canvasses in a timely manner. Special thanks was given to the SBE staff for working long hours over the Thanksgiving holiday and for doing a great job preparing the final canvass.

The Executive Director presented the canvass and gave a brief summary of the highlights. He pointed out that this was a historical election and there were a record number of registered voters, almost 7.8 million. This broke the previous record from the 2004 presidential election by almost 200,000 registered voters. Voter turnout was 72% and the total number of ballots cast in the State was 5.6 million which broke the previous record of 5,350,000 in the 2004 presidential election. He further

explained that there was a constitutional convention vote which did not pass and that Barack Obama won the presidential race with 3.4 million votes and John McCain had just over 2 million votes. Despite record voters and record turnouts, this was the best run election we have ever had with very few minor issues occurring. The Executive Director asked for a motion to approve the official canvass and then asked Mark Mossman, Director of Election Information if he had any comments.

Mr. Mossman gave a brief summary of events over the past year in order to prepare for the General Election and that those events were successful because of the amazing staff. He personally recognized his own staff members Kay Walker, Jane Gasperin and Gary Nerone and their tireless efforts for a job well done. Mr. Mossman thanked the IT staff and praised them for their abilities and efforts as well. The Board Members also offered their thanks and appreciation to everyone.

Vice Chairman Schneider moved to adopt the official canvass from the November 4, 2008 General Election. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0. The Board then agreed to send a letter to all of the election authorities thanking them for their efforts in submitting their canvasses in time to get everything done and to show the Board's appreciation for all of their hard work.

With there being no further business before the Board Vice Chairman Schneider moved to adjourn until December 5, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Chicago and Springfield via videoconference, or until call of the Chairman whichever occurs first. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director