

OAEO

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2022

Co-Chair LaVera Scott opened the meeting at 2:35pm

Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Alex Linser, Eric Corbin, LaVera Scott, Brian Sleeth, Joyce Kale-Pesta, Ross McGregor, Marlee Gibson, Diana Duhlebohn, Shane Breckel, Dee Keister-Smith, Judy Craig, Chris Burnett, Bill Freytag, Melanie Gilders, Jane Hanley, Charlie, Hardman, Karla Herron, Ron Knight, Dave Koehl, Tina LaRoche, Nicole Mickley, Bryce Miner, AJ Nowalczyk, Carla Patton, Jeff Rezabek, Tonya Wichman.

Jen Miller from the Ohio League of Women Voters presented information about the redistricting and reapportionment process. She asked that OAEO consider requesting an appropriation from the legislature to pay for reprecincting and voter education as well as requesting a new primary date. After a short discussion, it was decided that more information is needed and a separate meeting would be held to discuss this topic.

Aaron Ockerman provided a short update on HB 294.

LaVera Scott updated the committee on HB 487, dealing with ballot printing. Joyce Kale Pesta made a motion to recommend support for the bill. Carla Patton seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote the motion was accepted.

Aaron Ockerman recommended that the committee postpone a discussion requested by Toni Slusser regarding voter registration and party affiliation.

Sherry Poland provided an update on cleaning up recall statutes to reflect early absentee voting schedules. The committee agreed that this idea move forward.

Dale Fellows and Ross McGregor requested that legislation be considered that revises the ability of municipalities to give second chances to candidates for local offices that make errors on their petitions. The committee agreed with this and requested that Aaron get language drafted for review.

Aaron Ockerman provided a brief update on HB 110 and language dealing with collaborations between boards of elections and non-government entities. It was agreed by the committee that a legislative solution be pursued.

Aaron Ockerman reminded the committee that any comments on proposed changes to the Election Official Manual should be submitted ASAP.

Alex Linser moved to adjourn. Ross McDonald seconded.

With no objections, the committee adjourned at 3:39p,

Respectfully submitted Aaron Ockerman, Executive Director

Approved on _____