



Frederick County Board of Elections

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MINUTES of the February 5, 2020 Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 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

Shirley McDonald, Vice President

Lawrence C. Hill, Secretary

Mary Costello, Board Member

William L. Woodcock, Board Member

Stuart Harvey, Election Director

Noreen L. Schultz, Election Deputy Director

Christine Winer, Election Supervisor

Marc R. Welch, Election Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Deborah Carter, Democratic Central Committee

Jim Filson, League of Women Voters

ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

Mr. Harvey introduced new County temporary employee, Tom Espinosa. He will be assisting in the office for the 2020 elections.

((Mr. Espinosa exited @ 12:37 PM))

COUNCIL:

Council Liaison was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Woodcock made a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 Board Meeting minutes. Mrs. Costello seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Costello made a motion to approve the January 14, 2020 Special Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Woodcock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Harvey updated the board on the status of candidate filings, and the outcome of the CD7 Special Primary Election.

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OLD BUSINESS:

A) FY20 BUDGET

Mr. Harvey provided an update on the current budget status. Printing expenses have begun. The Board discussed adjusting the budget report format to move the "budget" column, but opted to make no changes.

B) 2020 ELECTION CALENDAR

Mr. Harvey provided the Board with the updated 2020 Election Working Calendar used in the office. He highlighted upcoming important dates. The Board discussed the calendars.

C) ELECTION JUDGE UPDATE

Mrs. Schultz updated the Board on the status of election judge hiring. Currently there are approximately 600 people assigned of the approximately 900 required. This includes 28 chief judges. Mr. Harvey will be issuing a press release to recruit more judges. Mr. Hill suggested sending it to Workforce Services. Mrs. Schultz and Ms. Winer will be working on the payroll paperwork. Mr. Welch will add slides to the training decks with important information regarding these forms. Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Welch, and Ms. Winer will meet to discuss the tax forms in advance of training. The Board discussed recruitment options.

D) TEMPORARY HELP

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on the hiring of temporary staff. The office positions are now filled. These people will work through the end of the November election.

E) CANDIDATE FILINGS

Mr. Harvey provided an overview of the candidate filing process. 5 Republican delegates filed. 69 women, and 70 men filed to be delegates for the Democratic party candidates. Mr. Harvey explained the process by which these delegate candidates will be placed on the ballot. He expects to be proofing the ballots soon. Mr. Harvey expects the Democratic ballot will be long.

F) 2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

There are 86 election-related bills in the General Assembly. Mr. Harvey provided an overview of the key legislation for 2020.

G) WORKING CLASS PARTY PETITION

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on the status of the petition to recognize the “Working Class Party” on the ballot. They haven’t succeeded in a first batch of signatures, but are expected to succeed.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A) 2020 POLLING PLACES

Two polling places were changed for the 2020 Primary. Additionally, 07-005/006 St. Ignatius and 02-013/017 Cornerstone will need to be relocated prior to the November election. The Board discussed the process to make emergency polling place changes, and the options to relocate these precincts.

B) IT POSITION

Mr. Harvey informed the Board that Mitchell White will be leaving to return to Howard County in a full-time IT position. Mr. Harvey is working with FCG to hire an IT contractor to support the Primary election. He also has been in touch with a Hood College IT educator. There are various options to fill the position. Mr. Harvey will be interviewing 3 candidates on Thursday 2/6.

C) REPUBLICAN CLUB

Mr. Harvey has received a request from the Republican Club to do VRV training.

D) OTHER

Mr. Harvey advised the Board that the City of Brunswick will be contracting with the Board to support their upcoming municipal election.

The Board discussed the recent ransomware attack on Dorchester County, as well as turnout in the Special Primary.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 12:30 PM in Room 119 of the Frederick County Board of Elections Office, located at 340A Montevue Lane.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Costello made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Woodcock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

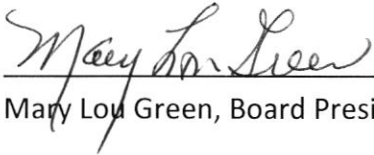
Meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc R. Welch
Election Administrative Assistant

Approved by:



Mary Lou Green, Board President

3/12/20
Date