

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting
Sunday, December 2, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT: William M. McGuffage, Chairman
Jesse R. Smart, Vice Chairman
Harold D. Byers, Member
Betty J. Coffrin, Member
Ernest L. Gowen, Member
Judith C. Rice, Member
Bryan A. Schneider, Member
Charles W. Scholz, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director
Jim Tenuto, Assistant Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Becky Glazier, Assistant to Executive Director

The meeting convened by videoconference at 5:00 p.m. with Members Byers, Coffrin, Scholz and Vice Chairman Smart present in Springfield. Members Gowen, Rice, Schneider and Chairman McGuffage were present in Chicago at the office of McCorckle Court Reporting Services, 200 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2900.

The Chairman opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman McGuffage noted the reason for the Special meeting was to proclaim the results of the November 6, 2012 General Election. Vice Chairman Smart moved to adopt the results of the November 6 General Election. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Director Borgsmiller discussed the results and turnout. The totals in the 2nd judicial race (Vantrease vacancy) have been suppressed due to an order of the Court. No winner will be proclaimed in that particular office, until ordered by the Court. The electronic canvass played an integral part in being able to complete the canvass in time to proclaim the results today. Director Borgsmiller thanked the staff from Election Information and Information Technology as well as the election authorities for their work in getting this canvass done quickly.

The General Counsel discussed the 2nd Congressional Special Election noting that in conversations with the Department of Justice they have indicated that the 45 day deadline still applies in special elections. This will pose a problem in Illinois because the primary election scheduled for February 26 will be held after the 45 day deadline for the general election which is scheduled for April 9. Mr. Sandvoss discussed the options of submitting a waiver request on the 45 day ballot deadline requirement or seeking a court order to waive the deadlines.

Director Borgsmiller thanked McCorckle Court Reporting for hosting the meeting today.

With there being no further business before the Board, Member Scholz moved to adjourn until the next regular monthly meeting; scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in the Chicago office. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Glazier, Asst. to Executive Director



Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Executive Director