

Clark County Election Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 22, 2026 - 12:04 PM EST

Clark County Judicial Center

Board Members Present:

- Andrew Steele, Chairman
- Tony Singleton, Member
- Ryan Lynch, Clark County Clerk, Secretary of the Board

Also Present:

- Election Board Staff

1. Call to Order

Chairman Andrew Steele called the special called meeting of the Clark County Election Board to order regarding the hiring of a new Republican election mechanic.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 15, 2026 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion by Singleton to approve the minutes.

Second by Steele

During discussion, Lynch noted the minutes correctly reflected that the Board entered into executive session to discuss candidates.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

3. New Business

A. Republican Election Mechanic Hiring

Chairman Steele stated that upon adjournment of the previous meeting, the Board was set to deliberate and vote regarding the candidates for the Republican election mechanic position.

The Board discussed conducting votes on each candidate individually in order to clearly reflect the decision in the public record.

Candidate: James "Bubba" Desponett

Motion by Singleton to nominate and hire Mr. Desponett.

Second by Steele.

Vote:

- Aye: Singleton
- Nay: Steele, Lynch

Motion failed by a vote of 1-2.

Candidate: Wayne Townsend

Motion by Steele to nominate and hire Mr. Townsend.

Second by Lynch.

Vote:

- Aye: Steele, Lynch
- Nay: Singleton

Motion passed by a vote of 2-1.

Based on the vote, Wayne Townsend was selected for the Republican election mechanic position.

The Board directed Clerk Lynch to notify Mr. Desponett of the Board's decision and express appreciation for his interest and participation in the process. The Board also directed Clerk Lynch to notify Mr. Townsend of his selection and coordinate upcoming training.

Board members expressed appreciation to both candidates and noted that both individuals were strong candidates for the position.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 4:45 PM.

5. Adjournment

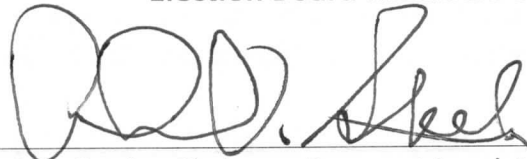
Motion to adjourn by Steele.

Second by Singleton.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:08 PM

Election Board Members of Clark County:



Andrew Steele – Chairman, Democrat Appointee



Charles (Tony) Singleton – Member, Republican Appointee



Ryan Lynch – Secretary & Clark County Circuit Court Clerk