

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Meeting
Sunday, November 30, 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Jesse R. Smart, Chairman
Charles W. Scholz, Vice Chairman
Harold D. Byers, Member
Betty J. Coffrin, Member
Ernest L. Gowen, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Bryan A. Schneider, Member
Casandra B. Watson, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director
James Tenuto, Assistant Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Amy Calvin, Administrative Assistant II

The special meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. with seven Members present. Chairman Smart, Vice Chairman Scholz and member Byers were present in Springfield and Members Gowen, Schneider and Watson were present in Chicago. Member Coffrin was present via telephone and Member McGuffage arrived in Chicago at 5:20 p.m.

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

The Chairman indicated that they would wait until Member McGuffage's arrival before certifying the results of the general election and asked staff for a brief update on the canvass.

Jane Gasperin reported that all of the canvasses were received by the deadline of November 25 and 96 of them had been proofed by the end of that day. Staff finished proofing late morning on Friday and printed the canvass that afternoon. The Chairman thanked the staff members who worked extra hours over the Thanksgiving holiday. Kevin Turner noted that the precinct level results would be available on the SBE website well before the statutory December 26 deadline.

Cris Cray noted that Senate Bill 172 was received on Wednesday and three more sections were received today. She said some items include the ERIC program, a provision to change absentee voting to vote by mail, removal of the seven day calendar for campaign disclosure complaints and a requirement that staff develop two phone applications for the top two provider platforms.

After Member McGuffage's arrival the Executive Director presented the canvass from the November 4, 2014 General Election. He indicated that voter turnout was 49.18% and was fairly consistent with past elections where the constitutional officers were on the ballot. Vice Chairman Scholz moved to proclaim the results of the November 4, 2014 General Election. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8 – 0. It was noted that the interactive vote totals would be available on the SBE website within an hour.

With there being no further business before the Board, Vice Chairman Scholz moved to adjourn until Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Calvin, Administrative Assistant II



Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Executive Director