

# FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## MINUTES of the January 10, 2019 Monthly Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM, 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, Election Deputy Director  
Christine Winer, Election Supervisor  
Carl Dayley, Election Clerk Lead Advanced

### BOARD OF CANVASSERS:

Mary Lou Green, Chairman of the Board of Canvassers called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM to discuss 3 absentee ballots received after the deadline. Mr. Dayley presented these ballots to the Board for their review.

Mr. Woodcock made a motion to reject the ballots. Ms. Joyner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POST-ELECTION CANVASSES:

Mr. Woodcock made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Joyner seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS:

At 3:06 PM, Mr. Woodcock made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Canvassers. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Green called the regular meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

### ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Mr. Harvey added an upcoming Election Center Workshop, an updated municipal election schedule, and a discussion of voter outreach for incarcerated non-felons to the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR December 12, 2018 MEETING:

Mr. Woodcock made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Jeffers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS:

Council Liaison was not present at the meeting.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Harvey reports post-election work including processing of voter registration and information changes is ongoing.

OLD BUSINESS

FY19 BUDGET:

Mr. Harvey provided an overview of the current status of budget accounts. Due to payroll changes, there are unpaid budget items. The Board discussed the budget and state expenditures.

MANUAL AUDIT:

Mr. Harvey provided an overview of the post-election manual audit process. Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Welch will go to the Carroll County Board of Elections on January 14, 2019 to observe the process. The Board will conduct its audit of the 2018 General Election on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 10am.

STREET FILE REVIEW:

Mr. Harvey is continuing to verify and correct the MDVOTERS street file, to eliminate issues such as those discovered during the 2018 General Election.

2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION:

The General Assembly session began on January 9, 2019. Mr. Harvey provided an overview of the elections-related bills filed as of this meeting. He also discussed proposed bills from MAEO, which do not yet have sponsors in the General Assembly. The Board discussed ranked-choice voting bills being proposed by Baltimore City, and Montgomery County, as well as the proposal to rewrite Maryland Election Code.

REDISTRICTING:

Mr. Harvey, and the Board discussed the court-ordered redistricting. The Governor's commission has been seated, and will host a public hearing on January 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Mr. Harvey, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Woodcock plan to attend. The Board discussed the redistricting case currently before the Supreme Court.

ELECTION JUDGE PAY:

The Board discussed dissatisfaction with Frederick County taking payroll taxes from Election Judge payments. There is concern that this will result in some judges refusing to return in future elections.

NEW BUSINESS

VOTING LOCATION CHANGES FOR 2020:

The Board discussed capacity issues with Early Voting at the Senior Center. City Alderman Roger Wilson suggested the Board consider relocating EV-1 to the former Trinity School. This is a City-owned property, currently used by the City's Parks and Recreation department, but may be available.

Mr. Hill made a motion to proceed on discussions with City staff about using the location for the 2020 Elections. Mr. Jeffers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board also discussed capacity issues with 18-002 Prospect United Methodist Church, and 24-001 Church of Transfiguration. These locations are too small for the number of voters assigned at these polling places.

#### ELECTION CENTER WORKSHOP:

Mr. Harvey discussed an upcoming workshop presented by the Election Center. He proposed sending Mr. Welch, and Ms. Winer to the workshop, as well as classes to begin their coursework to obtain their Certified Elections Registration Administrator (CERA) certifications. The workshop and classes will take place in Birmingham, Alabama February 23-26, 2019. Ms. Joyner made a motion approving Mr. Welch, and Ms. Winer to attend the workshop. Mr. Woodcock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Harvey informed the Board that there will be another workshop, and classes scheduled in Virginia Beach at the end of April. Schedule permitting, Mr. Welch, and Ms. Winer will attend this workshop.

#### NON-FELON VOTING:

Ms. Joyner asked about the possibility of doing an outreach program similar to the nursing home program in order to assist incarcerated non-felons with absentee voting. Mr. Harvey informed the Board that there was effort last year to establish a program in last year's General Assembly session, and he expects similar legislation to be proposed in the current session. Mr. Harvey will continue to update the Board on the status of any related legislation.

#### MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULE:

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on the 2019 Municipal Election schedule. The schedule will be updated once several municipalities provide their registration deadline.

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#### SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Board scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 12:30 PM in Room 119 of the Frederick County Board of Elections Office, located at 340A Montevue Lane.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 4:33 PM, Mr. Harvey requested that the Board meet in Executive Session 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)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Mr. Jeffers moved to adjourn the meeting and proceed to Executive Session. Mr. Woodcock seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.

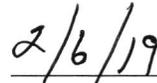
Respectfully submitted,

Marc R. Welch  
Election Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

  
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Mary Lou Green, Board President

  
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Date