

ELECTION OFFICE

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AGENDA

Harford County Board of Elections
133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050
March 30, 2023
5:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order; Declaration of Quorum
- 2) Welcome Members and Guests
- 3) Approval of Minutes
 - February 22, 2023, Regular Meeting
- 4) Request Additions or Changes to the Agenda
- 5) Election Office Report
- 6) Board Attorney's Report
- 7) Old Business
- 8) New Business
 - We the People to Address the Board
 - Possible District F Special Election
 - Seek permission to close the office at 2:30 the week we are at the MAEO conference.
- 9) Confirmation of Next Meeting
- 10) Members' Time
- 11) Closed Session*
- 12) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: April 26, 2023

*Closed Meeting: Part of the meeting may be closed in accordance with Maryland's Open Meetings Act procedures.

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HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES

February 22, 2023

PRESENT:

Board:	Staff:
Allison W. McCord, President	Stephanie Taylor, Director
Joseph N. Price, Vice President	Kimberley Slusar, Deputy Director
James C. Richardson, Secretary	
Michael A. Dykes, Democratic Member	
Carolyn F. vanRoden, Democratic Member	

QUORUM:

Ms. McCord called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm and determined there was a quorum with at least one member of the minority party being present. Ms. vanRoden arrived at 5:12 pm. Mr. Young was not present for the meeting.

Barbara Salvatore and Karen Perry from the staff were present, and Dawn Villani, Dale Livingston and Steven A. McCurdy were present from the public.

Ms. McCord welcomed everyone and thanked the guests for coming to the Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The January 18, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes were presented, and there were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Ms. McCord asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Price made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Dykes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at that meeting.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

ELECTION OFFICE REPORT:

Ms. Taylor gave the Administration update.

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Mr. Richardson asked about the additional mail in ballot cost. Ms. Taylor explained the manual process of processing approximately 40,000 mail in ballots was time consuming and upgraded equipment would help tremendously. Normally, eight postal trays would require 6 staff members to work 8 hours on a Saturday to complete the task.

Ms. Taylor gave the Staff update.

Ms. Taylor gave the Election Operations update.

Ms. Taylor commented that the acceptance testing for the new pollbook printers was delayed because the cords from the power block to the wall were missing. SBE is looking into this for us.

Ms. Perry gave the Election Judge update.

Ms. Taylor gave the Voter Registration update.

Mr. Richardson asked about the chances of HB616 passing because it would be a huge cost savings. Ms. Taylor said it sounded favorable.

Ms. Taylor gave the Legislation update.

Ms. Taylor gave the Upcoming Events timeline.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Young was not present. There was no report this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. McCord explained that the Bylaws could not be signed due to Mr. Young not being present. This would be deferred to the next meeting when all Board members are present. Mr. Richardson requested clarification on Article 4, Section 4.2 and Article 4, Section 4.3B1E. Mr. Richardson said Section 4.3B1E seemed to be counterproductive. Mr. Dykes explained that if you support a candidate and if you are a Board member you should recuse yourself regarding any decisions regarding the candidate. Mr. Young will be reviewing these two sections for clarity.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING:

Ms. McCord confirmed the next Board Meeting would be March 22, 2023.

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MEMBERS TIME:

Ms. McCord attended the Republican Central Committee's Century Club event on January 28, 2023.

CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. McCord expressed her thanks and gratitude to Ms. Taylor for all her efforts and those she has brought into the office. Ms. vanRoden made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Dykes seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by those present for the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison W. McCord".

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ELECTION OFFICE REPORT
March 30, 2023

Administration:

- Amy and Stephanie attended the Joint Application Development (JAD) session at SBE.
- After reviewing the MAEO Conference agenda, Kim and I have decided that the office staff will not go to Ocean City until Monday. It is not cost effective to check in on Sunday when there is no real agenda content, the meals are on us, and we would have to pay the employees overtime to attend on Sunday.
- We watched the documentary “No Time to Fail” on March 15th. A film crew followed the Rhode Island Clerks during the 2020 General Election. The office staff, employees from three different counties, and one board member attended.
- We had security cameras installed on the exterior of the office building.
- The staff will be on a modified work schedule starting April 3rd.

Staff Updates:

- Virginia Green retired on February 28th.
- Nate Reynolds started on March 8th and has jumped right into the day-to-day operations.

Election Operations

- The acceptance testing has been completed on the new pollbook printers. They all passed except for one battery. We have requested a replacement.
- We are preparing for the Havre de Grace Municipal Election that will be held on May 2nd.
- The inventory of the state-owned equipment is complete.

Election Judges:

- A working timeline for the 2024 presidential primary was reviewed and created for planning purposes.
- 2018 Election Judge history (Job/Job location) was reviewed and added to the current Smartsheet.
- Reviewed Provisional/SDR accounting log from 2022 and made notes for items that need more attention in training.
- The training room supply closet was cleaned up and organized.
- Started packing for the Havre De Grace Municipal Election.
- Meet and greet for judges resumed on March 28, 2023 and will continue throughout the year.
- The second edition of the Election Judge Newsletter was sent to all judges on March 13, 2023.
- We are in the process of completing and creating new election judge training documents.
- We are continuing to review/update files, forms, and Smartsheets in preparation for 2024.

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Voter Registration

February

- List Maintenance
 - Social Security verifications – 0
 - Inactivated – 660
- ERIC Reports
 - NCOA – 3851
 - Cross State – 491
 - In-State Updates – 2383
 - Deceased – 9
 - In-State Duplicates – 0
- DHMH (Deceased) list received through the Maryland Department of Health – 155
- AOC List (Felons) – 5
- Address Change Postcards – 2553
- Cancelled for Non-citizenship – 2
- Volume from Electronic Voter Registration Applications (EVRAs) – 3178
 - Voter Registration Applications – 3153
 - Mail-in Ballot Applications – 25

Current as of 3/22/23

There was a loss of party recognition for Working Class and the Green parties. Voters become “Others-Working Class” and “Others- Green.” We continue to receive and process documents from the Jury Commissioner at least once a week. Letters were mailed to 501 voters. We have not received MDH/DHMH or AOC lists this month.

Legislation

Monday, March 20th marked “Crossover Day,” when bills must pass their respective chambers for their best chance to pass through the normal legislative process. Here are some of the bills we are tracking:

- **HB0410 Election Reform Act of 2023:** This bill does several things, including expanding the public process for polling place changes, shifts polling place approval to the state board, further defines and restricts voter intimidation, and moves the date of the 2024 Presidential Primary to May 14th.
- **HB1200/SB0925 Elections - Election Judges - Minimum Compensation:** Establishes a statewide minimum payrate of \$250 for election judges. The House version is distinct in that it includes an additional \$100 per day pay increase for returning judges on top of the new minimum.

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- **HB0535/SB0379 Election Law - Ballot Processing and Reporting Procedures:** Allows LBEs to begin canvassing absentee ballots up to eight days before the first day of early voting, or receive a waiver if canvassing early is not warranted, and clarifies how a voter may “cure” an unsigned, timely received absentee ballot. The Senate version includes the date change for the 2024 Presidential Primary.
- **HB0572 Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk-Limiting Audits:** Requires that a Risk-Limiting Audit be conducted prior to certification of an election.
- Other bills require that our municipal elections have their results posted on the state website and another further clarifies requirements and options for recounts after an election.

Upcoming Events:

- March 31st – MAEO Meeting 10:00am
- April 3rd - Election Judge Meet and Greet 10:00am
- April 5th - Election Judge Meet and Greet 4:00pm
- April 11th - Election Judge Meet and Greet 3:00pm
- April 14th – Election Security Project Discussion 10:00
- April 14th - Election Judge Meet and Greet 11:00am
- April 17th - Election Judge Meet and Greet 10:00am
- April 19th - Election Judge Meet and Greet 8:00am
- April 19th – County Council Budget Work Session 3:15pm
- April 20th – Director’s Meeting 10:00am

Precinct Voter Counts Report

Precinct : All Status : Active Inactive Status Reason: All Split : All

	TOTAL	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 01001	3517	2068	554	24	799	72
PRECINCT 01002	2566	1012	920	19	571	44
PRECINCT 01003	2076	1023	510	11	499	33
PRECINCT 01004	1874	779	625	12	424	34
PRECINCT 01005	2560	1315	624	18	569	34
PRECINCT 01006	3546	2188	500	8	767	83
PRECINCT 01007	1621	379	863	11	352	16
PRECINCT 01008	5264	1844	2018	30	1323	49
PRECINCT 01009	4737	1739	1730	39	1174	55
PRECINCT 01010	4219	1969	1255	26	924	45
PRECINCT 01011	2409	812	973	16	560	48
PRECINCT 01012	4797	1616	2041	29	1073	38
PRECINCT 01013	1450	611	428	10	384	17
PRECINCT 01014	4527	1364	2104	17	1009	33
PRECINCT 01016	3273	1458	946	29	806	34
PRECINCT 01017	512	141	235	5	122	9
PRECINCT 01018	2229	943	769	9	476	32
PRECINCT 01019	3127	1763	589	16	712	47
PRECINCT 01020	4108	2077	992	26	964	49
PRECINCT 01022	2450	923	922	24	552	29
PRECINCT 01024	2612	1159	812	19	591	31
PRECINCT 01027	1858	586	748	5	508	11
PRECINCT 01045	4211	1613	1597	33	916	52
PRECINCT 02001	1823	999	359	13	432	20
PRECINCT 02002	3196	817	1637	29	677	36
PRECINCT 02003	2021	859	662	20	453	27
PRECINCT 02005	3343	1362	1172	24	742	43
PRECINCT 02006	385	116	178	6	80	5
PRECINCT 02007	434	229	86	2	114	3
PRECINCT 02010	5539	2674	1368	48	1337	112
PRECINCT 02014	2384	1125	496	19	687	57
PRECINCT 02019	1013	384	259	14	343	13
PRECINCT 02021	49	17	21	0	11	0

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	TOTAL	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 02022	186	57	80	6	40	3
PRECINCT 03001	5620	1797	2450	41	1260	72
PRECINCT 03002	2857	735	1510	12	580	20
PRECINCT 03003	3801	921	2132	24	713	11
PRECINCT 03004	1842	391	1060	15	356	20
PRECINCT 03005	3889	832	2156	34	826	41
PRECINCT 03006	7399	1957	3804	45	1527	66
PRECINCT 03008	3268	895	1588	14	746	25
PRECINCT 03009	3507	999	1741	15	725	27
PRECINCT 03010	3330	1133	1403	31	722	41
PRECINCT 03011	2106	645	964	8	476	13
PRECINCT 03012	2460	772	1011	22	629	26
PRECINCT 03013	2595	718	1260	16	572	29
PRECINCT 03014	3039	866	1410	15	724	24
PRECINCT 03016	2562	821	1176	5	544	16
PRECINCT 03017	2598	810	1198	11	552	27
PRECINCT 03019	6323	1778	3035	38	1417	55
PRECINCT 03020	2708	661	1391	14	623	19
PRECINCT 03021	3295	951	1522	32	765	25
PRECINCT 03022	3777	954	1884	26	892	21
PRECINCT 03024	3062	753	1640	18	629	22
PRECINCT 03027	639	179	307	8	137	8
PRECINCT 04001	3013	709	1667	20	577	40
PRECINCT 04002	4014	974	2198	19	779	44
PRECINCT 04003	2728	496	1664	19	524	25
PRECINCT 04004	3211	633	1932	20	601	25
PRECINCT 04005	705	191	376	2	131	5
PRECINCT 04006	2183	483	1256	8	416	20
PRECINCT 04007	2145	521	1167	13	427	17
PRECINCT 05001	2745	550	1602	19	540	34
PRECINCT 05002	2526	504	1517	13	469	23
PRECINCT 05003	2927	521	1834	22	526	24
PRECINCT 05004	1674	373	925	13	340	23

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Board of Elections: Harford
 User Name : Taylor, Stephanie

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Date : 03/23/2023
 Report No. : DP-007

	Precinct : All						Status : Active		Inactive		Status Reason: All		Split : All		OTHERS
	TOTAL	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA										
PRECINCT 06001	2305	976	642	21	603									63	
PRECINCT 06002	2620	940	955	21	675									29	
PRECINCT 06003	2329	996	716	15	553									49	
PRECINCT 06004	271	87	126	4	50									4	
PRECINCT 06005	753	330	224	5	187									7	
PRECINCT 06006	5137	2039	1725	15	1292									66	
Grand Total	201879	68912	84241	1310	45096									2320	

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