GENERAL INFORMATION

OUR MISSION

"To recruit, train, and place the best poll workers who are committed to serving voters with excellence and civic pride."

Decipher important Morse Code message hidden throughout newsletter; find answer on next page.

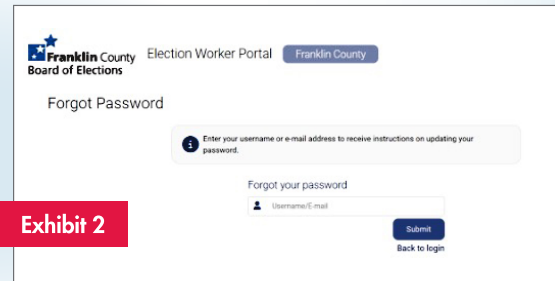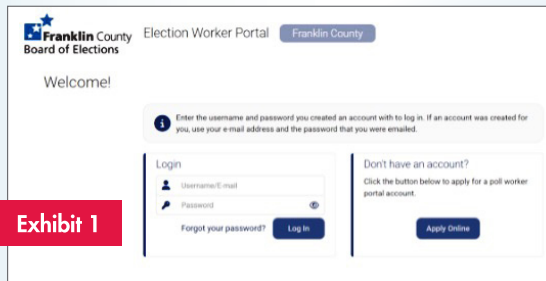## Do You Have Your Permanent Password for the Election Worker Portal?

If you are a PEO for the Franklin County Board of Elections (BOE) and have not created a permanent password for the Election Worker Portal (EWP), why not create your password now. Once you have your password, you can access the EWP any time convenient for you.

Guide for Creating Your EWP Password the First Time or if You Forgot or Lost Your Password

Log in to the EWP through a link for it in a Franklin County BOE email or through the BOE website. Access the BOE website with the link vote.franklincountyohio.gov or by searching "Franklin County Board of Elections – Home." Once you are on the website, click on "MENU" at the top of the screen. You will be taken to a second screen where you will see a column with the heading "POLL WORKER." Click on the first link in that column: "Be a Poll Worker." On the next screen, you will find the "Election Worker Portal" **(Exhibit 1)**. Use the "Login" side and go straight to – and click on – "Forgot your password?"

You now will be on the "Forgot Password" screen **(Exhibit 2)**, where you will enter and submit your "Username/E-mail," which is your email address on file with the Franklin County BOE PEO Division. Within a few minutes, you will receive a "Forgotten Password" email with a "password reset code" for setting up your password. You must retrieve this email without your exiting the EWP.
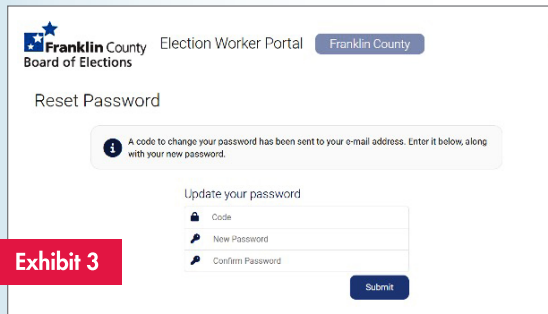
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Exhibit 1

Exhibit 2

While waiting for the email with the password reset code, create (and write down) your new password, which must: (1) be at least seven characters long; (2) have at least one capital letter; and (3) have at least one special character only from this short list: &, @, %, !, $, ^, ~, or *. Do not use any other special characters (including punctuation) in your new password.

Once you receive the password reset code, put it in the first/top box ("Code") on the "Reset Password" screen **(Exhibit 3)**. Put your newly created password in the second/middle box ("New Password"). Confirm your new password in the third/bottom box ("Confirm Password"), and then click on "Submit."

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Exhibit 3

If you submitted the password reset correctly, you will get the message "Password successfully reset – To log in with your new password, **CLICK HERE**." Wait a couple minutes before you log in to the EWP **(Exhibit 1)** with your username and new password to allow the system to catch up and recognize the new password (so you do not get an "invalid username or password" message). You will know that you logged in correctly to the EWP when you receive a screen with a greeting and your name.

If you need help with the EWP or have questions, please email **peo@vote.franklincountyohio.gov** or call the **PEO Division** at **614-525-5393**.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Ohio Heads into 2024 General Election with New Standards for Election Security and Readiness

On June 21, 2024, Ohio Secretary of State (SOS) Frank LaRose directed Ohio's 88 county boards of elections to begin implementing aggressive cybersecurity, physical security, and readiness standards in advance of the 2024 General Election. These directives, as part of Secretary LaRose's comprehensive "Ready for November" initiative, focus on training, poll worker recruitment, enhanced voter list maintenance, and election security measures to make sure election officials are prepared for the November 5, 2024, General Election. Secretary LaRose explains, "As new technologies bring an ever-changing threat landscape, we will be ready, and our elections officials will be equipped with the tools they need to administer a secure and accessible election in November."

To support efforts of boards of elections toward the SOS's election security and readiness initiative, the SOS's office is providing a total of more than $2.2 million to boards, of which $1 million is to ensure that poll workers are properly trained and prepared, with an emphasis on proper forms of ID and de-escalation best practices, for the November General Election.

For more information about these new standards for election security and readiness, visit www.ohiosos.gov, click on "Media" and then on "PRESS RELEASES."

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SOMETHING FAMILIAR/SOMETHING NEW

What Was that Device the Election Support Specialist Brought to Our Voting Location?

At your voting location during the March 2024 Primary Election, an Election Support Specialist set up a "Cradlepoint" to evaluate the strength of its connection with the Franklin County BOE. As a result of that evaluation, most of the 302 voting locations for the 2024 General Election will use Cradlepoints to update Supplemental Absentee Voter files to Touchpads.

The BOE will inform PEOs in locations that must scan bar codes on paper Supplemental Absentee Voter lists in lieu of their using Cradlepoints with weak signals at those locations.

Instructions are in the PEO Training Manual, and Voting Location Managers and Deputies will receive in-person training, on how to upload Supplemental Absentee Voter files to Touchpads.

We think you will agree (especially Van Halen fans): **"The Cradle[point] Will Rock"!**

Will PEO Training Occur at the Franklin County BOE for the November 2024 General Election?

No – there is not enough space for both Early Voting and PEO training at the BOE for the November 2024 General Election. PEO in-person training and Practice Makes Perfect will be at 200 East Campus View Blvd., in Columbus, where the facility has plenty of room and parking for attendees.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A POLL WORKER?

If so, please have that person call us at 614-525-5393 or go to the Franklin County BOE website: vote.franklincountyohio.gov for the online application. Or scan the QR code here with your smartphone camera for the online application.

DATES TO REMEMBER
2024

September 18
In-person PEO training begins

October 7
Last day to register to vote

October 8
Domestic absentee voting by mail begins

Early in-person voting begins at BOE

October 29
Absentee ballot applications must be received by BOE by 8:30 pm

October 31
Practice Makes Perfect for PEOs begins

November 3
Practice Makes Perfect for PEOs ends

Early in-person voting ends at BOE

November 4
Absentee ballots mailed to BOE must be postmarked by this date

November 5
General Election Day

Absentee ballots personally delivered to BOE must be received by 7:30 pm

November 9
Last day for BOE to receive absentee ballots returned by U.S. mail and postmarked by November 4

Morse Code hidden in banner: PEO | Morse Code hidden in newsletter: Create your EWP permanent password!