

MINUTES

October 11, 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
	Jeanne Turnock	Substitute Board Member
	Andrew Bailey	Board Counsel
	Rena' Waggoner	Deputy Director
	Katie Brown	Director
	Nancy Stratton	Administrative Officer

GUESTS:	Julie Ensor
	Stuart Kaplow

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Harris called the Meeting to order at 9:50 AM.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Karey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Josey. The minutes of the September 13, 2012 Board meeting were approved unanimously.

ADDITIONS AND OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PIA Requests added to New Business.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Meetings, Important Dates and Correspondence

Call Center Support Meeting – Ms. Brown and Ms. Waggoner attended a meeting on September 19, 2012 held at SBE, 10:00 am to discuss Call Center Support.

Local Law Reference, The comprehensive Zoning Map County Council Bills 54-12 Second District and 58-12-Sixth District, – Ms. Brown met with Attorney - Gerald Richman on October 4, 2012 concerning the deadline for processing petitions. On October 5, 2012 met with Attorney - Stuart Kaplow to address concern that there are several entities circulating the same petition.

Logic and Accuracy – Members of the staff attended Logic and Accuracy training on Friday October 5, 2012.

Audit and Verification – Ms. Brown attended a conference call with SBE on October 10, 2012 to discuss changes that have been made to the Post Election Audit and Verification.

Broadway – Mr. Stevens and Mr. Fred Meyers from Broadway had a meeting on October 10, 2012 at 10:00 am to discuss possible delivery route changes and/or additions to deliveries, Early Voting deliveries and Regional sites that need to be picked up on Election eve.

Correspondence – Attorney Mr. Stuart Kaplow sent a letter recapping the Meeting he and Ms. Brown had on October 5, 2012.

Board Meeting Folder - Board Meeting Agenda, September 11th Election Directors' Meeting Minutes, County Bulletins 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, and 10/5, Registrars 9/14, 9/28, and 10/2, Election Administration Reports #18 and #19, Monthly Statistical Report, copy of On Line Ballot Marking Procedures, copy of the Absentee Canvass – Ballot Duplication Process, and a copy of the Ballot Generation Accounting Report. A copy of SBE's 2010 Policy on the Electioneering zone at Private Polling Places, a Copy of the correspondence letter from Attorney Stuart Kaplow concerning the zoning Petitions for the 2nd and 6th Congressional, and 2 PIA requests , one from Brennan Center for Justice and one from ACLU.

2. **Work/Staff Status** - Ms. Brown reported /informed the Board that work is very busy and the staff has been working nights and Saturdays. Much overtime has been needed in addition to extra hours needed for hiring of judges and processing registrations and absentees. The Deadline for Voter Registration is October 16, 2012. Ms. Brown has advised the board that the Canvass is expected to be very busy and to try and make themselves available throughout the entire canvass. Ms. Stratton has been hiring employees for Election Help from a staffing agency, to date she has hired 3 additional staff members. Ms. Diana Moran has returned to Baltimore County.

Swearing In of the Board of Canvassers – Julie Ensor, Clerk of the Circuit Court, swore in the Board of Canvassers.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Bailey informed the Board Members that the weekly Conference calls between the County Board Attorneys, SBE and the AG have begun. Due to the controversial issues on the ballot the discussion was based on privately owned Polling Places and Electioneering. Mr. Karey suggests that we re-write the contract for the polling places to include Electioneering and have in place for the 2014 Elections.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Festivals & Outreach** - Ms. Brown reported that staff visited the United Cerebral Palsy on October 05, 2012 and a Presidential Forum at The League for People with Disabilities on October 10, 2012 to demonstrate Touchscreen voting and for voter registration. Staff was at the Senior Expo October 11 & 12, 2012.
2. **Judge Training** - Ms. Brown reported that training is going great. There will be 2 more classes off site at Oregon Ridge on October 22 and 23, 2012.
3. **Election Night Reporting** – State Board reported that it was taking 3 minutes to upload results from the County to the State; the longest time recorded was 4 minutes.
4. **Election Integrity Maryland** – No update. Ms. Brown requested that the State Board add topic to the agenda of the next Directors meeting scheduled for October 16, 2012.
5. **Petitions** – Ms. Brown reported that multiple groups are circulating the same petition for Zoning Bills 54-12 & 58-12 concerning the 2nd and 6th Council Districts. The deadline is Monday October 15, 2012 for the first 1/3 to be filed. The request for removal of signatures will need to be turned in before the pages are filed. Ms. Brown has informed

the Board that we will not begin to process petitions until after the General Election has been canvassed.

6. **General Election** – Ms Brown reported that Logic and Accuracy started on Monday October 8th, 2012. We received a mock up of the specimen ballot on October 9, 2012 to proof and send back for print. The Post Election Audit requirements have changed from 10% to 5%, the precincts for audit will not be selected until Election Eve and will need to be completed by November 16, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Calendar** – Ms. Brown reported that she has prepared an Election Calendar to include all required dates for the Board to be present during the Election and has included it in the Boards folders.
2. **PIA Requests** – Ms. Brown reported that we have received 2 PIA requests. The 1st one from ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland) wishing to inspect all records pertaining to Election Integrity Maryland report. And a copy of any and all training materials, policies, and procedures related to the removal, cancelation or inactivation of voters. Ms. Brown informed the Board that no action has been taken. ACLU requested to have all fees waived and was denied. Another request was received from the Brennan Center for Justice requesting all records containing information about challenges to the eligibility of persons to vote in the 2008, 2010, and 2012 general elections. Ms. Brown reported that there have been no challenges made in the 2008, 2010 or 2012 Primary elections.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Harris indicated the next to be held on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 9:45 am.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Karey and seconded by Ms. Josey. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Harris

Joseph Karey

Leronia Josey