

# Benton County Election Commission

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

May 9, 2023

Election Commission members present: Russell J. Anzalone and Wynne Gregory Day  
Absent: Melanie B. Hoskins

Others present: Staff Assistant Sharon Rose

Media: Not Present

Chairman Anzalone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Minutes:**

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from April 14, 2023. There being none, Commissioner Day made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Chairman Anzalone. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **New Business:**

- A. Process Absentee Ballots for the 2023 May Annual School Election Held on May 9, 2023: Chairman Anzalone and Commissioner Day reviewed the twenty-two (22) absentee ballots. Of the twenty-two (22) ballots, four (4) were missing photo identification and two (2) were not accepted because the Voter Statement was not completed correctly. Chairman Anzalone asked Staff Assistant Sharon Rose to send letters to the six (6) voters explaining the reason their votes were not counted. Chairman Anzalone added that the four (4) absentee ballots that were missing the photo identification had until Monday, May 15, 2023 by noon to bring in their photo identification for their vote to count.
- B. Recess until after the polling locations close: Chairman Anzalone recessed the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Chairman Anzalone reconvened the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

- C. Signing of the Preliminary and Unofficial Results for the 2023 May Annual School Election held on May 9, 2023: Commissioner Anzalone stated that the number of outstanding overseas ballots was six (6), the number of provisional ballots was five (5), and the number of provisional absentee ballots was four (4). Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being none, Commissioner Day made a motion to accept and sign the Preliminary and Unofficial results for the 2023 May Annual School Election, seconded by Chairman Anzalone. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Other Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

Chairman Anzalone stated the next meeting would be Monday, May 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the Provisional Ballots, and Friday, May 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. the official certification would be signed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie B. Hoskins  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
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