

**Marion County Board of Elections  
Special Meeting Minutes**

*The purpose of this meeting was to vote on 1 absentee ballot*  
August 22, 2018

**I. Call to order**

Chair Phyllis Eshman-Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00PM on August 22, 2018 at the Board of Elections office.

**II. Roll call**

The following board members were present: Chair Phyllis Eshman-Thomas, Tom Frericks, and, Steve Chaffin along with the Director, and Jackie Fields. Lynn Zucker was in new board member training in Columbus. Deputy Director was in Belmont Co. for a regional meeting. (guest sign in sheet copy attached).

**III. Absentee Ballot Review and Vote**

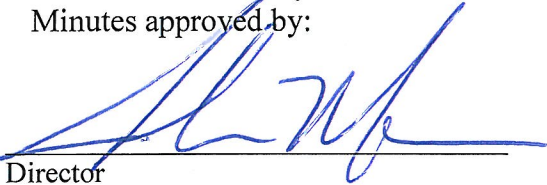
Mr. Grogan, the county prosecutor, gave his opinion about the absentee ballot that didn't have a postmark date. Mr. Grogan researched on the SOS website. Mr. Grogan came into the office this morning at 8:10AM. He looked at the 35 rejected ballots. Mr. Grogan indicated that by the strict letter of the law the ballot should be denied due to a lack of postmark. The Chair added a passage of the election official's handbook as sent by Mrs. Zucker that read, "Absentee voting by Mail- If the ballot has no postmark, it must be received by the board office no later than 7:30 pm on election day." Mr. Frericks made a motion to reject the ballot. Mrs. Eshman-Thomas seconded the motion. Mr. Chaffin voted against the motion.

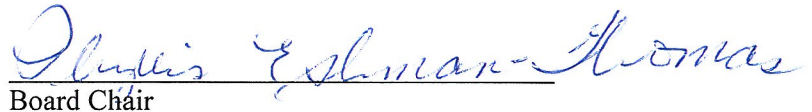
**IV. Adjournment**

Mr. Frericks made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Eshman-Thomas seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Chair Eshman-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 2:20PM on Wednesday, August 22nd.

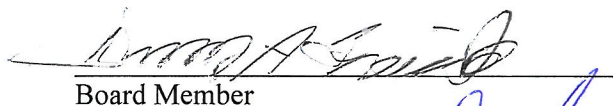
Minutes submitted by: Jackie Fields

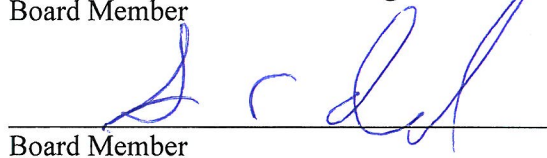
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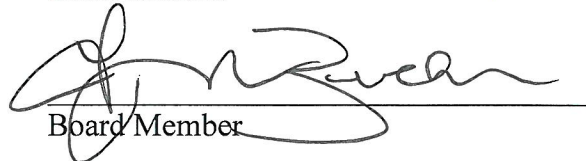
  
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