

**MEETING OF THE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1100 MERCANTILE LANE, SUITE 115A
LARGO, MD 20774
MONDAY, JULY 8, 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
L. Williams, Democratic Member
Carletta L. Lundy, Substitute Democratic Member
Michael M. Gorman, Substitute Republican Member
LaVerne P. Scott, Substitute Democratic Member
Michael L. Adams, Board Attorney
Wendy N. Honesty-Bey, Elections Administrator
Demetra K. M. Hutchinson, Deputy Elections Administrator

ABSENT: Anita C. Jones, Board Secretary (illness)

This meeting was conducted at the Board of Elections (BOE) office. Ms. Tignor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Ms. Deegan agreed to take minutes during the absence of the Board Secretary. The following guests were in attendance: Lee Havis; William Ford, a reporter for Maryland Matters; and Dan Sheehan.

The Honorable Mahasin El Amin, Clerk of the Court, swore in the Election Board Members and Substitute Board Members as Members of the Board of Canvassers for Prince George's County's Special Councilmanic Election to be held on May 14, 2024. She was assisted by Gerry Mobley, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Carletta Lundy, seconded by Faye Howell, and duly passed approving the minutes for the June 3, 2024 regular meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Correspondence – Ms. Honesty-Bey shared correspondence from Ms. Keonna Jones, Ms. Michelle Gordon, and Mr. Adetoro Oladokun making the Elections Administrator aware

of their experience in their polling place on Primary Election Day, as well as her response to each correspondent.

Mr. Lee Havis distributed a letter to the Board Members asking for clarification as to who is an “eligible voter” for the upcoming Special Election and what administrative procedures will be followed. Ms. Honesty-Bey explained the process and timeline for the August 6, 2024 Special Primary Election and the November 5, 2024 Special General Election.

Additional Office Space – Renovations on 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 135 will begin soon. It is anticipated they will be completed by the end of September, so the space should be available for canvassing the General Elections.

Election Judge Training – The State Board of Elections has indicated that election judges must receive training for each election. However, training for the special election may be condensed. Not all judges will need to be re-trained for the general election. However, training must be offered to all judges.

Special Election for an At-Large Councilmanic Seat – The County Council has approved a resolution setting the timeline and process for administering a special election to fill the vacancy on the County Council. The timeline has been approved by representatives from the Maryland Attorney General’s Office, the State Board of Elections, and the County Council. Special Primary Election Day will be Tuesday, August 6th. Early voting will be Wednesday, July 31st through Monday, August 5th. Early voting hours will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, 10 AM – 8 PM, and Sunday, 12 Noon – 6 PM. Special General Election Day will coincide with Presidential General Election Day on Tuesday, November 5th. Each eligible registered voter will be automatically mailed a mail-in ballot. The accompanying letter will explain that it is for the special primary election. There will be nine vote centers (one in each councilmanic district) open for in-person early voting as well as election day. Thirty-nine drop boxes will be available, each under 24-hour camera surveillance.

Ballots will be mailed by the State Board of Elections beginning July 23rd. Drop boxes will be in place no later than July 22nd. Since there is only one elective office on the ballot, there will be only two ballot styles – Democrat and Republican. The special election is budgeted at \$1.3 million. The Board won’t need to hire extra technicians for the vote centers. They will train 400 judges.

OLD BUSINESS – None

PERSONNEL

- Budget Analyst IG –resumes are being reviewed.
- General Clerk IV – 2 positions posted.

NEW BUSINESS – None

LEGAL REPORT – Board Attorney Michael Adams noted that after working through the logistics of State and County law governing special elections, he is totally comfortable with how things are going to be done and he is confident that the special election administrative process will survive any court challenges.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING – The next regular meeting will be held on Primary Special Election Day, Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in-person at the Elections Office.

A motion was made by Felicia Pratt, seconded by Faye Howell, and duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Beatrice P. Tignor, President

Roberta B. Deegan, Vice President &
Acting Recording Secretary

Date