

August 2 2011
Baltimore County Elections Board Meeting
106 Bloomsbury Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21228

ATTENDEES:	Bruce Harris	President
	Leronia Josey	Vice President
	Joseph Karey	Secretary
	Timothy Hickman	Substitute Board Member
	Marjorie Neuman	Substitute Board Member
	Katie Brown	Director
	Rena' Waggoner	Deputy Director
	Nancy Stratton	Administrative Officer
	Betty Amos	Election Supervisor
	Jeff Stevens	Computer Info Services Specialist

GUEST: Justin King

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 5, 2011 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Josey made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Karey seconded the motion. The minutes of the July 5, 2011 board meeting were approved unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Brown suggested adding polling places to the agenda and Mr. Harris suggested adding Board Council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Registration Maintenance & Polling Places Department Description

Betty Amos gave a brief description and overview of the Registration Maintenance & Polling Places Department and processes. Return mail (USPS yellow stickers), Letters, and examples of lists were provided.

Personnel

Ms. Brown Reported that Chrissy Weiner has accepted a position in Anne Arundel County; her last day was July 26, 2011. Larry Lundgren gave notice that he will be retiring, last day will be on September 1, 2011. We will be planning a departure party for Mr. Lundgren and will notify the Board as to where and when. There will be 3 new staff members starting on August 10, 2011. Ms. Josey inquired about filling the additional positions; Ms. Brown informed the Board that she has asked if there is an existing list. Ms. Brown told the Board that she will be making changes to the office the week of 8/8/11. The 3 new employees will be sworn in at the next scheduled Board meeting.

2. Meetings, Important Dates and Correspondence

August 5th – Seven Oaks Senior Center for possible Early Voting Site
August 10th - with Matt Carpenter concerning temporary election help
Correspondence - none to report
Current 2012 Presidential Election Calendar in the Board member folder.

3. Work/Staff Status

Ms. Brown reported/informed that daily work is in good shape. The SB 167 Higher Education tuition petition has been completed and returned to State Board.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Harris invited Justin King to the meeting to introduce him to the Board. They invited Mr. King to speak and give a brief explanation of his back ground. At 10:40 am the Board convened to Executive Session. At 11:20 am the Board reconvened to Open Session. Ms. Josey made a motion to appointment Mr. King as Board Counsel, contingent upon written clearance from Baltimore County Office of Law, Mr. Karey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Early Voting** – Ms. Brown Informed the Board that she is still trying to schedule a meeting with Ruhl Armory in Towson to consider using their facility for Early Voting to replace Towson University. Seven Oaks Senior Center will be surveyed for replacement of Honeygo Community Center on August 5th.
2. **Election Night** – Jeffrey Stevens reported that he has contacted State Board in reference to GEMS, it's capability of handling a high tech connection, what would be involved with setting up a VPN and is it possible. The Touchscreens have 56K modems and are older technology, keeping in mind that it will take longer. We will have more TSX units to modem in for the 2012 Elections. Mr. Stevens informed the Board that there is not any way to receive results faster at this time. Mr. Hickman requested that Jeff look into a high speed line from Comcast. Mr. Harris requested that for the September agenda Ms. Brown keep 'Election Night' as old business.
3. **Wicomico County Board Letter** – Mr. Harris contacted Wicomico Board President, Katrina Purnell for further information on the 4 resolutions and provided the Board with the purpose of each. The Board took no action.
4. **By-Laws** – tabled until September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Polling Places** – Ms. Brown informed the Board that 4 locations no longer wish to be polling places. Staff is actively searching for replacements. Also looking for facilities to split currently over crowded locations. Changes will be made during redistricting maintenance to help with postage fees and costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Harris indicated the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 9:45 am and called for adjournment. The motion was made by Mr. Karey, and seconded by Ms. Josey. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Harris

Joseph Karey

Leronia Josey