

# FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## MINUTES of the February 9, 2018 Monthly Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 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, Deputy Director

Marc R. Welch, Election Administrative Assistant

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 10, 2018 BOARD MEETING:

Mr. Woodcock made a motion to approve the minutes of the January Board meeting, as presented.

Mr. Jeffers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS:

Council Liaison was not present.

### ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Harvey reports work on the 2018 elections has begun, and several candidates have picked up filing packets, or have filed for office.

The Board discussed how the staff is settling into the new office, and workspaces. Mr. Harvey mentioned the still-pending replacements for furniture pieces which were damaged on delivery.

### OLD BUSINESS

### FY18 BUDGET:

Mr. Harvey provided an overview of the current status of budget accounts, and noted there were no substantial changes in the prior month.

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

2018 ELECTION UPDATE:

Mr. Harvey reports that 2018 polling place contracts for privately-owned locations have been updated, reviewed by Mr. Loftus, and mailed out to those polling places.

There will be further testing of electronic pollbook software during the week of February 12.

Mrs. Schultz reports that 860 interest letters have been sent to judges who served in the 2016 elections. Approximately 300 interest letters to new judges will go out in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Welch provided an overview of the Election Judge training schedule, and status of updates, and edits to the 2018 Election Judge Manual.

The Board discussed accommodations to disabled voters, and the options available to these voters. Mr. Harvey stated the possibility of allowing curbside voting in future legislation.

Mr. Welch gave the board information regarding the recently completed Pre-Primary Testing Program (PPTP), which took place at the warehouse in January. He outlined the testing undertaken, as well as the issues discovered with the ballot-on-demand printing system.

Mr. Harvey gave the Board an update on candidate filings so far, indicating that 31 candidates had filed for various offices so far. He expects more filings will come in as the filing deadline of February 27<sup>th</sup> approaches.

The Board discussed ballot styles and process for 2018.

2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OVERVIEW:

Mr. Harvey gave an overview of current General Assembly Bills relating to Elections:

HB0005	Real Property – Residential Leases – Voter Registration	Unlikely to pass.
HB0055	Business Occupations – Obligations of Real Estate Brokers – Voter Registration	Failed to pass.
HB0152 (SB1048)	Secure and Accessible Registration Act	Likely to pass.
HB0173	Ranked Choice Voting (Montgomery County Only)	Stalled in committee, unlikely to pass.
HB0280 (SB1061)	Ballot Access – Voter Registration – Affiliating With a Party	MAEO Opposes.
HB0532 (SB0594)	Elective Franchise – Registration and Voting at Precinct Polling Place	Likely to pass.
HB0542	Election Law – Eligible Detainees – Information on Voting Rights	Uncertain if it will pass.
HB0630 (SB0289)	Frederick County – Ethics and Campaign Activity – Governing Body, County Board and Commission Members, and Board of License Commissioners	Likely to pass.
HB0767	Election Law – Securing Elections From Foreign Interference	MAEO opposes.
HB1278	Election Law – Post-election Tabulation Audit	Newly filed.
HB1331	Election Law – Cybersecurity	Newly filed.