



Frederick County Board of Elections

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MINUTES of the March 4, 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

Steve Barrett, Republican Central Committee

Jim Filson, League of Women Voters

ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

Mr. Harvey added discussion of COVID-19 to New Business.

COUNCIL:

The Council will receive the report from the Charter Review commission on Tuesday 3/10. The Board discussed the potential changes.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Harvey summarized the contents of the written Election Director's report and provided copies to the Board. The Board discussed the report.

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OLD BUSINESS:

A) FY20 BUDGET

Mr. Harvey provided an update on the current budget status. Spending level is as expected.

B) 2020 ELECTION CALENDAR

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on a bill in Annapolis which will move ABS1 from 2 days following Election Day, to 3 days following Election Day. As of now, the Bill is anticipated to pass. It won't impact the other post-election canvasses. It would prevent the use of the Election Day wireless (cellular) network for same day registration data. Logic and Accuracy testing will be pushed back to the week of March 23.

C) ELECTION JUDGE UPDATE

Mrs. Schultz and Ms. Winer updated the Board on the status of election judge hiring. We've hired approximately 785 judges, with about 25 remaining to be hired. If we fill all needed positions, we may have some standby judges to fill last minute openings. The Board discussed the Election Judge scheduling and training.

D) TEMPORARY HELP

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on the temporary staff. Front office staff is in house. State-provided staffing for the warehouse is being arranged. The county tech is being trained in Glen Burnie this week, and will start next week.

E) 2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Harvey updated the board on key elections-related legislation in the on-going 2020 General Assembly.

F) WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE

Mr. Harvey, Ms. Winer, and Mr. Dayley conducted Voter Registration Volunteer training for the Women's Democratic League, United Democrats of Frederick County, Maryland Bar Association. Staff trained 39 people and recruited 8 election judges.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A) CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

Mr. Harvey met with the director of the Frederick County Health Department to discuss options for dealing with COVID-19. Health Department staff will attend the Election Taskforce Meeting on March 13. Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Schultz, and Mr. Welch participated in a national conference call from DHS/CISA/CDC to get information for handling the situation. We've received questions from election judges during recent training classes. The Board discussed the options and preparations to handle a possible increase in ABS voting. Staff continues to monitor the situation.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board scheduled its next meeting for Friday, April 10, 2020 at the Frederick County Board of Elections Warehouse, located at 343 Montevue Lane.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:29 PM, Mr. Harvey requested the Board adjourn the public meeting and proceed to Executive Session. 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; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Mr. Woodcock made a motion to proceed to executive session. Mrs. McDonald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Costello made a motion to proceed to executive session. Mr. Hill seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

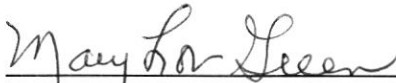
Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc R. Welch
Election Administrative Assistant

Approved by:



Mary Lou Green, Board President



Date