

MINUTES

April 11, 2013

Baltimore County Elections Board Meeting

106 Bloomsbury Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21228

ATTENDEES:	Bruce Harris	President
	Leronia Josey	Vice President
	Joseph Karey, Esq.	Secretary
	Jeanne Turnock	Substitute Board Member
	Timothy Hickman	Substitute Board Member
	Andrew Bailey, Esq.	Board Counsel
	Katie Brown	Director
	Rena' Waggoner	Deputy Director
	Nancy Stratton	Administrative Officer

GUESTS: Stuart Kaplow, Esq. – Zoning Petition Sponsor

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Harris called the Meeting to order at 9:52 AM.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2013 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Josey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Karey. The minutes of the March 14, 2013 Board meeting were approved unanimously.

ADDITIONS AND OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Brown requested that Board Attorney Pay and The LBE FY14 Budget Audit be added to the agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Meetings, Important Dates and Correspondence,

SBE Regional's – April 01, 2013, Meeting with SBE concerning the newly hired Regional Managers and their responsibilities to the Local Boards. Mr. Russell Hicks will be the Regional Manager for Baltimore County. The Board requested a copy of their responsibilities and work schedule to review and discuss at the next scheduled Board meeting, Thursday May 09, 2013.

Go-To Meeting – April 3, 2013, Candidate Filing in MDVoters and Electrac. Candidate filing opens April 09, 2013.

MAEO – April 5, 2013 MAEO Board Meeting held in Howard County.

Up Coming Meetings:

- April 16, 2013 is the next scheduled Directors Meeting
- April 23, 2013 is the FY14 Audit meeting for the proposed budget.

Board Members Folder - Board Meeting Agenda, Survey of Board pay, Monthly Statistical Report, Petition for Judicial review, a copy of the minutes from March 12,

2013 Election Directors meeting, County Bulletin 03/22 and 04/05, Registrars 03/11 and 03/28, 2013 Senate and House bills report,, copy of Legislative update, Election Administration Reports 03/18, and 04/01, and a copy of the audit for Baltimore County from SBE.

Work/Staff Status - Ms. Brown reported /informed the Board that we are getting caught up on the back log of work. There are still many trays of returned Specimen Ballots to be scanned and processed.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Bailey gave an update on local referendum petitions for Zoning Bills 54-12 and 58-12. Two Circuit Court cases will take place May 08 and May 13th Mr. Bailey's name has been entered along with his exhibits.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Petitions** - Ms. Brown reported that a letter of decision was sent to Mr. Stewart Kaplow regarding the petition for Council Bill 76-12. The Bill will appear on the 2014 Gubernatorial General Election Ballot. Ms. Brown reported that we are expecting at least 2 or 3 more petitions in the near future.
2. **Election Integrity Maryland** –Ms. Brown reported that there is no additional information or updates.
3. **MAEO Conference** – Ms. Brown reported that she is still waiting for a decision from Baltimore County to approve the required amount of rooms needed for the MAEO Conference.
4. **Legislation** - Ms Brown highlighted Bills that passed, complete listing in folder. HB224 has the biggest impact on us – three (3) additional Early Voting sites for a total of eight (8). Same day Registration during Early Voting will not take affect until 2016 Elections.
5. **FY14 Budget Audit** – Ms. Brown reminded the Board of meeting with the auditors from Baltimore County on Tuesday 4/23/13 to go over the purposed FY14 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Voter Notification Cards** – Ms. Brown reported that she spoke to Ms. Nikki Charlson in reference to redistricting and the mailing of the Voter Notification Cards. Still waiting for a response from the Post Office on a non-profit rate card.
2. **Signage at Polls** – Mr. Harris addressed the issue of dual precinct clarity on Voter Notification Cards and advised improved signage and to send a draft to the Board for review. Ms. Brown informed the Board that we have combined as many dual precincts as possible.
3. **Confidential Voters** – Ms. Brown reported per Mr. Ross Goldstein from State Board that closed session is not necessary to approve a confidential voter.
4. **Board Attorney Pay** – Mr. Harris recommended that the Board provide a request to the County Council and the Legislature to increase the Baltimore County Board

Counsel's pay. A sub-committee was formed of Ms. Josey, Mr. Karey and Mr. Bailey with the charge of presenting a proposal of appropriate pay level and justification to the Board at the next meeting.

5. **LBE Audit** – Ms. Brown reported that she received the audit from State Board and that she is happy to report that Baltimore County did well with a couple of issues to address during the next Election cycle.

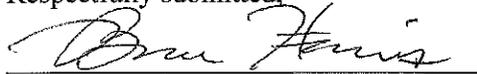
NEXT MEETING

Mr. Harris indicated the next meeting to be held on Thursday, May 09, 2013 at 9:45 am.

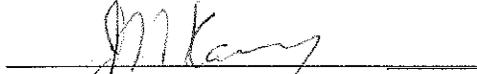
ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Josey and seconded by Mr. Karey. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM.

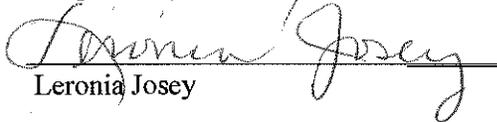
Respectfully submitted,



Bruce Harris



Joseph Karey



Leronia Josey

