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AGENDA

**Harford County Board of Elections
133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050
September 25, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

- Call to Order; Declaration of Quorum
- Welcome Members and Guests
- Approval of Minutes
 - August 28, 2024, Regular Meeting
- Request Additions or Changes to the Agenda
 - The following to address the Board:
 - Steve McCurdy
 - William Martino
 - Melonie Comds-Dyer
- Election Office Report
- Board Attorney's Report
- Old Business
 - Schedule Precinct Supply Verification due October 7th
- New Business
- Confirmation of Next Meeting
- Members' Time
- Closed Session*
- 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
August 28, 2024

PRESENT:

Board:	Staff:
Michael Dykes, Board President via phone	Stephanie Taylor, Director
Marquita McMillan, Vice President	Karen Perry, Deputy Director
Christina Bracknell, Secretary	Barbara Salvatore, Staff
Joseph N. Price, Republican Member	Stephen Feryus, Staff
James Richardson, Republican Member	Kanaea King, Staff
Brian K. Young, Esq., Board Counsel	Jackie Ludwig, 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.

Steven A. McCurdy and Karen McCurdy were present from the public.

Ms. McMillan welcomed the members and guests.

SWEARING IN OF NEW EMPLOYEE:

Ms. McMillan administered the oath of office for Kanaea King.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The June 26, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes were presented. Ms. McMillan 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 June 26, 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. Perry gave the Election Operations update.

Ms. Taylor added that we were only required to perform post-election maintenance on 20% of the equipment, however the staff completed 100% of the equipment. Ms. Perry added that the office

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received ten pollbooks from the central warehouse that were broken/ out of service. These pollbooks were all fixed by Christine Martin and are now in use for training purposes.

Ms. Salvatore gave the Election Judge update.

Mr. Feryus gave the Voter Registration update.

Mr. Price expressed his concerns about non-citizens voting and asked how it could be prevented. Ms. Taylor explained that the General Assembly would have to make changes to prevent this. She also stated that we follow all election laws and guidance from the State regarding registering voters.

Mr. Feryus gave the Mail-in Ballot update.

Ms. Taylor gave the Upcoming Events timeline.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Young reported that Board Attorney conference calls will begin again with the State Board. He expressed his concerns that the meeting time was moved to 9am which is when most courts begin their day. The meeting was at 8 am in the past.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Direct the Director to start L&A

Mr. Price made a motion to allow the Director to start Logic and Accuracy tests on the equipment on or before September 30th, 2024 or when necessary.

Schedule Precinct Supply Verification

Ms. Taylor asked the board to pick a date for the required Precinct Supply Verification, which is due by October 9, 2024. Mr. Richardson and Ms. McMillian said that would get back to Ms. Taylor with a date. Ms. Bracknell volunteered to be a back-up if needed.

Ms. Taylor also stated that due to the Holiday, our first Canvass Day will now be October 15, 2024.

Board Polling Place Assignment for Election Day

Ms. Taylor presented the list of Board Polling Place Assignments from the Primary Election. She asked if these assignments were still good for the General Election. Ms. McMillian and Mr. Dykes switched regions; all other assignments stayed the same.

RECONVENE AS THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS:

Mr. Price asked for a motion to convene as the Board of Canvassers. At 5:40 pm, Mr. Richardson made a motion which was seconded by Ms. McMillian and unanimously approved by those members who were present at the meeting.

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion that Mr. Price serve as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Ms. Bracknell serve as Secretary for the Board of Canvassers for the 2024 General Election. Ms. McMillian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present at the meeting.

At 5:45 pm Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the Board of Canvassers and Ms. Bracknell seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those members who were present during the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting is September 25, 2024 at 5:00pm.

MEMBERS TIME:

Mr. Richardson reported that he attended the MACO conference.

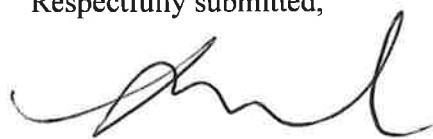
CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

 on behalf of Michael Dykes

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OFFICE REPORT
September 25, 2024

Administration:

- Notice of the canvasses have been sent to the Democratic and Republican Central Committees as well as the State Board of Elections.
- The Board of Estimates approved our Specimen Ballot proposal. We expect them to hit the mail by the first week of October.
- There have been reports from the FBI that more than fifteen states, including Maryland, have received, or the post office intercepted, mail with a suspicious white powdery substance.
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has reported that some social media users are discussing and encouraging various methods of sabotaging ballot drop boxes.
- National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) sent a joint letter to the Postmaster General about their concerns with election mail being delivered in a timely manner.

Staff Updates:

- We hired ten Election Support Staff which will start on September 30th.

Election Operations

- Mail-in ballot drop boxes were delivered on September 18th and daily pickups have begun.
- Ballot allocation has been completed.
- The paper ballots have been delivered and we are working on packing them for Early Voting and Election Day.
- Logic & Accuracy (L&A) testing for mail-in ballots on the DS850 has been completed.
- Warehouse/IT staff will start Logic & Accuracy testing on the voting equipment this week.
- We had a meeting with Parks and Recs to discuss Early Voting at McFaul, Edgewood, and Havre de Grace Activity Centers. The changes at McFaul Activity Center will be:
 - We will be using the whole gym
 - There will not be any senior activities, except for lunches
 - We will not be directing traffic leading into the parking lot
- A new "I Voted" sticker has been designed collectively by the office.

Election Judges:

- Completed Ballot Judge & Voting Judge training.
- Started Check In Judge, Provisional, and Same Day Registration training.
- Completed the scheduled Meet & Greet sessions.
- Began working on the schedule for Early Voting.
- We are finalizing Election Day work assignments.
- Working on scheduling judges to help in canvass.

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- Scheduled makeup classes for judges that missed their training.
- Continuously processing judge paperwork and packing supplies for all voting days.
- Since we currently have a surplus of judges we have added extra voting judges to all the polling places.
- Judges required: 884
- Judges hired: 1088

Voter Registration:

August

- List Maintenance
 - Social Security verifications – 43
 - DHMH (Deceased) list through the Maryland Department of Health – 157
 - Cancelled for Non-citizenship – 3
- Electronic Voter Registration Applications (EVRAs) – 6,292
 - Voter Registration Applications – 5,470
 - Mail-in Ballot Applications – 822
- Address Change Postcards – 1,507

Current as of 9/16/24

Our daily workload continues to increase with mail, phone calls, and walk-ins. While we did not receive an AOC report in August, we have received two reports this month. We have also received an ERIC Deceased report. We continue to receive and process documents from the Jury Commissioner weekly.

Mail-in Ballots

MIB requests processed as of 09/18/2024:

2024 Presidential General

25,017 total: 19,447 permanent & 5,570 non-permanent

- 12,322 Democratic
- 7,809 Republican
- 4,618 Unaffiliated
- 99 Libertarian
- 21 Green
- 33 No Labels
- 115 Other

Upcoming Events:

- October 3rd – MAEO Mail-in Ballot Committee Meeting
- October 22nd – General Election Threat Briefing #2
- October 31st - General Election Threat Briefing #3

Precinct Voter Counts Report

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

	TOTAL	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	GRN	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 01001	1546	335	814	2	13	1	363	18
PRECINCT 01002	2506	942	908	7	16	0	588	45
PRECINCT 01003	5081	1755	1921	5	27	3	1322	48
PRECINCT 01004	4421	1310	2023	5	20	4	1028	31
PRECINCT 01005	4563	1646	1659	6	41	6	1157	48
PRECINCT 01006	2321	735	965	3	19	2	556	41
PRECINCT 01007	4707	1580	1957	2	24	1	1113	30
PRECINCT 01008	1931	630	775	2	9	2	507	6
PRECINCT 01009	518	137	239	1	7	1	124	9
PRECINCT 01010	1229	527	356	4	11	2	312	17
PRECINCT 01011	2249	826	844	5	22	1	534	17
PRECINCT 01012	2153	899	723	3	11	5	490	22
PRECINCT 01013	3038	1337	850	3	26	1	785	36
PRECINCT 01014	3917	1973	887	5	28	2	968	54
PRECINCT 01015	4093	1896	1186	6	25	3	937	40
PRECINCT 01016	3979	1479	1529	5	33	5	884	44
PRECINCT 01017	1903	776	621	5	13	2	455	31
PRECINCT 01018	2614	1126	819	9	12	3	616	29
PRECINCT 01019	3463	1959	554	4	19	6	844	77
PRECINCT 01020	3385	2034	475	10	11	6	772	77
PRECINCT 01021	5500	2897	1172	14	31	6	1304	76
PRECINCT 01022	1946	957	463	4	10	1	481	30
PRECINCT 02001	3058	732	1616	2	29	2	653	24
PRECINCT 02002	383	107	184	0	5	0	81	6
PRECINCT 02003	50	18	23	0	0	0	9	0
PRECINCT 02004	209	59	87	0	6	0	51	6
PRECINCT 02005	1819	962	349	2	9	1	476	20
PRECINCT 02006	3866	1618	1221	11	30	3	942	41
PRECINCT 02007	5185	2404	1330	5	53	3	1287	103
PRECINCT 02008	2237	1009	490	8	19	2	660	49
PRECINCT 02009	804	295	218	5	8	0	270	8
PRECINCT 02010	1922	787	635	3	17	0	453	27
PRECINCT 03001	5556	1130	3144	4	51	5	1173	49

MDVOTERS * = Former Precinct/Split

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	TOTAL	DEM	REP	NLM	LTB	GRN	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 03002	2977	709	1590	3	22	2	630	21
PRECINCT 03003	3332	915	1641	5	10	2	740	19
PRECINCT 03004	3691	875	2051	3	26	2	723	11
PRECINCT 03005	3150	856	1509	3	21	4	737	20
PRECINCT 03006	6080	1684	2917	4	41	5	1383	46
PRECINCT 03007	6316	1534	3186	3	43	4	1505	41
PRECINCT 03008	2736	662	1441	1	11	3	601	17
PRECINCT 03009	7231	1808	3778	6	47	2	1527	63
PRECINCT 03010	2500	674	1196	2	16	4	586	22
PRECINCT 03011	5177	1611	2272	11	42	8	1177	56
PRECINCT 03012	604	170	289	2	8	0	128	7
PRECINCT 03013	5317	1610	2350	6	31	4	1259	57
PRECINCT 03014	2937	802	1376	5	18	3	718	15
PRECINCT 03015	2527	798	1149	2	6	2	557	13
PRECINCT 03016	4810	1441	2104	6	27	5	1180	47
PRECINCT 03017	3140	901	1420	5	24	0	770	20
PRECINCT 04001	2629	460	1635	2	16	1	496	19
PRECINCT 04002	2111	450	1214	2	9	0	419	17
PRECINCT 04003	3075	568	1889	4	17	1	576	20
PRECINCT 04004	2912	653	1628	1	16	1	575	38
PRECINCT 04005	2080	477	1133	0	11	1	445	13
PRECINCT 04006	3921	943	2122	2	27	3	784	40
PRECINCT 04007	655	171	343	0	1	3	137	0
PRECINCT 05001	5314	935	3308	5	34	3	989	40
PRECINCT 05002	2708	475	1611	0	19	1	564	38
PRECINCT 05003	1599	332	879	2	9	1	360	16
PRECINCT 06001	274	86	129	1	3	0	52	3
PRECINCT 06002	2547	900	920	3	24	4	677	19
PRECINCT 06003	728	321	200	1	7	0	193	6
PRECINCT 06004	5080	1963	1711	7	19	1	1318	61
PRECINCT 06005	4353	1786	1331	5	39	6	1098	88
Grand Total	194663	64447	81359	252	1299	155	45099	2052