

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
215 Bay Street
Easton, MD 21601
October 18, 2017

Present:

Board

Joseph H. Secrist, President (R)
Richard B. Bulman (R)
Susan J. MacKinnon (D)
John F. Hall (R)

Staff

Jeri Cook, Election Director

Board Attorney

Phillip T. Cronan

State Board of Elections

Desvin Gabbidon, Regional Manager, Field Support Division

Public

Walter Johnson
Wadella Thomas
Scott Beckman, cameraman from MCTV, Talbot Public Access Television.

The monthly meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on October 18, 2017 in Conference Room # One at the Board office indicated above. Mr. Secrist called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Secrist noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2017

Mr. Secrist asked if the Board had any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2017, a copy of which had been forwarded to the Board Members in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly made (Mr. Hall) and seconded (Ms. MacKinnon), the minutes for September 20, 2017 were approved unanimously.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda

Upon motion duly made (Mr. Bulman) and seconded (Ms. MacKinnon), the agenda was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No comments were received from any member of the public.

Election Director's Report

Ms. Cook reported to the Board regarding the following:

- A. She had obtained an appointment to meet with and to introduce herself to Dr. Kelly Griffith, Talbot County Superintendent of School. She would report to the Board at the November meeting concerning the meeting.
- B. She reminded the Board of the biennial meeting of Maryland Election Officials scheduled for October 23, 2017. She distributed a draft agenda for that meeting.
- C. She is scheduled to meet with the League of Women Voters on November 7, 2017.
- D. She will be attending a quarterly "round table discussion" meeting with all county department managers hosted by Andrew Hollis, County manager.
- E. She asked that the December meeting of this Board be re-scheduled from December 20 to December 13 to accommodate staff holiday leave schedules.
- F. The State Board of Elections had informed her that, in the next primary election, the county will possibly have 28 different ballot styles. That number will require thorough training of elections judges as well as an appropriate number of election judges for Early Voting and Election Day to ensure that each voter receives the correct ballot style.
- G. She planned to provide a document to be posted on Channel 15 (MCTV) in order to solicit participation in becoming an election judge.

- H. She reminded the Board they must invite members of the public back into the board meeting after the board adjourns a closed session before adjourning the open session.
- I. The staff will be updating the street files to ensure voters are placed in their designated education district. She has been working closely with Mark Cohoon, the county's Geographic Information System Manager.

New Business

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Gabbidon identified McAfee as the State's anti-virus software.

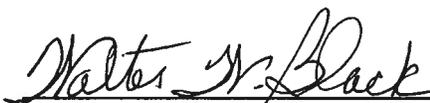
Upon motion duly made (Mr. Hall) and seconded (Ms. MacKinnon), and approved unanimously, the Board changed the date of the December monthly meeting from December 20, 2017 to December 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Secrist announced that the next board meeting will be held November 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion to adjourn by Mr. Bulman, seconded by Ms. MacKinnon, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Attested,

Respectfully submitted,



Walter W. Black, Vice President



John F. Hall, Secretary