

# Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections  
215 Bay Street  
Easton, MD 21601  
*June 9, 2016*

## Present:

### Board

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

### Staff

Patricia L. Mitchell

### State Board of Elections

Sylvia Brown, Director, Personnel Services Division

A special meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections, having been approved by majority vote at the meeting of the Board on May 18, 2016, was held on June 9, 2016, in Conference Room # 2 at the Board office indicated above. Mr. Secrist called the meeting to order at 1: 30 p.m. Mr. Secrist noted that a quorum was present.

Mr. Black objected to the holding of the meeting, stating that the matter to be considered could have been handled by conversation. Mrs. MacKinnon stated that she agreed with Mr. Black. She further stated that the manner in which the meeting had been scheduled and rescheduled, that is, by email, was haphazard. Mr. Black moved that the meeting be adjourned on the grounds that there had been insufficient notice and that the meeting was unnecessary and unwarranted. Mrs. MacKinnon seconded the motion.

Mr. Bulman stated that the holding of the meeting had been approved by a majority of the Board at its last meeting. Mr. Secrist stated that three days' notice had been given, in accordance with Article 3.2, E of the bylaws. The motion failed to carry, there being two in favor (Mr. Black and Mrs. MacKinnon), and three opposed (Mr. Secrist, Mr. Bulman and Mr. Hall).

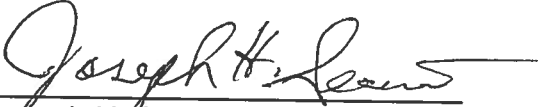
Mr. Bulman moved that the Board enter into closed session to discuss possible disciplinary action against the Election Director. Mr. Hall seconded, and the motion carried with three in favor (Mr. Secrist, Mr. Bulman and Mr. Hall) and two opposed (Mr. Black and Mrs. MacKinnon). A copy of the Board's written statement for closing a meeting is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The Board resumed open session at 3:45 p.m. Mr. Secrist announced that, during the closed session, the Board had approved a motion to issue a counseling memorandum to the Election Director

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:46 p.m.

Attested,

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joseph H. Secrist, President

  
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John F. Hall, recorder

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Date: 6/19 Time: 2:03 .m. Location: 215 Bay Street, Easton, MD 21601

Motion to close meeting made by: Dwight Seconded by Nat

Members voting in favor: Scott, Benjamin, Howell

Opposed: Mr. Mack, Mrs. McKinna

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (check all that apply):**

- (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) – (6) Omitted; not within the authority of a local election board;
- (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;
- (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
- (9) through (11) Omitted; not within the authority of a local election board;
- (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;

**FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

- §3-305(b) (1) Consider possible disciplinary action against ED
- §3-305(b) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
- §3-305(b) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

This statement is made by Joseph H. Secrist, Presiding Officer: Joseph H. Secrist  
Signature

EX# A