

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
215 Bay Street
Easton, MD 21601
December 28, 2022

Present:

Board

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

Staff

Tamara Stafford, Election Director

Board Attorney

Lyndsey Ryan

A special meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on December 28, 2022 in Conference Room # One at the Board office indicated above. President Joseph Secrist called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Mr. Secrist noted that a quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was discussion of the relocation of office and warehouse. Ms. Stafford presented information the office has received from the county regarding plans to relocate the Board of Elections. Space now occupied at the Talbot County Business Park is scheduled for demolition. Other tenants at the Business Park have been directed to vacate the building by December 31, 2023 and, to date, no firm plans to relocate and consolidate Board of Elections operations have been provided. Furthermore, relocation and consolidation must be completed before the end of 2023 in order to avoid conflicts with preparations for primary voting scheduled for April 2024.


Board Members, together with Ms. Stafford and Ms. Ryan discussed the need to acquaint the county with the urgent need for a decision on relocation and consolidation of the Board's operations. Ms. Ryan was asked to draft a letter to the County Council regarding the urgency of the matter. She agreed to prepare a draft letter and circulate it to Board Members. If there is no objection to the form of letter, it will be sent to the County Council. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Stafford will also contact the county and ask for time on the County Council's agenda at its meeting on January 24, 2023 to introduce Ms. Stafford as the new Election Director and to explain the urgency of a decision on our space needs.

There being no further business, Mr. Black moved adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

Attested,

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., President


Richard B. Bulman, Secretary