

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
215 Bay Street
Easton, MD 21601
July 18, 2018, 2018

Present:

Board

Joseph H. Secrist, President	(R)
Walter W. Black	(D)
Richard B. Bulman	(R)
Susan MacKinnon	(D)
Wadella Thomas	(R)

Staff

Jeri Cook, Election Director; Monae Butler, Contractual Temporary Staff; Sloane Hurley, Contractual Temporary Staff; Fred Gleockler, Temporary Staff Transfer; Sylvia Brown, Director, Personnel Services Division, SBE; Christina Lohr, Personnel Officer, SBE

Public

Walt Johnson

The monthly meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on July 18, 2018 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 June 13, 2018

Mr. Secrist asked if the Board had any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2018, a copy of which had been forwarded to the Board Members in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly made (Mr. Black) and seconded (Ms. MacKinnon), the minutes for June 13, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda

No additions to the agenda were offered

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bulman moved approval of the agenda as presented. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Election Director's Report

Ms. Cook introduced Monae Butler, Sloane Hurley and Fred Gleockler, who are filling in to assist her temporarily. Following their introduction, they departed the meeting. Ms. Cook then reported on the following:

- A debriefing meeting was held with Chief Judges. She would like to discuss with the board revamping the hourly report. In response to a question from Ms. MacKinnon, Ms. Cook said that it will be available at the next board meeting. Ms. MacKinnon said she would like to discuss this report at our next meeting.
- Ms. Cook then reported on issues that arose at various polling places. Ms. MacKinnon asked that the board discuss these issues and how to address them at the next meeting and all subsequent meetings until they are resolved.
- Ms. Cook distributed a copy of an email received from Paula Paschal, SBE Regional Manager, in which she states that the warehouse has to have a dedicated phone line that will show the correct number on caller ID. Ms. Cook stated that she is working with Parker Durham of the county IT department on this.
- Ms. Cook distributed a copy of a press release from the SBE addressing the fact that one of the state's vendors for the State Board (ByteGrid LLC) is financed by a company whose fund manager is Russian. The release notes that there was no evidence that the online registration and ballot request system developed by this company were breached or fraudulent transactions were submitted.

Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Cronan was not present to make a report.

Old Business

Review of Invoices

Board members reviewed the invoiced as presented. Ms. Cook responded to individual members' questions.

Budget FY2018

Ms. Cook reviewed the expenditures for the year and responded to questions from individual board members. She noted that this is the last monthly report, so the county is still finalizing the expenses.

Budget FY2019

No expenditures for the year have yet been reported.

County Bulletins

Only one County Bulletin has been published since the last board meeting. Ms. Cook will forward it to the board shortly.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

No surveys have been submitted since the last board meeting.

New Business

Early Voting and Election Day Evaluations

Prior to the meeting and at the meeting, Ms. Cook provided the board with copies of the evaluation forms completed by board members. Discussion followed regarding areas of concern. Mr. Black congratulated Ms. Cook on a successful election. A summary of the evaluations will be prepared and provided to the board in the near future.

Phone Line in Warehouse

As reported earlier, Ms. Cook is working with the county to have a line installed.

Closed Session

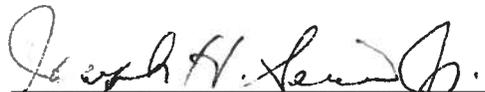
Mr. Bulman moved that the board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Where upon the board went into closed session at 10:30 a.m.

At 12:20 p.m., the board returned to open session. President Secrist reported that the board performed the year-end review of the Election Director's performance and discussed personnel matters.

Adjournment

Mr. Bulman moved adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Black seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Attested,


Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., President

Respectfully submitted,


Richard B. Bulman, Secretary