



# Frederick County Board of Elections

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## MINUTES of the November 17, 2021, Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM, in person and via video and teleconference 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 Woodcock, Board Member

Daniel B. Loftus, Board Counsel

MC Keegan-Ayer, County Council President

Barbara Wagner, Interim Election Director

Christine Winer, Election Supervisor

Clifton Mowell, Election IT Specialist

Marc R. Welch, Election Program Assistant

Theresa Church, Training Program Coord.

Blaire Johnson, Judge Supervisor

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Costello made a motion to accept the October 6, 2021, meeting minutes. Mr. Woodcock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COUNCIL:**

The County Council is considering the County Redistricting Committee's proposal and will open the discussion for public input. They will meet again on December 14 to discuss the input and will meet by end of December to vote. Ms. Keegan-Ayers thanked Ms. Wagner and Mr. Welch for their efforts in putting together the proposal.

### **ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. Wagner provided a written copy of the Election Director's report and provided an overview of the contents of the report. The report included information on the City of Frederick General and the Mt. Airy Special Election as well as an update on the redistricting proposal. The 2021 Mock Election process should be completed by Thanksgiving. A new early voting site is proposed for the 2022 Gubernatorial Election. The FY 2023 budget process has begun. ES&S did additional training on equipment for

three staff members. She outlined three voter outreach events staff members attended in October. Voter registration is at 191,801 active voters. To date, there are 17 candidate filings and one pending filing for 2022.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. FY22 BUDGET UPDATE**

Mrs. Wagner updated the Board on the current budget, Exhibit A.

**B. CITY OF FREDERICK ELECTION**

The General Election has been certified.

**C. REDISTRICTING UPDATE**

In a virtual meeting on November 9, 2021, the County Redistricting Commission presented the redistricting recommendation to the County Council. The State Legislative House will meet December 6 to consider the redistricting of the Legislative and Congressional Districts. The House has been asked to consider deciding by the candidate filing deadline of February 22, 2022.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FY 23 BUDGET WEEK**

Ms. Wagner is working with the County Budget Office to finalize the FY 23 Budget by November 19.

**B. FY 23 INCREASED STIPEND FOR BOARD MEMBERS/LEGAL SERVICES INCREASE**

Mr. Woodcock made the motion to increase the stipend by \$500 which reflects the last increase. Ms. McDonald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Costello made a motion to raise the legal services by \$2,000. Mr. Hill seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**C. LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES**

Based on the 2020 census, Frederick County is eligible for a fourth Early Voting Center. A law made two changes to early voting. The hours for Early Voting Centers now match Election Day hours and center locations must consider historically