

January 12, 2012
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
	Justin King	Board Counsel
	Katie Brown	Director
	Rena' Waggoner	Deputy Director
	Nancy Stratton	Administrative Officer

ABSENT: N/A

GUEST: Andrew G. Bailey

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2011 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Karey made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Josey seconded the motion. The minutes of the December 8, 2011 board meeting were approved unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Harris suggested adding board personnel to the agenda and meeting dates.

DIRECTORS 'S REPORT

1. Meetings, Important Dates and Correspondence

MDVoters - A Go-To meeting for the new release to MDVoters on January 4, 2012.

Directors Meeting - December 13, a copy of the minutes have been included in your folder.

MAEO - Maeo meeting on December 14, 2011 in Montgomery County.

Board Members Folders – Judges class schedule, The County Bulletin, December and January copies of the Registrar, list of Early Voting Centers, Election Administration Report, Current Polling Place Notice, and a copy of the letter of Correspondence from Anthony Gutierrez, Wicomico County.

2. Work/Staff Status

Ms. Brown reported/informed the Board that work's a little behind due to the problems that have been occurring in MDVoters and with the scanners. The office is closed on Monday for MLK Holiday. Ms. Brown may permit overtime for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to get caught up on registration, scanning and back scanning. The budget is due tomorrow, January 13, 2012. Ms. Brown will submit additional funding into the budget for attorney fees per Mr. Karey's request. Mr. Harris swore in Ruie Lavoie, new state employee.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Justin King reported that he has been appointed to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County; and that he was resigning from the Baltimore County Election Board effective January 27, 2012. Mr. King introduced Andrew Bailey as a possible replacement. Mr. Harris invited Mr. Bailey to speak and give a brief explanation of his back ground. At 10:20 am the Board convened to Executive Session. At 10:40 am the Board reconvened to Open Session. Mr. Karey made a motion to appoint Mr. Bailey as Board Counsel, Ms. Josey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Bailey will be sworn in at the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Election Night** – Ms. Brown reported that Baltimore County will test connectivity and speed with firewall in place on January 19, 2012 for Election results transmission from regional sites.
2. **Judge Training** – Ms. Waggoner reported that judge training is going well and that we are receiving positive feedback from the Election Judges. We have had to adjust our schedule to accommodate the cheerleading group so not to disrupt their practice schedule.
3. **Redistricting/Polling Place Changes** – Ms. Brown reported that the number of precincts will go from 223 to 227. The court case on redistricting was settled in late December and all Congressional redistricting is complete, we will begin mailing new cards by the end of January. 200,000 voters were affected due to the changes. Ms. Stratton is currently working with the Postal Service in hopes to find a lower postage rate for mailing.
4. **Cary Rothman Residency** – Mr. King researched the law concerning a voter registered in Baltimore County whose dwelling straddles the Maryland/Pennsylvania line. Mr. King stated that it comes down to voter intent. Mr. Karey made a motion to accept Mr. King's opinion as written that Mr. Rothman is properly registered in Maryland, Ms. Josey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
5. **Specimen Ballot** – Bid for the printing and mailing of the specimen ballot has been posted. Pre-bid meeting on January 18 in Towson. Specimen will be mailed Monday, March 19, 2012 before Early Voting begins

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Retirement** – Mr. Harris announced that Ms. Neuman is retiring; Ms. Neuman stated that she will remain on the Board until The Governor appoints a replacement.
2. **Board Meeting** – Mr. Karey reported that Steven Kolbe, Republican Central Committee Chairman, will be a guest at the March 8, 2012 meeting.
3. **Campaign Finance** – Ms. Josey asked for an opinion from State Board in reference to her campaign finance account. Ms. Josey reported that Mr. Goldstein stated as long as reports show funds have not been received, no contributions are going out and she does not seek office, that there is no need to worry.
4. **Activity Report** – Mr. Harris questioned the lack of the Monthly Statistical Report in Board members folder. Ms. Brown will check that the problem reported with the report has been corrected and hope to have available at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Harris indicated the next meeting to be held on Thursday, February 02, 2012 at 9:45 am.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Karey, and seconded by Ms. Josey. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Harris

Joseph Karey

Leronia Josey