

MINUTES

October 6, 2021

MEETING OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS 701 Kelly Road, Room 230, Cumberland, Maryland

ATTENDEES: John Stakem, President
Armand Pannone, Board Attorney
JoAnn Spiker, Member
Tim Donaldson, Member
Debbie Johnson, Member
Diane Loibel, Election Administrator
Samantha Logsdon, Deputy Director

ABSENT: None

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Stakem called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., and stated that there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stakem called for alterations, corrections, and/or approval of the minutes. Mrs. Spiker made a motion to approve the September 1st minutes. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADDITIONS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

Candidate Filings

Todd Logsdon filed for County Commissioner and Republican Central Committee on September 22, 2021. Christopher Myers filed for City of Cumberland Council on September 6, 2021.

Election Judge Responses

We have received a total of 332 Election Judge Responses. 253 responded yes for the 2022 election cycle and 70 have responded no. A total of 880 inquiries

were sent out and 548 have not yet responded. Second notices have been sent. We need approximately 341 judges to serve on Election Day and 96 to serve during Early Voting.

Early Voting MOU & Alternate EV Site MOU

Unfortunately, we are still awaiting the definition of a “historically disenfranchised community” from SBE. As soon as we know that our early voting site meets this requirement, we will be able to approve the MOU and get it on the consent agenda at the Commissioner’s meeting. I will reach out to all of you as soon as we receive that information.

Mock Election

Mock Election proofing of ballot definitions and ballots will be starting next week. We are expecting test decks in the middle of October. We will be testing new procedures during the Mock L&A that will be implemented in the 2022 elections. The new procedures are a result of the precinct ballot styles and the increased size of the test decks. We can expect our test decks to be over 1,000 sheets. This could take a little over 2 hours to scan. Early Voting will take place on 11/10 and 11/12 with Election Day taking place on 11/15. A copy of the tentative election schedule can be found in the Mock Election Plan handed out at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day was held on September 28, 2021. Two representatives from our office along with staff from Frostburg State University held a voter registration drive for the event.

Polling Place Agreements

Polling Place Agreements were sent out on October 4, 2021 to all polling places. The letter included a note that some polling places may be changed due to redistricting that will take place in a few months.

Meet and Greet Sessions for New Election Judges

Mrs. Loibel reported that she will be conducting 2 Meet and Greet Sessions for Election Judges on October 26th at 2:00 pm and 5:30 pm. So far, we have had 12 people sign up for the sessions. We plan to keep attendance around 25 people per session in order to adhere to social distancing. In Allegany County, masks are recommended for those who are not vaccinated.

Computer Systems and Software Security Updates:

Mrs. Loibel reports that office staff has successfully applied the Microsoft Security updates for the month of September on SBE workstations. We have also updated other third-party software applications to their latest versions on all workstations.

Registration Statistics:

Statistics as of September 30, 2021 were as follows: Total Active Registration 43,729, 12,309 Democrat, 22,610 Republican, 75 Green, 220 Libertarian, 38 Working Class, 19 Bread & Roses, 8,053 Unaffiliated, and 405 Others.

Board Members Report:

Mr. Stakem wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and thank Mr. John Fetchero for his time serving as a board member on the Allegany County Board of Elections.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be held on November 3, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment:

Ms. Johnson made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Donaldson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Stakem adjourned the meeting at 09:44 AM.