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AGENDA
Harford County Board of Elections
133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050
March 20, 2024
5:00 p.m.

- Call to Order; Declaration of Quorum
- Welcome Members and Guests
- Swearing in of the Board of Canvassers
- Approval of Minutes
 - February 28, 2024, Regular Meeting
- Request Additions or Changes to the Agenda
- Election Office Report
- Board Attorney's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Steve McCurdy, William Martino, and Dale Livingston
 - Approval of Confidential Voters
 - Appointment of Election Judges
 - Discussion on changing the Bylaws
- Confirmation of Next Meeting
- Members' Time
- Closed Session*
- Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2024

*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 28, 2024

PRESENT:

Board:	Staff:
Marquita J. McMillan, Vice President	Stephanie Taylor, Director
Christina Bracknell, Secretary	Karen Perry, Acting Deputy Director
Joseph N. Price, Republican Member	Stephen Feryus, Staff
James C. Richardson, Republican Member	Rosanna Moss, Staff
Brian K. Young, Esq., Board Counsel	Loralyn Sisler, Staff
	Barbara Salvatore, Staff

QUORUM:

Ms. McMillan 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. Michael Dykes, Board President was not present.

Medford Campbell, Steven A. McCurdy, David Kane, William R. Martino, Dale Livingston, and Barb Reed were present from the public.

Ms. McMillan welcomed the members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The January 17, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes were presented. Ms. McMillan asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Price made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Bracknell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those Board Members who were present for the January 17, 2024, Regular Meeting.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

An update to the agenda under new business; Approval of twelve confidential voters, instead of three.

ELECTION OFFICE REPORT:

Ms. Taylor gave the Administration update.

Mr. Richardson asked if the new Tri-Tek machine opened the ballots. Ms. Taylor replied that it did not, it just sorts and receives them.

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Ms. Taylor gave the Staff update.

Ms. Taylor gave the Election Operations update.

Ms. Sisler gave the Election Judge update.

Mr. Richardson asked if the judges are paid for attending training class. Ms. Taylor responded, yes, it is required by new legislation passed last year.

Ms. McMillan asked if the election judge recruitment was ongoing. Ms. Taylor replied, yes, since we have people drop out before election day.

Mr. Feryus gave the Voter Registration update.

Mr. Feryus gave the Mail-in Ballot update.

Mr. Richardson asked how the numbers compared to 2020? Mr. Feryus responded that there is no way to compare due to Covid.

Ms. Perry gave the Legislation update.

Ms. Taylor gave the Upcoming Events timeline.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Young said there was a complaint under review for possible fraudulent residency of two Harford County voters. The State Board of Elections will investigate the complaint. Depending on the outcome of the investigation, a hearing could be held on this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Feryus requested approval from the Board to make four voters "Confidential." Upon review, Ms. Bracknell made a motion to approve the four confidentiality requests. Mr. Price seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by all members present at the meeting. Mr. Feryus requested approval from the board to renew eight voters' "Confidential" status. Upon review, Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve renewing the eight confidentiality requests. Mr. Price seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by all members present at the meeting.

Mr. Price made a motion to discuss at the next meeting, the topic of the public addressing the Board if the Board President is not there. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by all members present at the meeting.

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CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting was confirmed to be March 20, 2024.

MEMBERS TIME:

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Bracknell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marquita McMillan".

~~Michael A. Dykes, President~~
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**HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OFFICE REPORT
March 20, 2024**

Administration:

- Karen and I met with the County budget office to review our FY25 budget.
- Karen and I met with Sergeant Dietz to review our security procedures for the office, early voting sites, and election day polling places.

Staff Updates:

- We conducted the interviews for the Deputy Director's position last week and Karen Perry was selected by the panel.
- We will be conducting the interviews for the Election Program Assistant I position on March 22nd and March 25th.
- We are waiting on the candidate list for the Election Day Support Staff positions.

Election Operations

- Ballot Proofing is complete
- On February 29th we had a call with Signature Space & Walters Relocations to coordinate equipment deployment for drop boxes, early voting, and election day.
- Hired a transportation company to move the ballot cart to our office from our offsite storage location.
- The State Board of Elections sent the Primary ballots to the printer on March 14th
- We are continuing our normal equipment maintenance/charging cycle.
- Assist with Election Judge training

Election Judges:

- Emails have been sent & re-sent to all the judges to schedule their training classes.
- We continue to call judges without emails to schedule their training.
- Practiced and finalized the ballot & check-in judge PowerPoint & training.
- Training classes have begun for the Ballot & Check-in judges. The training curriculum has been well received.
- Sent Early Voting availability email to all judges and are in the middle of creating the schedule. We expect polling place assignments & the early voting schedule to be completed around the beginning of April.
- Continue to update the remaining training PowerPoints & documents
- Tax forms and direct deposit form are processed and sent to the county payroll office daily

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- Continue to add payroll information to Smartsheet
- Continue to send class reminders with tax forms to judges for training.
- Updating paperwork & packing for election day continues
- Began entering Judge history into MD Voters.
- Current number of judges hired:
 - Required 827
 - Hired 898

Voter Registration

February

- List Maintenance
 - Social Security verifications - 13
 - Inactivated – 129
- DHMH (Deceased) list through the Maryland Department of Health – 173
- AOC List (Felons) – 8
- Fuzzy Matching – Received and are working through 4 reports
- ERIC Reports - 4169
 - NCOA – 3027
 - Cross State – 273
 - In State – 869
- Address Change Postcards – 1166
- Cancelled for Non-citizenship – 1
- Volume from Electronic Voter Registration Applications (EVRAs) – 6020
 - Voter Registration Applications – 5100
 - Mail-in Ballot Applications – 920

Current as of 3/14/24

We continue to receive documents from the Jury Commissioner weekly and anticipate receiving our DHMH and AOC lists soon.

Mail-in Ballots

MIB requests processed as of 03/12/2024:

2024 Presidential Primary

20,052 total: 17,252 permanent & 2,800 non-permanent

- 10,445 Democratic
- 6,740 Republican

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2024 Presidential General

19,998 total: 17,252 permanent & 2,746 non-permanent

- 10,425 Democratic
- 6,666 Republican
- 2,716 Unaffiliated
- 79 Libertarian
- 3 No Labels
- 109 Other

Legislation

- **HB0585 (SB0480): Protecting Election Officials Act 2024**, would make threatening “harm” to an election official a misdemeanor punishable by up to three years in prison or a fine up to \$2500. This passed unanimously in the Senate on Friday, March 8th.
- **SB0495 Election Law-Petitions and Ballot Questions-Plain Language Requirement**, requiring that a certain statement included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about the purpose of a question on the ballot be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by an individual who has attained not higher than a grade 6 level of reading comprehension. This passed in the Senate 40-7 in the Senate on Friday, March 8th.
- **HB014 Election Law-Revisions**, requiring a public official responsible for the use of a public building requested by a local board of elections for an early voting center to make the building available to the local board; requiring the State Board to establish an appeals process regarding requests to use public buildings as early voting centers; etc. This passed in the House 138-0.
- **HB0436 Election Law-Voter Registration-Age and Notification to Minors**, Altering, from 16 years old to 15 years and 9 months old, the age at which an individual may register to vote; requiring that a voter notification card sent to an individual under the age of 18 years include information regarding when the individual will be eligible to vote; and requiring the election director in the county where a registered voter under the age of 18 years becomes eligible to vote to send a notice that the voter is eligible to vote and information on the voting methods and locations available to the voter. This passed in the House 106-32
- **HB700 Election Law-Revisions**, Requiring the State Board to develop a marketing campaign for use by local boards to recruit individuals to serve as election judges; requiring that a county employee who serves as an election judge during hours that the employee is scheduled to work receive certain administrative leave and certain election

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judge compensation; authorizing a public school student in the State to both earn hours toward the service-learning graduation requirement and receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge; etc. Clarifying “returning election judge” to mean an election judge who has served a term of office for the immediately preceding Presidential or Gubernatorial Election. This passed in the House 120-18.

- **HB 0641 Election Law-Curbside Voting**, Requiring each local board of elections, at least 6 months prior to each statewide primary election, to designate an outside location for curbside voting, subject to the approval of the State Board; requiring a local board to take into account certain factors when determining a location for curbside voting; establishing requirements governing curbside voting; and requiring the State Board and local boards to emphasize in communicating with the public and voters that curbside voting is primarily an accommodation for disabled and elderly voters. To also provide a ballot marking device outside to the voter per their request. This passed in the House 116-20.

Upcoming Events:

- March 21st – SBE/LBE meeting
- March 21st – SBE Board meeting
- March 26th – VRV training with the League of Women Voters
- March 27th – MAEO Mail-in Ballot meeting
- April 18th – SBE Update meeting
- April 22nd – Budget meeting with the County Council

Precinct Voter Counts Report

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

	TOTAL	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 01001	1618	358	855	0	12	375	18
PRECINCT 01002	2617	996	941	0	18	613	49
PRECINCT 01003	5418	1883	2039	0	31	1410	55
PRECINCT 01004	4583	1353	2119	0	18	1058	35
PRECINCT 01005	4858	1748	1759	0	41	1253	57
PRECINCT 01006	2446	796	996	0	21	584	49
PRECINCT 01007	4900	1643	2050	0	29	1143	35
PRECINCT 01008	1980	646	772	0	8	546	8
PRECINCT 01009	536	143	241	0	6	136	10
PRECINCT 01010	1460	611	426	0	12	392	19
PRECINCT 01011	2442	904	908	0	23	582	25
PRECINCT 01012	2305	968	770	0	10	528	29
PRECINCT 01013	3353	1489	952	0	29	841	42
PRECINCT 01014	4245	2113	988	0	28	1056	60
PRECINCT 01015	4303	1985	1257	0	31	981	49
PRECINCT 01016	4245	1603	1608	0	31	948	55
PRECINCT 01017	1944	790	650	0	14	456	34
PRECINCT 01018	2714	1173	842	0	16	649	34
PRECINCT 01019	3645	2070	572	0	24	890	89
PRECINCT 01020	3614	2173	504	0	11	837	89
PRECINCT 01021	5786	3084	1218	0	35	1364	85
PRECINCT 01022	2116	1040	500	0	12	527	37
PRECINCT 02001	3187	781	1641	0	30	701	34
PRECINCT 02002	396	115	185	0	6	84	6
PRECINCT 02003	53	19	23	0	0	11	0
PRECINCT 02004	221	64	92	0	6	52	7
PRECINCT 02005	1888	998	373	0	13	483	21
PRECINCT 02006	3993	1662	1286	0	31	963	51
PRECINCT 02007	5646	2660	1407	0	55	1402	122
PRECINCT 02008	2432	1101	527	1	20	724	59
PRECINCT 02009	1096	392	291	0	16	385	12
PRECINCT 02010	2055	863	657	0	21	486	28
PRECINCT 03001	5802	1212	3244	0	48	1241	57

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	TOTAL	DEM	REP	NLM	LTB	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 03002	3138	746	1673	0	18	674	27
PRECINCT 03003	3563	981	1760	0	12	780	30
PRECINCT 03004	3825	908	2118	0	28	756	15
PRECINCT 03005	3303	902	1571	0	18	785	27
PRECINCT 03006	6422	1766	3071	1	45	1488	51
PRECINCT 03007	6575	1612	3296	0	45	1581	41
PRECINCT 03008	2860	707	1494	0	13	626	20
PRECINCT 03009	7532	1910	3893	0	47	1612	70
PRECINCT 03010	2629	717	1254	0	16	613	29
PRECINCT 03011	5546	1770	2395	0	40	1271	70
PRECINCT 03012	644	182	307	1	9	136	9
PRECINCT 03013	5715	1791	2449	0	44	1358	73
PRECINCT 03014	3078	857	1422	0	16	762	21
PRECINCT 03015	2648	824	1210	0	8	591	15
PRECINCT 03016	5159	1583	2229	0	29	1265	53
PRECINCT 03017	3350	955	1520	0	30	823	22
PRECINCT 04001	2768	500	1693	0	15	539	21
PRECINCT 04002	2228	479	1267	0	10	452	20
PRECINCT 04003	3236	610	1963	0	19	621	23
PRECINCT 04004	3029	677	1672	0	19	620	41
PRECINCT 04005	2184	514	1179	0	13	462	16
PRECINCT 04006	4079	982	2204	0	26	820	47
PRECINCT 04007	690	184	365	0	2	134	5
PRECINCT 05001	5558	1019	3422	0	36	1031	50
PRECINCT 05002	2804	515	1644	0	19	589	37
PRECINCT 05003	1682	357	914	0	12	376	23
PRECINCT 06001	277	89	124	0	4	56	4
PRECINCT 06002	2668	938	963	0	22	717	28
PRECINCT 06003	765	332	222	0	4	201	6
PRECINCT 06004	5345	2065	1803	0	17	1388	72
PRECINCT 06005	4751	1977	1395	0	38	1235	106
Grand Total	205948	68885	85185	3	1380	48063	2432