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**AGENDA**

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

- 1) Call to Order; Declaration of Quorum
- 2) Welcome Members and Guests
- 3) Approval of Minutes
  - April 26, 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
  - Vote to change June's Board meeting to June 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Farewell to Board members Allison McCord and Carolyn vanRoden.
- 9) Confirmation of Next Meeting
- 10) Members' Time
- 11) Closed Session\*
- 12) Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING: TBD**

\*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  
April 26, 2023

**PRESENT:**

Board:	Staff:
Allison W. McCord, President	Stephanie Taylor, Director
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James C. Richardson, Secretary	
Carolyn F. vanRoden, Democratic Member	
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**QUORUM:**

Ms. McCord called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm and determined there was a quorum with at least one member of the minority party being present. Mr. Dykes was not present for the meeting.

Karen Perry, Loralyn Sisler, Barbara Salvatore, Justin Wall, and Nate Reynolds from the staff were present for the meeting.

David Kane, William Martino, Steven A. McCurdy, Dawn Villani, and Maggie Mundle were present from the public.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The March 30, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes were presented, there were no corrections or additions to the minutes and Ms. McCord asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. vanRoden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

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**ELECTION OFFICE REPORT:**

**Ms. Taylor gave the Administration update:**

Ms. Slusar gave the update on future grant awards. Ms. McCord asked what projects were being considered and Ms. Slusar and Ms. Taylor expressed an interest in getting the interior doors upgraded. Ms. Taylor also told the Board that the Department of Homeland Security did a security walk around but will be coming back in May to do a more comprehensive audit.

**Ms. Taylor gave the Staff update.**

**Ms. Taylor gave the Election Operations update.**

**Ms. Perry gave the Election Judge update:**

Ms. McCord asked if the term "returning judge" had been specified. Ms. Taylor explained HB1200 and said that SBE would most likely define the term.

**Ms. Taylor gave the Voter Registration update:**

Mr. Richardson asked if the loss of party recognition for Working Class and the Green came from SBE. Ms. Taylor replied that it did.

**Ms. Taylor gave the Legislation update:**

Ms. McCord asked if you must canvass mail-in ballots up to eight days prior to the first day of early voting and Ms. Taylor explained the language said you "shall". Ms. McCord asked about the waiver mentioned in HB0535/SB0379 and Ms. Taylor said that SBE would come up with the documentation to be used. Mr. Richardson questioned that if a voter didn't sign the oath that we could accept an email from them or a text picture of their signature as proof to cure the ballot. Ms. Taylor said yes. Mr. Richardson also asked if the signature verification part of the bill passed, and Ms. Taylor said no. He also said that anyone wanting signature verification should direct their comments and questions to the General Assembly.

**Ms. Taylor gave the Upcoming Events timeline.**

**BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Young said Mr. Bennett won his appeal so there would not be a Special Election for Councilmanic District F. Ms. McCord thanked Ms. Taylor and her staff for all the planning they had done to prepare for a possible Special Election.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business this month.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. McCord said Mr. McCurdy had requested to speak and granted him 2 minutes. Mr. McCurdy said the orientation of the Board table was still not to his satisfaction. He also expressed that he thought the timeclock should only run while he was asking a question and then paused when the Board was answering his questions and continue until he ran out of time. Ms. McCord said she had already replied to this question. Mr. McCurdy then read Ms. McCord's response aloud and said he thought he understood the process. Ms. McCord asked if he had any further questions and Mr. McCurdy replied no.

Mr. Martino said he had submitted questions and asked if he could ask them and share the information. At this point Ms. McCord explained she had handouts of the questions Mr. Martino and We the People had asked and provided them to the guests.

Ms. McCord explained that the policy to address the Board was on the website. She then addressed the guests and told them that many of the questions they were asking had been asked multiple times and many of their questions are not within our purview. Many of their questions have to do with election law in Maryland and those laws come from the General Assembly. Ms. McCord explained that she gave them a list of helpful websites in their packets. She asked them to look at the websites and educate themselves on current election laws. Ms. McCord said that 75% of their questions were about election laws and that the Board did not make or pass these laws. She told the guests that we are their friends and neighbors and work with the utmost integrity.

Mr. Martino said it makes more sense when the Board explains because "the legal stuff kills me".

Ms. McCord explained again that there was a link explaining ERIC, COMAR, and Maryland SBE processes included in their packets.

Mr. Martino said he would hope the General Assembly would rely on the expertise at the Local Boards when planning new laws. Ms. Taylor said they do not.

Ms. McCord also told the guests to look at MAEO because they were created to be a bridge between the local boards, SBE, and the General Assembly. Ms. Taylor also interjected that the office goes to Annapolis to testify during session.

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Mr. Kane began talking about testifying, curbside voting, and the distrust in elections is getting worse. He said it is no fault of the Board or anyone present, but he asked that we continue to work and be transparent. He said he really appreciates the good people who work in the office and hopes that it may help with Linda Lamone retiring.

Ms. McCord addressed the Board to change May's Board meeting to May 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Richardson made the motion and Ms. vanRoden seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved by all Board members in attendance.

Ms. Taylor explained the reasoning behind reducing the ballot drop box number from six to five. Mr. Richardson made a motion to eliminate the Havre de Grace ballot drop box, bringing the number of drop boxes to five. Ms. vanRoden seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved by all Board members in attendance. Mr. Richardson asked if SBE could override the Boards decision and Ms. Taylor said no.

Ms. Taylor, Mr. Wall, and Mr. Reynolds presented the plan to refine polling places and precincts. A discussion ensued with questions from various Board members regarding clarification of the documents presented, and what the savings would be if the plan was implemented. Ms. Taylor explained this is like the plan we wanted to implement in 2022 but legislation required us to use the 2018 standards. Ms. Taylor explained this new refinement plan would enable the office to hire fewer EDSS and judges, and that we would not need to purchase additional equipment. Ms. vanRoden asked for an explanation regarding combo precincts and Ms. Taylor provided the details. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the 2023 Precinct Refinement Map and Mr. Price seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved by all Board members in attendance. Ms. McCord asked if SBE could overturn this vote and Ms. Taylor said no.

**CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING:**

Ms. McCord confirmed that the next Board Meeting would be May 30, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

**MEMBERS TIME:**

Ms. McCord attended the Republican Alliance meeting on April 25, 2023.

Mr. Richardson expressed how voting has changed and that Mail-in Ballots are here to stay. He said neither the office nor the Board have any control over this.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no closed session at this meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. vanRoden seconded. The Board unanimously approved, and the regular meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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**HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
ELECTION OFFICE REPORT  
May 30, 2023**

**Administration:**

- We had the ballot, mail and supply room reconfigured to increase the size of the ballot room.
- Last week we had all the windows and doors tinted with a coating that helps deter glass from a bomb blast. Plus, it will save on our electric bill.
- Ten employees and three board members attended the MAEO conference.
- Ten Frederick County election staff visited our office to share best practices.
- The Department of Homeland Security conducted a security assessment on our office.

**Staff Updates:**

- None

**Election Operations**

- Completed the process of the Havre de Grace Election.
- The precinct refinement plan has been completed and Voter Notification Cards have been sent to the individuals affected.

**Election Judges:**

- Recorded all feedback from surveys to the Election Judge Master Smartsheet.
- Removed names of people who are no longer judges from the election judge module in MDVOTERS.
- The spring edition of the election judge newsletter was sent out on 5/8/2023. This edition had the new primary election dates, new judge pay rates, and an explanation that more information will be forthcoming regarding the returning judge bonus.
- Brainstormed different recruiting and training ideas with staff from Frederick County.
- Updated the election judge application, interest form, and brochure with the new judge pay increases.
- Resumed adding election judge interest forms to the Voter Notification Card mailings.
- Meet & Greet for judges is ongoing.
- We are in the process of creating and completing new election judge training documents.
- We are continuing to review/update files, forms, and Smartsheets in preparation for the 2024 election.

**Voter Registration**

**April**

- List Maintenance
  - Social Security verifications – 6

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- Inactivated – 116
- DHMH (Deceased) list through the Maryland Department of Health – 292 records
  - Received 3/30 and cancelled 4/4 – 158
  - Received 4/11 and cancelled 4/18 – 134
- AOC List (Felons) – 9 (Cancelled through List Maintenance on 5/4/23)
- ERIC Reports
  - Deceased – 7
  - In-State Duplicates – 1 (Transferred to another LBE)
- Address Change Postcards – 686
- Cancelled for Non-citizenship – 1
- Volume from Electronic Voter Registration Applications (EVRAs) – 3232
  - Voter Registration Applications – 3201
  - Mail-in Ballot Applications – 31
- Received and processed 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Jury Reports (Non-Residents, Deceased and Non-Citizens)

### **Current as of 5/23/23**

Received and processed another round of ERIC Deceased and In-State Duplicate reports.  
Received and processed the MDH/DHMH and AOC list for the month of May. We continue to receive documents from the Jury Commissioner at least once a week.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- June 5<sup>th</sup> - Meeting with the City of Aberdeen 10:00am
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – MAEO Mail-in Ballot Committee Meeting 11:00
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Train a few SBE employees on Smartsheets
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – Director's Meeting 10:00am
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – MAEO Voter Registration Meeting 10:00



## Precinct Voter Counts Report

	Precinct : All		Status : Active		Inactive		Status Reason: All		Split : All		OTHERS
	TOTAL	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA						
PRECINCT 01001	1622	375	861	11	359					16	
PRECINCT 01002	2581	1015	928	19	574					45	
PRECINCT 01003	5283	1848	2017	30	1338					50	
PRECINCT 01004	4522	1367	2092	16	1015					32	
PRECINCT 01005	4762	1741	1741	39	1186					55	
PRECINCT 01006	2429	814	978	16	573					48	
PRECINCT 01007	4806	1614	2045	30	1079					38	
PRECINCT 01008	1879	602	749	5	511					12	
PRECINCT 01009	507	139	233	5	121					9	
PRECINCT 01010	1449	616	426	9	381					17	
PRECINCT 01011	2449	925	912	24	562					26	
PRECINCT 01012	2246	948	764	10	491					33	
PRECINCT 01013	3270	1451	947	30	806					36	
PRECINCT 01014	4113	2075	989	25	975					49	
PRECINCT 01015	4234	1975	1249	29	933					48	
PRECINCT 01016	4220	1618	1600	33	916					53	
PRECINCT 01017	1870	771	626	13	426					34	
PRECINCT 01018	2617	1160	813	19	593					32	
PRECINCT 01019	3550	2081	559	23	812					75	
PRECINCT 01020	3568	2189	497	9	788					85	
PRECINCT 01021	5705	3088	1215	35	1289					78	
PRECINCT 01022	2082	1032	505	10	502					33	
PRECINCT 02001	3190	809	1633	29	683					36	
PRECINCT 02002	386	117	178	6	80					5	
PRECINCT 02003	49	17	21	0	11					0	
PRECINCT 02004	189	58	82	5	41					3	
PRECINCT 02005	1840	1003	361	15	442					19	
PRECINCT 02006	3790	1592	1256	25	871					46	
PRECINCT 02007	5541	2662	1363	48	1354					114	
PRECINCT 02008	2402	1129	501	19	695					58	
PRECINCT 02009	1031	388	258	16	356					13	
PRECINCT 02010	2022	858	662	22	455					25	
PRECINCT 03001	5741	1222	3226	47	1187					59	

MDVOTERS \* = Former Precinct/Split

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

	TOTAL	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 03002	3079	754	1645	18	638	24
PRECINCT 03003	3507	1000	1736	14	729	28
PRECINCT 03004	3805	919	2129	25	720	12
PRECINCT 03005	3268	893	1580	16	753	26
PRECINCT 03006	6337	1781	3040	40	1421	55
PRECINCT 03007	6501	1621	3278	39	1527	36
PRECINCT 03008	2864	733	1515	12	583	21
PRECINCT 03009	7426	1960	3814	46	1540	66
PRECINCT 03010	2602	719	1252	16	586	29
PRECINCT 03011	5467	1780	2381	38	1212	56
PRECINCT 03012	636	180	307	8	133	8
PRECINCT 03013	5651	1816	2446	40	1276	73
PRECINCT 03014	3048	866	1415	15	728	24
PRECINCT 03015	2567	821	1176	7	547	16
PRECINCT 03016	5071	1584	2203	34	1199	51
PRECINCT 03017	3308	956	1521	33	774	24
PRECINCT 04001	2731	495	1665	19	527	25
PRECINCT 04002	2183	478	1257	9	419	20
PRECINCT 04003	3218	630	1934	20	609	25
PRECINCT 04004	3006	707	1660	19	580	40
PRECINCT 04005	2157	520	1174	13	434	16
PRECINCT 04006	4014	977	2193	22	778	44
PRECINCT 04007	704	191	375	2	131	5
PRECINCT 05001	5459	1021	3366	34	993	45
PRECINCT 05002	2760	543	1616	19	548	34
PRECINCT 05003	1674	374	920	13	344	23
PRECINCT 06001	270	86	125	4	51	4
PRECINCT 06002	2637	946	960	22	682	27
PRECINCT 06003	758	335	222	5	189	7
PRECINCT 06004	5157	2038	1734	16	1303	66
PRECINCT 06005	4646	1969	1360	35	1170	112
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>202456</b>	<b>68992</b>	<b>84286</b>	<b>1325</b>	<b>45529</b>	<b>2324</b>