

**Orange County Board of Elections
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**Minutes
January 3, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.**

Present: Jim White, Chair
Kathy Knight, Secretary
Jamie Cox, Member
Tracy Reams, Director

Call to order: Chairman White called the Board meeting to order. There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board concerning items not on the agenda.

Bob Randall, OCGOP Chair; Andrea Vizoso and Ann DeMaine from the OCDP were present to provide input and recommendations for the May Primary one-stop early voting sites and hours of operation.

Approval of Board Minutes: Ms. Knight moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve the November 8th, 11th and 15th, 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- Voter Registration Statistical Report
- Year-to-Date Budget Report
- Campaign Finance Compliance Report
- Legacy Scanning Project Report
- One-Stop Voting Data

Voter Registration Statistical Report:

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 102,791 registered voters.

Year-to-Date Budget Report:

The director provided the monthly budget report and reported sufficient funds to carry out the work of the Board.

Campaign Finance Compliance Report:

The director provided an updated list of candidate campaign reports received to date. The director reported that all committees that report to the OC BOE are compliant.

Legacy Voter Registration Scanning Project:

The director reported that a total of 27,830 out of 48,094 legacy registrations signatures have been scanned and attached to date. The staff started the task on May 12 and will continue scanning until project complete.

One-Stop Voting Data Reports:

The director provided various documents supporting voter counts by hours and days for each one-stop site in addition to historical data concerning early vote totals, hours and sites. The director also provided a report with statistical information and recommendations for 2012 from the OCDP.

Board Actions:

There were no Board action items.

Board Discussion:

The Chair opened the floor to discuss one-stop voting sites and hours for the May 2012 Primary Election. Mr. Randall, Ms. Vizoso and Ms. DeMaine were invited and encouraged to participate in the discussion with the Board and director.

OCGOP - Mr. Randall recognized the challenge to obtain ideal sites across the county. Mr. Randall stated that although a less than desirable issue at University Square limited the party's ability to handout campaign materials before voters crossed the 50 ft. boundary; the top priority was to accommodate the voters and felt that that was achieved. Mr. Randall supports a northern site and a reduced early voting period.

OCDP - Ms. Vizoso and Ms. DeMaine discussed the issues as reported in the report of early voting in 2011 and the recommendations for the 2012 one-stop voting sites which shall become an addendum to these minutes. Per Ms. DeMaine, the management restrictions limited voter access to campaign material and is an unacceptable site. The director shall inquire if the policy prohibiting the blocking of sidewalks in front of stores can be waived during the early voting period to allow better access to voters outside of the 50 ft. boundary. The OCDP supports a northern site and moving the start date to Monday instead of the first Thursday for alternate sites.

The Board discussed the many avenues utilized to locate and publicize early voting locations and hours. Discussion included internet access, security and accessibility issues. The director shall forward the 2011 one-stop implementation plan that was submitted to the SBOE as required and the accessibility requirements.

After discussing the early voting sites, hours and issues associated with establishing sites for approximately 1 ½ hours, the Board asked that the OCDP and OCGOP provide recommendations and/or suggestions to the director no later than Friday, January 20 so that they may be considered and acted on at the next meeting to be held on February 7, 2012.

Other Board Discussion:

The director reported that a request was submitted to Amity United Methodist Church to move the Estes Hills Precinct polling site from the annex building to the fellowship hall. The director also reported that an alternate site is being considered for Glenwood as requested by the precinct officials due to accessibility issues.

Adjournment: Mr. Cox moved and Ms. Knight seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: February 7, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.