

MINUTES

January 10, 2013

Baltimore County Elections Board Meeting

106 Bloomsbury Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21228

ATTENDEES:

Bruce Harris	President
Leronia Josey	Vice President
Timothy Hickman	Substitute Board Member
Jeanne Turnock	Substitute Board Member
Andrew Bailey	Board Counsel
Rena' Waggoner	Deputy Director
Nancy Stratton	Administrative Officer

ABSENT:

Katie Brown	Director
Joseph Karey	Secretary

GUESTS:

- Alison Knezevich
- Stuart Kaplow
- Jim Smith
- David Gildea

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Harris called the Meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2012 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

ADDITIONS AND OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Josey request that we add Legislative Redistricting to new business.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 1. Meetings, Important Dates and Correspondence – Ms. Waggoner informed the board that it has been quiet through the holiday season.**

MAEO Meeting – December 17, 2012.

Budget Analyst Meeting – January 9, 2013 Ms. Waggoner reported that Matthew Carpenter and Ruth Ann Robust visited the office to see what work needs to be done. They were given a tour of the office and Mr. Stevens gave a tour of the War room and warehouse. Work is extremely behind due to petition processing. Ms. Waggoner requested that we be given several more Temporary Employees for several months. Mr. Harris requested a report on all work needing to be processed.

Board Meeting Folder - Board Meeting Agenda, Monthly Statistical Report, copy of Bill number 76-12, County Bulletin 12/14/13, Registrars 12/17/13 and 12/28/13, Copy of Petition Statistics, and a Copy of 2013 budget.

Work/Staff Status - Ms. Waggoner reported /informed the Board that work is at least 4 months behind and will continue to back up due to the petition verification process. Three County employees have been kept on board to assist with processing mail and scanning. Budget Analyst Matthew Carpenter and Ruth Ann Robust are working on getting additional help. The entire office is still processing petitions.

At 11:10 AM the Board convened to Executive Session. At 11:28 AM the Board reconvened to Open Session

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Bailey reported to the Board Members that the case concerning Jason Boisvert went to the Circuit Court in November and the case has been closed. Mr. Bailey informed the board that he submitted an invoice for payment of services for September and October and that he will submit an additional invoice for the months of November and December Mr. Bailey will make a recommendation for the second filing of petition 58-12 filed on 12/08/12 if the number is not met from the first filing.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Early Voting** - Ms. Waggoner reported there will be many new Early Voting bills introduced into legislation this session due to long lines at the Early Voting locations. Ms. Waggoner expressed her concerns due to the fact that Gubernatorial Elections are historically known to have a lower turnout. Mr. Harris request that we have the judges do a survey of their experiences on election day.
2. **Election Integrity Maryland** –Ms. Waggoner reported that there is no additional information or updates.
3. **Petitions** – Ms. Waggoner reported that the entire staff is still working on petitions and reported on the numbers processed. Ms. Waggoner also informed the board that the request for removals have not been processed yet. Mr. Harris request that a list of how many removals were filed, also if the number would affect the petitions as far as not meeting the required amount of signatures. A new zoning petition has been filed 76-12 deadline to file is 2/04/13.
4. **General Election** - Ms Harris Reported that he had completed the letter referring to voter clarity (a format change to the voter cards) and forwarded it to State Board and that Ms. Linda Lamone responded by saying she forward it to Ms. Mary Cramer Wagner to review and get back to him.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2014 Budget** – Ms. Waggoner reported that Ms. Brown would be working on the 2014 budget when she returns to work.
2. **Legislation** – Ms. Josey reported that she received a request from Ms. Shirley Supik requesting her presence or a board member from the Baltimore County Election Office to speak at a meeting concerning Legislative redistricting. Ms Josey respectfully declined Ms. Supik’s offer explaining that the Board of Elections supervisors does not have a role in this matter.

MAEO Conference – Ms. Waggoner informed the Board that the next MAEO Conference will be held June 16, 2013 thru June 19, 2013 at The Marriott Inn & Conference Center, UMUC, College Park MD.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Harris indicated the next to be held on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 9:45 am.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Josey and seconded by Ms. Turnock. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Harris

Jeanne Turnock

Leronia Josey