

MINUTES

September 1, 2021

MEETING OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
701 Kelly Road, Room 230, Cumberland, Maryland

ATTENDEES: John Stakem, President
JoAnn Spiker, Member
John Fetchero, Member
Debbie Johnson, Member
Diane Loibel, Election Administrator

LATE ARRIVAL: Tim Donaldson, Member – arrived at 9:25 am

ABSENT: Armand Pannone, Board Attorney
Samantha Logsdon, Deputy Director

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Stakem called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M., and stated that there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stakem called for alterations, corrections, and/or approval of the minutes. Mrs. Spiker made a motion to approve the August 4th minutes. Mr. Fetchero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADDITIONS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

MAEO Conference

Mrs. Loibel reminded members to turn in any hotel receipts and expense forms for reimbursement for any expenses they incurred for the MAEO Conference. Mrs. Spiker shared that she felt the legislation breakout session was very informative.

Candidate Filings

Mr. Craig Robertson filed for the office of Sheriff on August 19, 2021.

Election Judge Responses

Staff reported that they have received a total of 240 responses as of August 20, 2021. Second Notices will be sent out this month.

Early Voting MOU & Alternate EV Site MOU

Unfortunately, we are still awaiting the definition of a “historically disenfranchised community” from SBE. As soon as we know that our early voting site meets this requirement, we will be able to approve the MOU and get it on the consent agenda at the Commissioner’s meeting. I will reach out to all of you as soon as we receive that information.

NEW BUSINESS:

MDVOTERS Disaster Recovery Failover Test

The Disaster Recovery Failover Test took place on August 23 – 27, 2021. The file was run prior to us leaving for the MAEO Conference.

NFB and Ballot Marking Devices

Highlights of the plan and how to determine where to add BMDs include the following:

SBE will ensure that at least 50% of all election day polling places in the State of Maryland shall be required to have available for use on election day at least 2 ExpressVote ballot marking devices. Included among these 50% of election day polling places will be:

- Assigned election day polling places of the individual Plaintiffs;
- Any election day polling place where a documented technical issue required or requires a BMD to be taken out of service during voting in any of the previous three primary or general statewide elections;
- 25% of polling places, in a given jurisdiction, that are the farthest by driving distance from the location in that jurisdiction where replacement BMDs are stored on election day;
- In addition, local boards will be free to authorize one additional BMD at any election day polling place without obtaining approval of the Board;
- All early voting centers or election day voting centers (if used) shall be required to have at least 3 BMDs and local boards may authorize up to 6 BMDs per early voting center or election day vote center without obtaining approval of the Board.

In addition, at least 10 voters at each polling location must use BMDs. The NFB will create a video for training classes. Monitoring will be required at all polling

places or voting centers regarding how many people used the BMDs, the number of BMDs made available to voters at each location and the total number of voters who cast ballots at each polling location.

A working document showing the mileage from each polling place to the warehouse, technical issues recorded, and how many voters used the BMDs in the PG16 and GG18 election has been provided for the determination of where additional BMDs should be placed.

Mock Election

Mrs. Loibel reported that a mock election is scheduled for October/November 2021 with the Pollbook Mock Election to be determined. I will keep you up to date with the mock election as we move closer to the fall.

Computer Systems and Software Security Updates:

Mrs. Loibel reports that office staff has successfully applied the Microsoft Security updates for the month of August on SBE workstations. We have also updated other third-party software applications to their latest versions on all workstations.

Registration Statistics:

Statistics as of August 31, 2021 were as follows: Total Active Registration 43,784, 12,378 Democrat, 22,609 Republican, 76 Green, 220 Libertarian, 36 Working Class, 21 Bread & Roses, 8,035 Unaffiliated, and 409 Others.

Board Members Report:

Mr. Stakem wanted to take a minute to remember Georgia Martin who passed away earlier this month. Georgia was on our board for many years.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be held on October 6, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Spiker made a motion for adjournment. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Stakem adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.