

**MEETING OF THE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1100 MERCANTILE LANE, SUITE 115A
LARGO, MD 20774
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

PRESENT: Beatrice P. Tignor, President, Democratic Member
Roberta B. Deegan, Vice President, Republican Member
Faye M. Howell, Democratic Member
Felicia N. V. Pratt, Democratic Member
Terri L. Williams, Democratic Member
Carletta L. Lundy, Substitute Democratic Member
Michael M. Gorman, Substitute Republican Member
LaVerne P. Scott, Substitute Democratic Member
Anita C. Jones, Board Secretary
Michael L. Adams, Board Attorney
Wendy N. Honesty-Bey, Elections Administrator

ABSENT: None

This meeting was conducted at the Board of Elections' (BOE) office. Ms. Tignor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and a quorum was present. Ms. Scott was seated for Ms. Howell (delayed arrival). There were two guests, Glenn Davis, and Lee Havis.

MINUTES

Ms. Pratt noted that her name had a typo. A motion was made by Ms. Deegan, seconded by Ms. Tignor, and duly passed accepting the minutes for the January 8, 2024, regular meeting with correction.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Correspondence – Ms. Tignor shared a Maryland Matters article, dated January 30, 2024, which included scenarios that could result in a special election.

Mr. Gorman shared an email with Ms. Honesty-Bey regarding a notice from the State Board of Elections (SBE) to confirm an address to receive mail-in ballots. Ms. Honesty-Bey verified that the SBE does send emails. She investigated the matter and confirmed that there are two voters with the same name and almost identical email address with one character difference. This was not an attempt of voter fraud.

2024 Primary Election Polling Locations – Ms. Honesty-Bey presented the following location for approval:

- Precinct 00-000 (Thomas G. Pullen MS) – A motion was made by Ms. Deegan, seconded by Ms. Howell, and duly passed, approving this location.

Election Judges – Training for Election Judges is on-going.

2024 Primary Election Candidate Filing – Candidate filing is open from January 19, 2023, through February 9, 2024. To date, nine candidates have filed.

Voter Registrations – The Maryland Voter Registration System is updated based on information received from the registrants, ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center), MVA (Motor Vehicle Administration, NCOA (National Change of address), and other reports.

2024 Primary Election Calendar – A updated calendar of “key” dates for the 2024 Primary Election will be provided.

2024 Primary Election Canvassing – Early canvassing is scheduled for April 24-29, 2024, and will be held at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden Family Life Center.

Board of Elections (BOE) Space Requirements – Renovations to Suites 135 and 150 have been delayed until after the Primary Election. It is expected, the space will be available for the General Election canvassing.

2024 Maryland Legislative Session – Ms. Honesty-Bey noted the following bills that affect election processes:

- HB0459/SB0417 – Requiring the State Board of Elections to evaluate the performance of the State Administrator of Elections; requiring the State Administrator to provide a performance evaluation of the election director of each local board of elections to the local board; requiring each local board to confer with the State Administrator in appointing an election director, maintain a warehouse, and provide for early voting center expenses; requiring, rather than authorizing, election directors to take certain actions; etc.
- SB0493 – Requiring that, in the 2028 statewide primary election, each contest for the nomination by a political party of a candidate for the office of President of the United States be conducted using ranked-choice voting; and requiring the State Board of Elections to develop and pay the cost of a certain voter education campaign and conduct and pay the cost of a survey of voters after the primary election to gauge the satisfaction of the voters with ranked-choice voting.
- HB775/SB0802 – Requiring the State Board of Elections to establish a process by which an individual with disabilities may return a marked absentee ballot to a local board of elections electronically.
- HB0412 – Proposing a constitutional amendment to require that a special election be held at the same time as the regular statewide primary and general elections that are held in the second year of the term to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before the date that is 55 days before the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for the regular statewide election; and requiring the amendment to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.
- HB0257/SB0099 – Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party.

- HB0040/SB0523 – Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; etc.

PERSONNEL –

- Administrative Aide IV – candidate was selected, and the start date is February 12, 2024
- Budget Analyst IG – waiting for OHRM (Office of Human Resources Management) to repost
- Citizen Services Specialist IIIG – waiting for OHRM to repost

OLD BUSINESS – None

LEGAL – Mr. Adams is still working on names of candidates for review. He is working with BOE on a plan for Mr. McGinley to assist with the canvassing.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

NEXT MEETING – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., and it will be held in-person at the Elections Office.

A motion was made by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Ms. Williams, and duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Beatrice P. Tignor, President

Anita C. Jones, Recording Secretary

Date