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AGENDA

**Harford County Board of Elections
133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050
August 28, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

- Call to Order; Declaration of Quorum
- Welcome Members and Guests
- Swearing in of a new employee
- Approval of Minutes
 - June 26, 2024, Regular Meeting
- Request Additions or Changes to the Agenda
- Election Office Report
- Board Attorney's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Direct the Director to start L&A
 - Schedule Precinct Supply Verification (due to SBE by 10/7)
 - Board polling place assignments for Election Day
 - Select a Chairperson and Secretary for the canvasses
 - Reconvening the Board of Canvassers to address Mail-in ballots from the 2024 Primary election
- Confirmation of Next Meeting
- Members' Time
- Closed Session*
- Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: September 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

June 26, 2024

PRESENT:

Board:	Staff:
Michael Dykes, Board President	Stephanie Taylor, Director
Marquita McMillan, Vice President	Karen Perry, Deputy Director
Christina Bracknell, Secretary	Barbara Salvatore, Staff
Joseph N. Price, Republican Member	
James Richardson, Republican Member	
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QUORUM:

Mr. Dykes called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and determined there was a quorum with at least one member of the minority party being present.

Steven A. McCurdy was present from the public.

Mr. Dykes welcomed the members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The April 11, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Dykes asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Bracknell 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 April 11, 2024, Regular Meeting. Ms. Bracknell pointed out two dates that needed corrections and motioned to amend the minutes with corrections, Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those Board Members who were present for the April 11, 2024, Regular Meeting.

The May 14, 2024 Election Night Meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Dykes asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. McMillian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those Board members who were present for the May 14, 2024 Election Night Meeting.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Ms. Taylor requested that the agenda item "Reconvene the Board of Canvassers..." be moved to old business.

ELECTION OFFICE REPORT:

Ms. Taylor gave the Administration update.



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Mr. Richardson asked if they were required to be at the MAEO conference, Ms. Taylor responded that per the by-laws they were required to attend the one-day conference in Baltimore County. She also stated that there will be a virtual option as well.

Ms. Taylor gave the Staff update.

Ms. Taylor gave the Election Operations update.

Ms. Salvatore gave the Election Judge update.

Mr. Richardson asked if the State of Maryland is paying 50% of the cost of the Judges. Ms. Taylor explained that they pay 50% of the return bonus pay only.

Ms. Perry gave the Voter Registration update.

Ms. Taylor added that she was extremely impressed with the voter registration department for getting this backlog of work completed in such a timely and efficient manner.

Ms. Perry gave the Mail-in Ballot update.

Mr. Richardson asked if the State was mailing out mail in ballot applications again before the general election. Ms. Taylor said that they are not, however this could change in the future due to legislation.

Ms. Taylor gave the Upcoming Events timeline.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

There was no report this month.

OLD BUSINESS /RECONVENE AS THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS:

Mr. Price asked for a motion to convene as the Board of Canvassers. At 5:19 pm, Mr. Richardson made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Dykes and unanimously approved by those members who were present at the meeting.

Ms. Taylor presented twenty ballots received in the office after certification of the 2024 Presidential Primary. After reviewing the ballots, Mr. Richardson made a motion to reject all twenty of the ballots, Mr. Dykes seconded, and the motion unanimously approved by those members who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Price asked for a motion to approve the April 22, 2024 Canvass Minutes. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Dykes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Price asked for a motion to approve the May 16, 2024 Canvass Minutes. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Bracknell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

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Mr. Price asked for a motion to approve the May 22, 2024 Canvass Minutes. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes and to amend all the Canvass Minutes to add Brian Young Board Council as attended all meetings and Ms. McMillan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Price asked for a motion to approve the May 24, 2024 Canvass Minutes. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. McMillan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Price asked for a motion to approve the May 14, 2024 Canvass Minutes. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Bracknell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

At 5:31 pm Mr. Dykes made a motion to adjourn the Board of Canvassers and Ms. McMillan seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present during the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Confidential Voters

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

Polling Place Changes for 2024 General Election

Ms. Taylor reported that precincts; 1-08/1-09/1-14, which were combined for the primary at Church Creek Elementary School will change back to the way they were previously. 1-08/1-09 will return to the Highlands School and Church Creek will remain 1-14. This was only a temporary move due to the unavailability of the Highlands School for the primary.

2-06/6-03 Aberdeen Middle School is unavailable for the 2024 General Election due to the HVAC renovations being made to the Gymnasium in the fall. This precinct will move to Swan Creek School which is a mile from Aberdeen Middle School.

Mr. Dykes asked for a motion to accept these two polling place changes for the 2024 General Election. Mr. Price made a motion to accept the two polling place changes for the 2024 General Election and Ms. Bracknell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

Letter from Mr. McBride

A letter was received from Mr. Mc Bride, Chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Harford County, it expressed concerns of being able to vote the wrong ballot style with the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) during the 2024 Primary Election. Ms. Taylor explained that the elections judges are

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trained to select the correct ballot style on the BMD for the voter. The voters are not supposed to choose for themselves or change from what is printed on their signed voter authority card (VAC). She also stated that this would not be an issue for the general election due to only one ballot style being issued, not a Democratic or Republican ballot style.

Mr. Richardson made a motion that the Board President write a letter to Mr. McBride, addressing his concerns and Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

Important Presidential General Election Dates:

Ms. Taylor supplied the Board with a list of upcoming important General Election dates. She stated that all the Canvass dates are required by Election law except November 11, 2024 which is tentatively scheduled for an additional canvass day.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING:

After discussion Mr. Dykes asked for a motion for the July Board Meeting to be cancelled. Mr. Richardson made the motion to cancel the July meeting and Ms. McMillian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is August 28, 2024 at 5:00pm.

MEMBERS TIME:

There was no report.

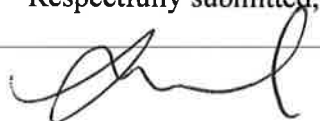
CLOSED SESSION:

Mr. Dykes asked for a motion to move into closed session. Mr. Richardson made the motion and Ms. Bracknell seconded the motion. The board unanimously agreed to move into closed session to 5:50pm. The purpose of the closed session was for an employee performance evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. McMillan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

 on behalf of Michael Dykes

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OFFICE REPORT
August 28, 2024

Administration:

- WJZ came to our office to interview me on a national story they are doing on employee retention and election official's safety.
- I attended the MACO conference in Ocean City.
- Three employees from our office attended a mini tabletop exercise in Anne Arundel County.
- The Hays-Heighe House located at the Harford County Community College, is doing a display on the history of elections and they asked us if we could loan them some old election documents and/or equipment.
- I am officially the new Vice President of MAEO.
- Baltimore City asked us to assist them with their charter amendment petition that could potentially create a Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority. While processing over 4,200 signatures we discovered a lot of issues that concerned us. I reported them to the City which in turn reported them to the attorney for the City Board of Elections. The petition was rejected and now the Sponsor of the petition is challenging that decision through the court.
- We received a directive from SBE to stop supporting the municipal elections to the extent that we have been doing.
- MAEO created a new committee for Board members.

Staff Updates:

- We hired two individuals to help cover the front desk and phone calls during the General Election.
- We are conducting interviews ^{next} ~~this~~ week for our Election Support Staff. The plan is to hire twelve staff members.

Election Operations

- Completed setting up new tablets with Judge Manual, Training Videos, and Checklists to be deployed to Polling Places on Election Day.
- Post election maintenance is complete.
- Polling place changes have been implemented for the General Election and layouts have been revised.
- Normal charging and maintenance on equipment is ongoing.
- The ballot proofing will be completed this week.

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Election Judges:

- Completed & emailed evaluations for Provisional & SDR judges
- Completed & emailed evaluations of Chief judge performance during the Primary. They were well received
- Restarted recruitment efforts with Meet & Greets. Signups have been off the charts
- Updated all SDR process materials
- Updated all training materials for the General
- Finalized the training schedule
- Sent training email signups for all judges. Have had a great response so far
- Packing supplies for the General continues
- Judges required: 833
- Judges hired: 1063

Voter Registration:

June and July

- List Maintenance
 - Social Security verifications – 19
 - DHMH (Deceased) list through the Maryland Department of Health – 427
 - AOC List (Felons) – 13
 - Cancelled for Non-citizenship – 1
- Received and Processed 2nd Quarter Jury Report (Deceased, Non-Residents, and Non-Citizens)
- Electronic Voter Registration Applications (EVRAs) – 11,706
 - Voter Registration Applications – 11,015
 - Mail-in Ballot Applications – 691
- Address Change Postcards – 4,175

Current as of 08/21/2024

Our daily workload remains steady and continues to pick up as the general election nears. We processed our portions of two statewide petitions, one for the Green Party's recognized third party status, the other for the unaffiliated presidential candidacy of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. We continue to receive and process documents from the Jury Commissioner weekly as well as our regular DHMH and AOC lists.

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Mail-in Ballots

MIB requests processed as of 08/21/2024:

2024 Presidential General

23,802 total: 19,104 permanent & 4,698 non-permanent

- 11,785 Democratic
- 7,493 Republican
- 4,275 Unaffiliated
- 95 Libertarian
- 27 No Labels
- 127 Other

We have been in contact with the nursing homes to schedule dates and times for us to visit. We have four voter registration outreach events that we have been asked to participate in or facilitate.

Upcoming Events:

- September 17th – Harford Community College Voter Registration Event
- September 17th – YMCA Voter Registration Event
- September 17th – Voter Registration Volunteer Training
- September 19th – Meeting with SBE
- September 26th – General Election Threat Briefing

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Important Presidential General Election Dates:

Tuesday, October 15, 2024: Pre-Election Canvass, 10:00am

Thursday, October 24-31, 2024: Early Voting

Tuesday, November 5, 2024: Election Day

Thursday, November 7, 2024: Canvass, 10:00am

Monday, November 11, 2024: Canvass, 10:00am (tentative)

Wednesday, November 13, 2024: Provisional Canvass 10:00am

Friday, November 15, 2024: Final Canvass, 10:00am and Certification

Precinct Voter Counts Report

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

	TOTAL	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 01001	1641	359	863	2	13	386	18
PRECINCT 01002	2639	996	951	5	18	621	48
PRECINCT 01003	5495	1896	2083	5	30	1426	55
PRECINCT 01004	4641	1360	2124	4	21	1095	37
PRECINCT 01005	4927	1769	1778	5	46	1272	57
PRECINCT 01006	2471	792	1012	3	21	595	48
PRECINCT 01007	4953	1647	2059	2	27	1185	33
PRECINCT 01008	2044	662	811	1	9	552	9
PRECINCT 01009	549	140	251	1	7	141	9
PRECINCT 01010	1495	634	423	4	12	400	22
PRECINCT 01011	2453	894	922	5	23	587	22
PRECINCT 01012	2304	960	763	1	10	541	29
PRECINCT 01013	3354	1472	948	3	28	861	42
PRECINCT 01014	4340	2154	998	4	33	1088	63
PRECINCT 01015	4361	2011	1262	6	28	1005	49
PRECINCT 01016	4271	1591	1619	5	34	967	55
PRECINCT 01017	1994	809	654	5	15	479	32
PRECINCT 01018	2752	1185	859	8	13	654	33
PRECINCT 01019	3701	2101	580	4	23	902	91
PRECINCT 01020	3673	2200	518	10	11	845	89
PRECINCT 01021	5841	3073	1244	12	33	1393	86
PRECINCT 01022	2142	1042	511	3	10	540	36
PRECINCT 02001	3219	777	1677	2	32	701	30
PRECINCT 02002	398	110	189	0	6	87	6
PRECINCT 02003	52	18	23	0	0	11	0
PRECINCT 02004	226	62	97	0	6	54	7
PRECINCT 02005	1939	1014	380	2	10	511	22
PRECINCT 02006	4155	1738	1313	9	34	1012	49
PRECINCT 02007	5715	2661	1436	5	61	1432	120
PRECINCT 02008	2474	1105	543	8	23	740	55
PRECINCT 02009	1131	405	308	5	14	387	12
PRECINCT 02010	2083	875	667	2	18	490	31
PRECINCT 03001	5863	1210	3280	2	53	1262	56

MDVOTERS * = Former Precinct/Split

Precinct Voter Counts Report

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

	TOTAL	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 03002	3165	752	1687	3	22	676	25
PRECINCT 03003	3573	975	1751	4	12	805	26
PRECINCT 03004	3864	917	2137	3	29	764	14
PRECINCT 03005	3335	907	1585	2	21	795	25
PRECINCT 03006	6470	1775	3087	3	46	1507	52
PRECINCT 03007	6678	1621	3349	3	46	1613	46
PRECINCT 03008	2882	701	1504	1	13	640	23
PRECINCT 03009	7629	1898	3968	7	49	1640	67
PRECINCT 03010	2641	714	1255	0	17	627	28
PRECINCT 03011	5637	1771	2443	10	45	1299	69
PRECINCT 03012	645	179	306	2	8	142	8
PRECINCT 03013	5738	1763	2479	6	40	1379	71
PRECINCT 03014	3102	862	1436	4	17	762	21
PRECINCT 03015	2658	832	1209	2	6	594	15
PRECINCT 03016	5194	1579	2234	5	29	1289	58
PRECINCT 03017	3366	967	1519	5	26	828	21
PRECINCT 04001	2813	492	1733	1	17	550	20
PRECINCT 04002	2237	474	1272	2	9	460	20
PRECINCT 04003	3246	605	1976	3	20	621	21
PRECINCT 04004	3033	674	1677	1	20	618	43
PRECINCT 04005	2203	511	1186	0	13	479	14
PRECINCT 04006	4115	991	2208	2	29	839	46
PRECINCT 04007	703	185	368	0	2	143	5
PRECINCT 05001	5622	1000	3453	6	37	1076	50
PRECINCT 05002	2827	499	1671	0	19	599	39
PRECINCT 05003	1701	356	920	2	11	390	22
PRECINCT 06001	288	89	131	1	4	59	4
PRECINCT 06002	2692	937	970	3	24	730	28
PRECINCT 06003	778	337	220	1	7	207	6
PRECINCT 06004	5486	2110	1856	6	20	1418	76
PRECINCT 06005	4786	1975	1423	3	41	1240	104

Grand Total

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