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AGENDA

Harford County Board of Elections
133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050
April 11, 2024
5:00 p.m.

- Call to Order; Declaration of Quorum
- Welcome Members and Guests
- Approval of Minutes
 - March 20, 2024, Regular Meeting
- Request Additions or Changes to the Agenda
- Election Office Report
- Board Attorney's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Schedule Precinct Supply Verification
 - Select a Chairperson and Secretary for the canvasses
 - Schedule a fifth canvass day if needed
 - Board polling place assignments for Election Day
- Confirmation of Next Meeting
- Members' Time
- Closed Session*
- Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: June 26, 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
March 20, 2024

PRESENT:

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

QUORUM:

Mr. Dykes called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm and determined there was a quorum with at least one member of the minority party being present. .

Steven A. McCurdy, William R. Martino, and Dale Livingston were present from the public.

Mr. Dykes welcomed the members and guests.

SWEARING IN OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS:

Michelle Karczeski, Clerk of the Circuit Court, swore in Michael Dykes, Marquita McMillan, Christina Bracknell, Joseph Price, James Richardson, and Brian Young as the Board of Canvassers for the 2024 Presidential Election cycle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The February 28, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Dykes asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those Board Members who were present for the February 28, 2024, Regular 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.

Ms. Taylor gave the Staff update.

Ms. Taylor gave the Election Operations update.

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Ms. Sisler gave the Election Judge update.

Ms. Beanblossom gave the Voter Registration update.

Mr. Price asked what a “Fuzzy” match was. Ms. Beanblossom explained that was a potential match of a voter record to another voter record with similar data. It may include a birthdate with one day or year off or a nickname instead of a given name , etc.

Ms. Taylor gave the Mail-in Ballot update.

Ms. Perry gave the Legislation update.

Ms. Taylor gave the Upcoming Events timeline.

BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Mr. Young said there was no report this month.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Martino addressed the Board.

Mr. McCurdy addressed the Board.

Ms. Livingston addressed the Board.

Ms. Taylor requested approval from the board to renew five voters’ “Confidential” status. Upon review, Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve renewing the eight confidentiality requests. Ms. Bracknell seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by all members present at the meeting.

Ms. Taylor presented the list of Election Judges for the 2024 election cycle and requested approval from the board. Upon review, Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve renewing the eight confidentiality requests. Ms. McMillan seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by all members present at the meeting.

Mr. Price wanted to discuss the by-laws and asked why our guests at the last meeting were not allowed to address the board. Mr. Dykes replied that it was his decision to postpone the guests request until the next meeting because it was Ms. McMillian’s first time running a meeting and he would not be there.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting was confirmed to be April 25, 2024.

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MEMBERS TIME:

There was no report.

CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Bracknell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. A. Dykes", is written over the text "Respectfully submitted,". The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.

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OFFICE REPORT
April 11, 2024

Administration:

- Sergeant Dietz sent us the schedule for police coverage during Early Voting and Election Day.
- Clear Ballot and Tenex reached out requesting to give us a demonstration of their equipment to get our feedback on what the State needs are for a new voting system. SBE will be releasing the Request for Proposal shortly.

Staff Updates:

- We held interviews and hired ^{eight}~~nine~~ people for our Election Day Support Staff positions. They started on April 8th.

Election Operations

- We received our paper ballots on April 1st.
- We are in the process of packing them for Early Voting and Election Day.
- We have started the daily pickups from the ballot drop boxes.
- Logic and Accuracy testing has begun.
- We have the database for the Havre de Grace Election and ballots have been sent to the printer.

Election Judges:

- All training emails have been sent. We have added classes and will reassess the need to schedule additional classes.
- Practiced and finalized the Same Day Registration/ Provisional Power Point training.
- Training classes have begun for the Same Day Registration/ Provisional judges. The training curriculum has been well received.
- Prepared training documents and presentation for Chief judge training beginning April 11th.
- We are almost finished with the Early Voting schedule and expect to send it out this week.
- We have received and packed the new Provisional/SDR applications
- We have begun packing the Early Voting and the Chief Judge binders
- Tax forms and direct deposit forms have been sent to the county payroll office daily
- Updating paperwork and packing for election day continues
- Continue to add payroll information to Smartsheet

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- Continue to send class reminders with tax forms to judges for training.
- Began entering Judge history into MD Voters.
- Current number of judges hired:
 - Required 814
 - Hired 863

Voter Registration:

March

- List Maintenance
 - Social Security verifications – 8
 - DHMH (Deceased) list through the Maryland Department of Health – 211
 - AOC List (Felons) – 6
 - Cancelled for Non-citizenship – 0
- ERIC Reports
 - Deceased - 8
 - InState Duplicate – 1 pair
- Volume from Electronic Voter Registration Applications (EVRAs) – 6620
 - Voter Registration Applications – 6064
 - Mail-in Ballot Applications – 556
- Address Change Postcards – 1561

Current as of 4/4/24

Overall volume of work has picked up. 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 04/01/2024:

2024 Presidential Primary

20,484 total: 17,466 permanent & 3,018 non-permanent

- 10,698 Democratic
- 6,897 Republican

2024 Presidential General

20,426 total: 17,466 permanent & 2,960 non-permanent

- 10,667 Democratic
- 6,822 Republican
- 2,742 Unaffiliated

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- 78 Libertarian
- 3 No Labels
- 114 Other

Legislation

- This will be updated on Tuesday, April 9th after the session ends.

Upcoming Events:

- April 18th – Emergency briefing with SBE, state and federal partners
- April 30th and May 1st – pick up box trucks and passenger vans
- May 2nd – Meeting with SBE
- May 2nd to May 9th – Early Voting
- May 9th - Emergency briefing with SBE, state and federal partners
- May 14th – Election Day

Summary of Election Bills that passed in Legislative Session 2024

- **HB14/SB271 - Election Law - Revisions**

- Use of public buildings as early voting centers
 - Establishes appeal process for public entity to dispute usage
- January 1, 2025 effective date

- **HB333 - Election Disinformation on Large Social Media Platforms and Influence Related to Voting**

- SBE establish a portal for people to report disinformation
- June 1, 2024 effective date

- **HB371/SB115 Recounts - Procedures**

- Rescan, manual recount, or other method approved by State Administrator
- Store duplicated ballots with voter verifiable paper ballot
- Emergency passage

- **HB459/SB417 - Election Administration - State Administrator, Local Boards and Election Directors**

- At least yearly, performance evaluation to be conducted by the State Board on the State Administrator
- At least yearly, performance evaluation to be conducted by the State Administrator on each Election Director and provided to the Local Board.
 - Including any recommended disciplinary actions for failure to comply with state laws, regulations and policies
- Local board shall confer with the State Administrator when hiring an Election Director
- Within 24 hours of a security breach or damage to office or warehouse, must notify State Administrator in writing
- July 1, 2024 effective date

- **HB471/SB494 - Election Law - Postelection Procedures (ECRA)**

- State Board of Canvassers must convene within 30 days of certification, not 35
- Meets Federal Law
- Emergency status

- **HB585/SB480 - Protecting Election Officials Act of 2024**

- Applicable to election officials, election judges and board counsel, their spouses, children and parents
- Emergency passage

- **HB700 - Election Judges - Revisions**

- SBE develop a marketing campaign for LBEs regarding election judges
- Administrative leave shall be required for county employees who serve as election judges
- Regulation to standardize and minimize forms for people who serve as election judges and to receive compensation
 - County Government cannot add any other form requirements
- “Returning Judge” - person serving in the immediately preceding election
- High School students - service learning hours and compensation
- June 1, 2024 effective date

- **HB809 - Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, or Workgroups - Removal or Suspension**

- October 1, 2024 effective date

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List of Mandatory Dates for the Board

- Monday, April 22, 2024, at 10:00 am – Mail-in Ballot Canvass I
- Early Voting - Thursday, May 2, 2024, to Thursday, May 9, 2024. Hours are 7:00am to 8:00pm. The Board is required to make site visits throughout the eight days.
- Election Day - Tuesday, May 14, 2024. The hours are 7:00 am to 8:00pm. Office staff starts at 5:00am and usually stays to 11:00pm or 12:00am. Be prepared to visit your polling locations and be available by phone if needed though out the day and evening.
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 10:00 am – The Board must be in the office to canvass the Early Voting scanners.
- Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:00am – Mail-in Ballot Canvass II – Day 1
- ????, ?? ?, 2024, at 10:00am – Mail-in Ballot Canvass II – Day 2 (if needed)
- Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 10:00am – Provisional Ballot Canvass
- Friday, May 24, 2024, at 10:00am – Mail-in Ballot Canvass II – Day 3

****Please note that we must have a quorum present on all canvassing days.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Notice of Canvass Deadline	13
14	15	16	17 Verification of Supplies Deadline	18	19	20
21	22 MIB 1 Day 1	23 Closing of Books	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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MAY

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Election Day		MIB I Day 2		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Provisional Canvass		MIB II Day 1 or 2	
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Precinct Voter Counts Report

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

	TOTAL	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 01001	1623	358	855	0	12	379	19
PRECINCT 01002	2612	992	938	0	19	614	49
PRECINCT 01003	5432	1887	2036	0	31	1421	57
PRECINCT 01004	4589	1357	2120	0	18	1059	35
PRECINCT 01005	4853	1744	1754	0	41	1257	57
PRECINCT 01006	2449	795	997	0	21	588	48
PRECINCT 01007	4900	1636	2052	0	28	1148	36
PRECINCT 01008	1985	645	776	0	9	547	8
PRECINCT 01009	535	143	240	0	6	136	10
PRECINCT 01010	1456	609	424	1	12	390	20
PRECINCT 01011	2438	902	908	1	22	581	24
PRECINCT 01012	2307	968	771	0	10	529	29
PRECINCT 01013	3353	1488	947	0	29	847	42
PRECINCT 01014	4249	2120	987	0	27	1055	60
PRECINCT 01015	4310	1987	1253	0	31	990	49
PRECINCT 01016	4245	1600	1607	0	31	952	55
PRECINCT 01017	1947	792	650	0	14	458	33
PRECINCT 01018	2718	1173	843	0	16	652	34
PRECINCT 01019	3652	2074	578	0	24	889	87
PRECINCT 01020	3617	2167	503	0	11	846	90
PRECINCT 01021	5782	3078	1222	0	35	1363	84
PRECINCT 01022	2114	1039	499	0	10	528	38
PRECINCT 02001	3187	779	1645	0	32	697	34
PRECINCT 02002	397	114	187	0	6	84	6
PRECINCT 02003	53	19	23	0	0	11	0
PRECINCT 02004	220	62	92	0	6	53	7
PRECINCT 02005	1891	994	375	0	12	489	21
PRECINCT 02006	4010	1670	1290	0	31	969	50
PRECINCT 02007	5643	2650	1406	0	57	1408	122
PRECINCT 02008	2429	1098	525	1	20	726	59
PRECINCT 02009	1102	390	297	0	16	387	12
PRECINCT 02010	2053	867	656	0	19	483	28
PRECINCT 03001	5805	1211	3243	0	48	1247	56

MDVOTERS * = Former Precinct/Split

Precinct Voter Counts Report

Precinct	Precinct : All		Status : Active		Inactive		Status Reason: All		Split : All		OTHERS
	TOTAL	DEM	REP	NLM	LTB	UNA					
PRECINCT 03002	3142	745	1677	0	19	674		27			
PRECINCT 03003	3569	985	1756	0	12	786		30			
PRECINCT 03004	3827	908	2117	0	28	759		15			
PRECINCT 03005	3308	907	1569	0	18	787		27			
PRECINCT 03006	6424	1764	3067	1	45	1495		52			
PRECINCT 03007	6575	1614	3287	0	44	1587		43			
PRECINCT 03008	2866	705	1498	0	13	630		20			
PRECINCT 03009	7553	1919	3901	0	48	1615		70			
PRECINCT 03010	2638	720	1253	0	15	621		29			
PRECINCT 03011	5554	1760	2402	0	40	1283		69			
PRECINCT 03012	641	181	305	1	9	136		9			
PRECINCT 03013	5709	1776	2448	0	45	1367		73			
PRECINCT 03014	3080	856	1426	0	16	761		21			
PRECINCT 03015	2652	820	1214	0	8	595		15			
PRECINCT 03016	5152	1577	2221	1	31	1269		53			
PRECINCT 03017	3353	958	1518	0	30	825		22			
PRECINCT 04001	2767	499	1693	0	15	539		21			
PRECINCT 04002	2226	476	1266	0	10	455		19			
PRECINCT 04003	3234	606	1962	0	19	623		24			
PRECINCT 04004	3028	678	1669	0	19	620		42			
PRECINCT 04005	2185	514	1178	0	13	464		16			
PRECINCT 04006	4077	980	2202	0	26	821		48			
PRECINCT 04007	691	184	364	0	2	136		5			
PRECINCT 05001	5568	1009	3428	0	36	1045		50			
PRECINCT 05002	2807	512	1650	0	18	590		37			
PRECINCT 05003	1678	352	912	0	12	379		23			
PRECINCT 06001	279	89	126	0	4	56		4			
PRECINCT 06002	2671	937	965	0	22	718		29			
PRECINCT 06003	766	332	221	0	5	202		6			
PRECINCT 06004	5363	2070	1816	0	16	1389		72			
PRECINCT 06005	4755	1973	1400	0	41	1237		104			
Grand Total	206094	68814	85210	6	1383	48247		2434			