

FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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MINUTES of the JANUARY 10, 2018 Monthly Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM, in Room 119 of the Frederick County Board of Elections Office, located at 340A Montevue Lane by the Board President, Mrs. Mary Lou Green.

PRESENT:

Mary Lou Green, President

Mark P. Jeffers, Jr., Vice President

Lawrence C. Hill, Secretary

Carlotta C. Joyner, Board Member

William L. Woodcock, Board Member

Daniel B. Loftus, Board Attorney

Stuart Harvey, Election Director

Noreen L. Schultz, Deputy Director

Marc R. Welch, Election Administrative Assistant

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Mr. Harvey added a 2018 General Assembly overview to new business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2017 BOARD MEETING:

Mr. Jeffers made a motion to approve the minutes of the December Board meeting, as presented. Mr. Woodcock seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS:

Council Liaison was not present.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Harvey reports the office move is complete, and all furniture has been delivered. Wall décor, and office furnishings such as bulletin boards are pending installation by County maintenance. Work on the 2018 elections has begun, and several candidates have picked up filing packets, or have filed for office.

Mr. Harvey advised the board on the status of map changes, due to polling place location changes, and precinct splits.

The Board discussed the on-going election issues in other states, regarding gerrymandering, and tied elections.

OLD BUSINESS

FY18 BUDGET:

Mr. Harvey provided an overview of the current status of budget accounts. Funds from the City of Frederick and Town of Thurmont have been recovered for our office's assistance in their recent municipal elections, and returned to the County.

Budgeted money for the 2018 Primary Election will begin to be spent when supplies and other items are purchased.

UPDATE ON OFFICE MOVE:

Mr. Harvey advised the Board on the status of building issues, including plumbing, HVAC, drafty windows, and other minor problems which are being addressed by County Maintenance.

Replacement furniture which was damaged on delivery is on order, and the vendor will notify us when these items will be delivered. A credenza, bookshelf, and two training tables are among the items which are to be replaced. Additionally, replacement drawer fronts for one credenza mistakenly shipped with incorrect drawer fronts will be included in these upcoming deliveries.

The Board discussed the impact to workflow in the new office space. Mr. Harvey said the staff was adapting to the new office arrangements.

ELECTION CALENDAR UPDATE:

Mr. Harvey highlighted updates to the State election calendar. Petition candidates now file their declaration of intent on July 2nd, and their filing deadline is August 6, instead of by the primary candidate filing deadline of February 27th. This change reflects a recent change in Maryland law.

2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OVERVIEW:

Mr. Harvey gave an overview of 5 pre-filed General Assembly Bills relating to Elections:

HB0005	Real Property – Residential Leases – Voter Registration
HB0053	Election Law – Private Loan to Campaign Finance Entity of Candidate – Prohibited
HB0055	Business Occupations – Obligations of Real Estate Brokers – Voter Registration
HB0063	Elections – Ballots – Random Ordering of Names
SB0049	Anne Arundel County Board of Elections – Salary

MAEO may take positions on some legislation. Mr. Harvey still chairs the MAEO Legislative Committee.

STATEMENT TO SBE:

As requested by the Board at the December 2017 meeting, Mr. Harvey drafted a statement of concerns discussed at that meeting. This statement was reviewed by Mr. Loftus, and sent to Erin Perrone at the State Board. Ms. Perrone responded favorably to the suggestions made in the statement. The Board engaged in a discussion of the issues, and Ms. Perrone's response.

MAEO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Mr. Harvey and Ms. Schultz provided an overview of the Conference registration and reservations for the upcoming MAEO Annual Conference in Ocean City. Ms. Schultz advised Members to contact her to provide room preference and sweatshirt size and color, so she may complete registration.

Mr. Harvey reviewed the current draft agenda for the conference, and discussed the upcoming MAEO Board elections to be held at the Conference.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

The County has ordered a set of flags for the Board to display in the office, and have the vendor send an invoice to the Board for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION TECHS FOR 2018 ELECTIONS:

Mr. Harvey advised the Board that two long-time Election Day techs are retiring. Mr. Harvey advised the Board that rather than hiring replacements, he would like to work with the hauler to have them deliver signage and other items to the polling places on Election Day.

The Board discussed the new hauler, as well as a plan to provision an emergency box of various supplies Board Members may keep in their vehicle while they are visiting polling places on Election Day to make it easier to provide supplemental supplies to various locations during the day.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING: The Board scheduled its next meeting for 12:30 PM on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 in Room 119 of the Frederick County Board of Elections Office, located at 340A Montevue Lane.

ADJOURNMENT AND EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 10:54 AM, Mr. Harvey requested that the Board meet in Executive Session in in Room 119 of the Frederick County Board of Elections Office, located at 340A Montevue Lane. This action is in accordance with the authority granted under the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Ms. Joyner moved to adjourn the meeting and proceed to Executive Session. Mr. Jeffers seconded the motion and it was unanimous.

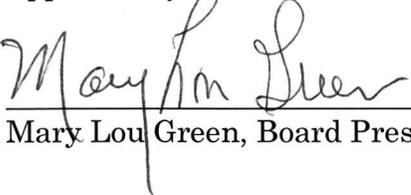
Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc R. Welch
Election Administrative Assistant

Approved by:



Mary Lou Green, Board President

3/7/18
Date