

Talbot County Board of Elections, Minutes, October 8, 2014, 142 N. Harrison St., Easton, MD

Attending: Board Members: Susan MacKinnon (D), President; Walter Black (D); Joe Secrist (R); Mary-Beth Goll (D), substitute; Venita Southworth (R), substitute; Election director, Patti Mitchell; Susan Moran, Notary Public

The meeting opened at 9:13. Mr. Secrist questioned the time change. Ms. MacKinnon asked that board members receive a copy of the by-laws to review this question next meeting.

Minutes of the Sept, 3, 2014 meeting were approved with these corrections: Jennifer Williams to replace Josh Horner as a candidate for County Council and corrections to the spelling of the Board president's last name, MacKinnon.

Old Business: General Election: Ms. Mitchell distributed schedules for Early Voting judges with 10 people each day. More judges volunteered than she anticipated. Election Day will use pretty much the same list as the primary. She has a list of substitutes to call if they are needed. Training of judges has started; next session is Oct. 9, 5 p.m. 1 p.m. and Oct. 14, 5 p.m. A make up training session will be scheduled for those who missed the refresher course.

Correspondence: Ms. Mitchell mailed the Board's letter to Ms. Wolcott answering her questions and primary election voting concerns . Ms. Susan Moran notarized a letter the board will send as a result of action taken at the closed meeting on Sept. 3.

Student Registrations: Ms. Goll reported that she and Ms. MacKinnon registered high school students to vote on Monday, Oct. 6 at St. Michaels High and will go on Thursday, Oct. 9 to Easton High School during the students' lunches.

Notifications: Specimen ballots will be mailed October 10 to all registered voters; Notice of the public Logic and Accuracy check of voting machines, Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. will be sent to Democrat and Republican central committees and will be posted. The ballot will be placed on the website.

Ms. Mitchell announced that on Election Day, With 11 EDS support people, each will be assigned to a polling place all day; they will be required to return the poll books, chief and provisional judges' bags to the election office after polls close and are shut down. Board members are welcome to be present at opening and closing of polling places of their choice.

Election Schedule: Early Voting, October 23 – October 30 at the Easton Fire House, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. November 4, 2014; Election Day, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

November 6: Canvass 1 of Absentee ballots , 10 a .m.

November 12: Canvass of Provisional ballots, 10 a.m.

November 14: Canvass 2 of Absentee ballots ,10 a.m.

New Business: Ms. Mitchell announced that the board's attorney, Stephanie Shipley has given notice that she needs to step down. She will provide the board with suggestions for her replacement. Ms.

Shipley will be available for consultation until a new attorney is selected after the required interview process.

At 10:18 a.m. Ms. Goll moved, and Ms. Southworth seconded to close the meeting. Motion passed 3-0. The board went into **executive session** for reason #1, to read and approve the minutes of the Sept. 3, executive session. Ms. Southworth moved and Mr. Black seconded to approve the minutes with Ms. MacKinnon's name corrected. Motion passed, 3-0. Mr. Black moved and Mr. Secrist seconded to close the executive session. Motion passed 3.0. Meeting ended at 10:28 a.m.

Next Meeting: Nov. 12 at 9 a.m., before the 10 a.m. canvass.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Beth Goll, recorder