Warren County Board of Elections VLM Advanced Training

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Cell Phones on Vibrate
Please

No Food or Drink

Please hold questions to the end of training.

Due to the informal format of this class,

no breaks are scheduled.

Please feel free to take a break when needed.





Disclaimer

The following training is not intended to cover the election process in detail. Rather, it is specifically designed to highlight new procedures and give those with election experience an opportunity for hands-on practice with the equipment they will use on Election Day.

Procedural Changes and Updates

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- ePollbook Updates
- Observers
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- End of Night

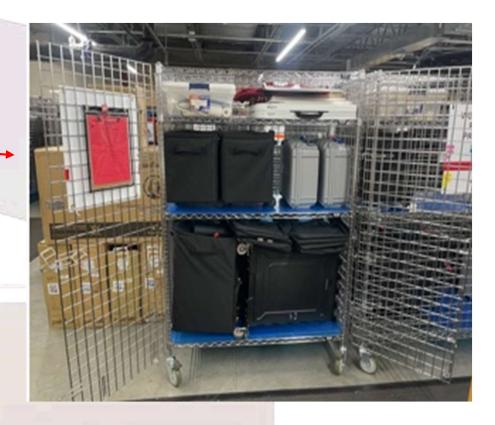


Security Cart

Attached to the cart door is a clipboard that has the **Red** Lock Log.

This log must stay on the cart on Election Night!!

Is **NOT** returned to the BOE at the end of the night.



Positions at the Polling Location

Greeter

- ➤ Greets all voters as they enter. Asks the voter if they have a valid Ohio Driver License or State ID and directs them to the Green Line ePollbook station. If the voter does not have valid ID or they have an alternate ID, they will be directed to the Yellow Line.
- ➤ The Greeter should speak to groups of voters walking in. They perform this task quickly and should not be the bottleneck at the entrance.
- Depending on staffing location site or number of voters, there could be multiple Greeters.
- Should send regular voters to the Yellow Line when that line is not busy.

Floaters

- ➤ Focuses on customer service such as engaging or assisting the voter where needed by directing them to the Voting Booth, Scanners or Stub Table or answering questions about the voting process.
- ➤ If needed, assists voters at the ClearCast Scanner. Floaters should not stand too close to the scanner and should give the voter privacy unless help is needed.
- > Available to help voters needing additional assistance. For example, curbside voting.
- Assist the Greeters when not busy.

Positions at the Polling Location

ePollbook Station

This station will have ePollbooks that are designated either Green Line or Yellow Line.

- Green Line processes voters with a valid Ohio Driver License or State ID card and do not need any additional assistance.
- Yellow Line processes voters with valid alternate ID, no ID, Voters that moved and have not updated their address, name change, Curbside Voters, ADA Voting Machine and Reissue Ballots.
- Yellow Line helps Green Line when not assisting voters.
- Each ePollbook Station works with the Ballot Station to retrieve the correct ballot.

Positions at the Polling Location

Ballot Station

- Bipartisan team at all times.
- Works with the ePollbook station to bring the correct ballot.
- Keeps voted Provisional Ballot Envelopes.

Stub Table

- Staffed by at least 1 election official. Collect the voter's ballot stub and places it in the Stub Envelope.
- I Voted Stickers at Stub Table
- Assist voters with any questions



Election Morning Priorities

Always refer to the directions in your binder!

All VLMs/Coordinators will have a morning startup meeting with PEOs. At this meeting you will:

- Administer the Oath of Office and have workers sign. (Oath can be found in the VLM/Coordinator Binder).
- Hand out name tags.
- Complete your morning job assignment list. Ask workers if they
 have worked the ePollbook station and/or Ballot Station. Place the
 experienced workers at these stations at the start. Jobs should be
 rotated throughout the day.
- Assign morning tasks to your PEOs. The task list can be found in your binder.



Election Morning Priorities

Morning To Do List

The following should be delegated:

- Remove Ballots from Security Cage and place at the Ballot Station
 Table. Organize ballots by precinct, split and party. Place Table Tents on
 each corresponding ballot stack.
- Turn on ePollbooks/ printers and log in.
- Turn on ClearCast Scanners and open polls.
- Turn on ClearAccess ADA unit and printer.
- Set up Stub table.
- Place location signs in the appropriate spots.
- Job instructions at each position.
- All workers should take turns clocking in on the ePollbooks.(if there is time)



Chain of Custody

- In a folder in the Security Cart supplies tub.
- Recently updated and is now easier to use.
- Please fill it out completely according to the instructions.
- When dropping off supplies at the end of the night, you must have the form signed and ready to turn into the election official.



Updated Section of Chain of Custody

Returning: Voted Ballots with memory sticks sealed inside of the ballot bag.

Whenever voting equipment, supplies and/or ballots change hands or location this form must be signed. By signing this form, you are stating that you have examined the equipment, supplies and/or ballot packets to ensure that all seals are in place and that the equipment, supplies and/or ballot packets appear to be intact and in sufficient working order as can be determined by a visual inspection, if you find a problem, please immediately notify the board of elections and seek further instruction.

RECEIVED FROM or TAKEN CUSTODY FROM LOCATION:	RECEIVED BY or DELIVERED TO LOCATION:	DATE/TIME/PLACE
1) Warren County Board of Elections 520 Justice Dr Lebanon, Ohio 45036	BOE Representative (Our office signs when Supplies are loaded onto the Security Cart)	3) SUPPLIES DROPPED OFF AT POLLING LOCATION: DATE: 11/4/22 or 11/7/22
4)	5)	6)
NONE	LC/VLM Signature (Sign here election morning)	SECURITY CART OPENED: DATE: 11/8/22
7) LC/VLM Signature	Drop Off Signature (sign here at election night drop off)	9) SUPPLIES DROPPED OFF AT BOE: DATE: 11/8/22
Opposite Party Signature (Ride-along) (sign here after security cart is sealed)	BOE Representative	



Chain of Custody Folder



Please have the form signed and ready to hand to the person checking you in when you drop off your supplies at the BOE.



Primary Election Information

This is a Primary Election; voters will decide which party ballot they would like or an Issues Only Ballot, if available. There are not issues in every precinct/split.

- When a voter requests a political party ballot, this is the political affiliation the voter will have until the next Primary Election.
- If the voter wants an Issues Only Ballot, they will not be affiliated with a party.
- If a voter wants to switch political parties, they are free to do so regardless of their current political party affiliation.



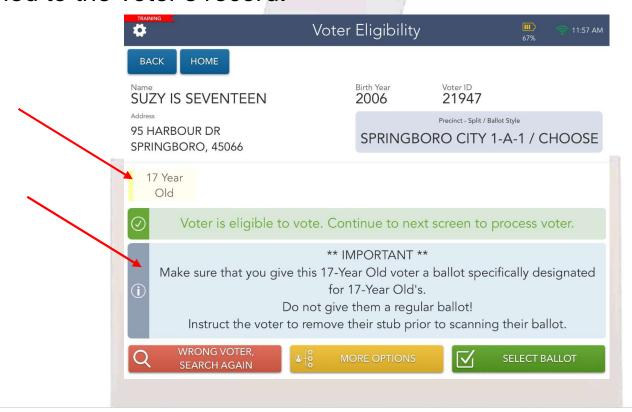
Primary Election Information

Challenging a Voter – Party Affiliation

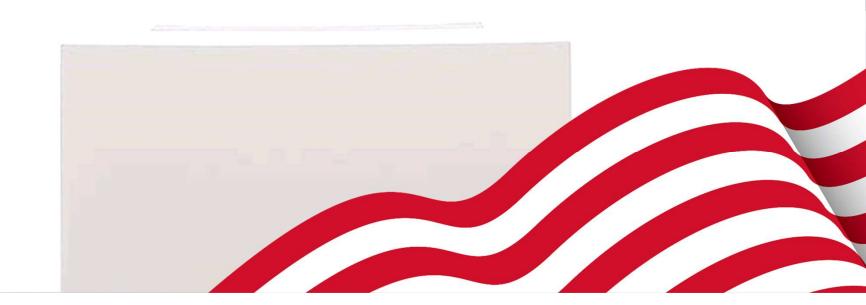
- If a precinct election official has personal knowledge that a voter is not affiliated with or a member of the political party whose ballot they have requested, the precinct election official may challenge the voter and ask the voter to complete the Statement of Person Challenged as to Party Affiliation (Form 10-W).
- Personal knowledge requires more than just a notation of party affiliation in a board record such as a pollbook. Precinct election officials must not rely solely on information contained in the pollbook to challenge an elector's party affiliation.
- Such challenges will be <u>rare</u>, and a voter is required to complete Form 10-W, only if they are challenged.

17-Year Old Voters

- A 17-year-old voter can vote in Primary Elections IF they previously registered to vote 30 days prior to the Election. They can not vote on issues, only candidates. If you have any of these voters, we will include a special note in the ballot bag with additional instructions.
- The ePollbook will clearly identify 17-year-old voters by displaying a message.
- There will be special Democratic and Republican ballots in your bag labeled 17-year-old Ballots on the ballot. This ballot has a barcode and will be scanned to the voter's record.



Voter Identification Requirements





House Bill 458

H.B. 458 was passed on January 6, 2023, and was signed by the governor, making changes to election laws.

Updates include:

- Voter Identification
- Religious Objections
- Provisional Ballots
- Curbside Voting



Valid Photo Identification

The only acceptable forms of ID for Voting in Ohio are: (Cannot be expired)

- Ohio Driver License
- Ohio State Identification Card
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV
- **US Military Card**
- Ohio National Guard ID Card
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID Card
- US Passport or Passport Card NEW



Never scan an expired Driver License or State Identification Card. A voter with expired ID must vote a Provisional Ballot



Examples of Valid ID

Driver
License,
State ID
card or
interim ID
issued by
the BMV.











suspended driver license may be used as a photo ID for voting.

An unexpired,



Examples of Valid ID

A US Passport or Passport card

A US Military ID card or US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card







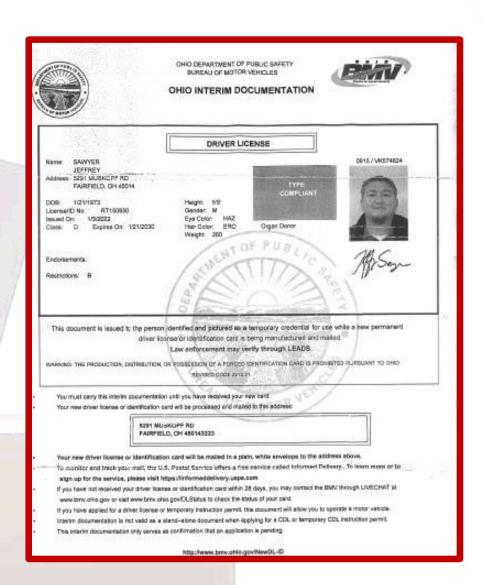






Interim ID

- Interim ID issued by the Ohio BMV
 - Driver License or
 - State Identification
 Card





Identification Requirements

A voter must have <u>photo ID</u> to cast a regular ballot

A photo ID must meet the following criteria:

- Not expired (never scan an expired Driver License or State ID card)
- Photograph
- Voter's name (unless voter has legal proof of a name change)



Military ID

Military Identification is specifically defined as one the following:



- Ohio National Guard ID card
- US Department of Veterans
 Affairs ID card





US Department of Veterans Affairs

Veteran ID Cards are commonly known as ("VIC").

- As of September of 2022, the US Department of Veterans Affairs no longer issues a physical card and now issues only a digital copy.
- Election Officials must accept a digital ID card as a valid photo ID.

This is the **only** form of an ID that may be shown digitally.





Voter ID Law Changes Cont.

- We can no longer accept Concealed Carry Permits nor county issued Veteran ID cards, as a valid form of ID.
- We have provided a document listing acceptable forms of ID with samples shown on the back. Please be sure to have ALL election officials review this document before processing voters.



Voters Without Proper ID

 Voters who do not have a photo ID at the time of voting may vote a Provisional Ballot.

 Voters can no longer provide the last 4 digits of their Social Security Number in lieu of Photo ID

 If a voter does not have ID because of a Religious Objection, they will need to complete a 12-O form (found with your provisional supplies) and they can vote provisionally.



Voters Without Proper ID Continued

 The voter without proper ID MUST go to the Board of Elections office no later than 4 days after the election and provide a valid photo ID.

 Each Provisional Voter MUST be given a special notice notifying them of this requirement. (Provisional Binder)



Green/Yellow Line

The ePollbook Station consists of the Green and Yellow Lines. The Greeter sends the voter to the correct line.

Send voters to the Green Line for:

Valid Unexpired Driver License or State ID

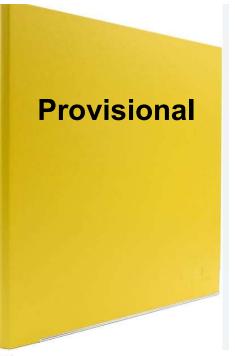
Send voters to the Yellow Line for:

- Valid IDs (Temp BMV, US Passport, Us Military, Ohio National Guard, US Department of Veteran Affairs)
- Invalid Ohio Driver's License or Ohio State ID
- Expired Ohio Driver's License or Ohio State ID
- Incorrect Name (name change) in ePollbook
- Incorrect Address (address change) in ePollbook
- Voting Regular Ballot with Physical Accommodations
- ePollbook Indicated Provisional (Acknowledgement Card Returned Undeliverable or Requested an Absentee Ballot)
- Soiled or Defaced Ballot
- When not processing voters, must help process Green Line Voters



Yellow Line Station

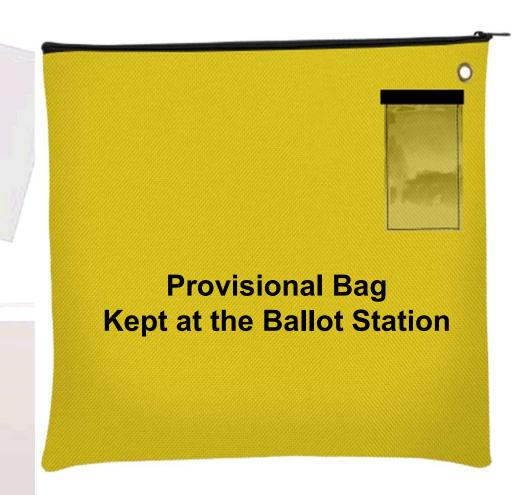
All materials are now in a Yellow Binder





Provisional Ballots

- Completed Provisional ballots sealed in envelopes placed in the large location-specific yellow canvas-style bag.
- The Yellow Provisional Canvas
 Bag must remain at the Ballot
 Station in the Blue Voted Ballot
 Bag throughout the day.
- Even if you have not processed any Provisional ballots, please keep the yellow Provisional bag in the Blue Voted Ballot Bag.





Provisional Ballots Cont.

- At the end of the night, confirm that each precinct's Provisional ballots are rubber banded together with the completed cover sheet indicating the number of Provisionals voted in EACH precinct.
- Please be sure to complete a yellow cover sheet even if you have no Provisional ballots.

Provisional Cover Sheet

Pct. # ____

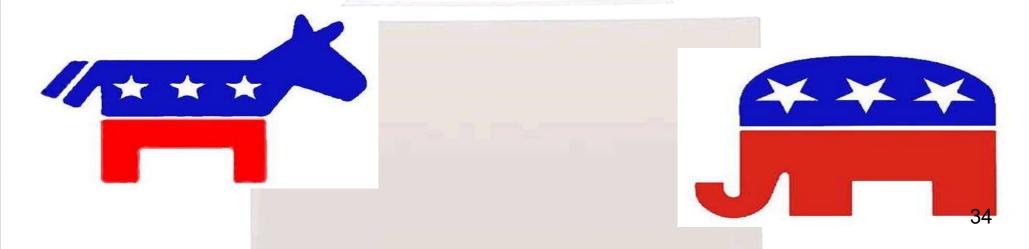
of Provisional ballots issued

At the end of the night, please rubber band all ballots from this pct. together and place in the Yellow Canvas Provisional Bag. The yellow bag will be returned in the Blue Voted Ballot Bag.

Ballot Station Reminders

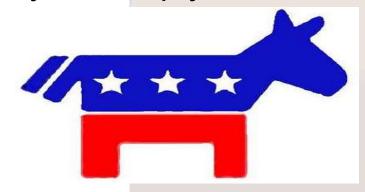
- ✓ Start with stub number ONE for each precinct and split.
- ✓ Place numbered table tents on top of ballots with their corresponding precinct and split numbers.

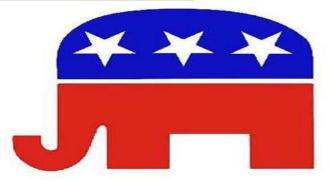
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Ballot Station Reminders Cont.

- Black Ballot Bag(s) should be placed under the tables at this station.
- Always keep the Blue Voted Ballot Bag at the ballot station.
- Keep ALL yellow Provisional Bags and Green Soiled and Defaced Envelopes in the Blue Voted Ballot Bag even if they are empty.



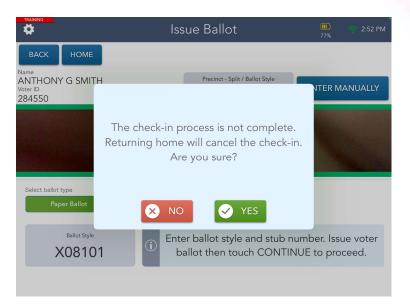


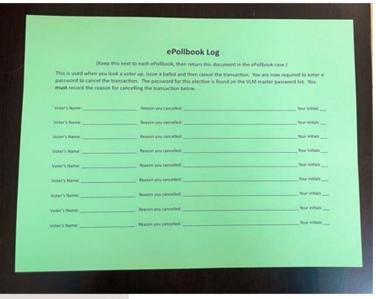
Password to Cancel a Voter

When a voter is processed all the way through the ePollbook and the pollworker hits home before scanning the ballot stub, a message will appear and a password will need entered.

The ePollbook station will have a log, the worker must record the voter's name and why they didn't process the voter all the way through.

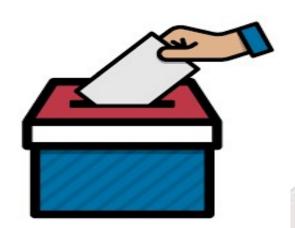
Each election we have 100s of transactions that are started but never finished. This makes balancing hard at the BoE. Do not cancel out a voter unless it is necessary.





ePollbook Reminders

- When issuing a ballot to a voter at the ePollbook station, please remember to hand the ballot to the voter with the back facing up and fold the stub up once to make it easier for the voter to remove.
- Direct the voter to the Voting Booth. Some new voters from touch screen voting counties are used to taking a blank ballot to a voting machine and inserting. We do not want voters to vote a blank ballot.
- As part of your instructions, please remind the voter to check both sides of the ballot before scanning it.



Observers



- Only Observers bearing a Certificate of Appointment are permitted in the polling locations. The Observer's name must be on the list provided by the WCBOE. If an Observer shows up and is not on this list, call our office to verify their appointment.
- Observers are to observe, not interfere with the election process.
- If there is a question or concern, please contact your Troubleshooter immediately.

Observer Form

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must be fried with the Any Notice of Amend	horities may appoint one observer to each precinct on Election Duly. The Notice of Appointm Board of Elections not less than 11 days before Election Day. ment to the original appointment must be filled by 4 p.m. on the day before Election Day. Sutions underneath the original appointee's name.
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Specify Appointment	hereby appoint the following person(s) to observe in County for the election to be held on Date of Election wereter

Curbside Voters

- A curbside voter is one who is physically unable to enter the polling location and follow the regular voting process.
- The ePollbook Yellow Line will process Curbside Voters
- If you have a Curbside voter, please follow the instructions in the ePollbook. Do NOT remove the ePollbook from the polling location. Use the form provided in the ePollbook manual instead.
- Once completed, place the curbside form in the blue envelope found in the Blue Voted Ballot Bag
- The Quick Reference Guide is a good resource to use if you have questions.

ClearCast Reminders

- When closing at the end of the night please be sure to properly shut down each ClearCast unit.
- Remember to run a results report by precinct from each ClearCast unit for the Ballot Accounting.
- Important: Each ClearCast unit at the location must have had the polls opened and closed regardless if there were ballots cast. ALL USB Memory Sticks need removed and placed in the window of the Blue Voted Ballot Bag.



End of Night

- Please bring all ePollbooks back with your election night supplies. They will now be marked with a blue luggage tag to help remind you.
- Remember ... Blue with you, black stays back.
- All ePollbooks should be returned in their cases to the Board of Election at the end of election night.
- Please remember to pack the Jetpack/Mifi in the ePollbook case marked with an orange dot.

Machine Review

- ePollbook general overview
- ClearCast Voting Machine- Opening/Closing polls, printing reports, ballot accounting, dissembling the Ballot Box
- ClearAccess overview
- Disassembling the Voting Booths