

**Lorain County Board of Elections
Spanish Language Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2017**

1. Call to Order: The Thursday, January 12, 2017 meeting of the Spanish Language Advisory Committee was called to order by David Arredondo at 6:01 pm.

2. Roll Call: Members in attendance: David Arredondo, Sheila Soptelean, Richard Turner, Millie Narvaez and Tomás Cabassa. **Staff in Attendance:** Cindie Temkiewicz, Jose Soto and Barbara Aldridge.

Excused Absences: Antonio Barrios, Rigoberto Reveron, Paul Adams and James Kramer

3. Review and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the October 20, 2016 minutes was made by Millie Narvaez. The motion was seconded by Sheila Soptelean. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Old Business: Aldridge reported that the General Election went very smoothly. A couple of vote centers did express concern about overzealous observers. However once their role at the voted center was clarified they complied. We were pleased to have the services of 60 bilingual PEOs for the General Election. On Wednesday, December 7, 2016 an audit of the election was held, 5 polling locations and a congressional race were reviewed. The audit confirmed the election results. In the future we will assign an additional bilingual PEO for South Park in Elyria and Mt. Zion in Lorain as per the Vote Center Manager's request.

5. New Business

a. Tentative Meeting Schedule for May 2, 2017 – Primary Election was presented as follows:

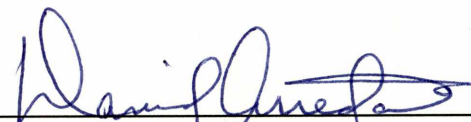
- i. Review Ballot Language – February 23, 2017
- ii. Finalize & Approve Ballot Language – March 2, 2017

6. Other Business:

Mr. Arredondo expressed gratitude for all of the hard work and dedication that was provided during the General Election and that the BOE staff does an excellent job to ensure that voters in Lorain County are able to participate in the democratic process. "Congratulations to all staff for a job well done". Mr. Turner stated that he shares with the community his respect for the Board of Elections and the work that is done by the dedicated staff.

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:21pm by Millie Narvaez, seconded by Sheila Soptelean. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST:



David Arredondo, Chairman

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Rigoberto Reveron, Secretary