

# Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections  
215 Bay Street  
Easton, MD 21601  
March 27, 2023

Present:

## **Board**

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

## **Staff**

Tammy Stafford, Election Director

## **Board Attorney**

Lyndsey Ryan

## **Public**

None

A Special Meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on March 27, 2023 in Conference Room # Two at the Board office indicated above. In the absence of President Joseph Secrist, Vice President Walter Black called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Mr. Black noted that a quorum was present.

## **Discussion of HB410 – Election Reform Act of 2023**

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Stafford provided Board Members with copies of House Bill 410 as amended which will affect the operation of Local Boards of Election. Together with Ms. Ryan, she summarized the proposed legislation, along with the concerns she and the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) have with the bill. In addition to the added costs and responsibilities, the proposals regarding the location and number of physical polling locations could not be achieved in Talbot County.

MAEO submitted written testimony to Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee in opposition to the bill. MAEO also suggested language for written testimony from local Boards. Ms. Stafford provided suggested supplemental language addressing the specific impact the bill will have on Talbot County. She asked that the Board support the MAEO suggested language and her supplemental language regarding the impact on Talbot County Board of Elections to the Senate Committee.

Ms. MacKinnon moved that the Board approve the Election Director submitting a letter as suggested MAEO opposing House Bill 410 together with the comments suggested by the Election Director. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.


### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Bulman moved adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

Attested,

  
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Joseph H. Secrist, President

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Richard B. Bulman, Secretary