

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
215 Bay Street
Easton, MD 21601
May 24, 2023

Attendance

Board Members Present

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

Staff

Tamara Stafford, Talbot County Election Director
Fred Gleockler

Board Attorney

Lyndsey Ryan

Public

Denise Lovelady
Terrence Bernard

The monthly meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held May 24, 2023 in Conference Room # One at the Board office indicated above. Mr. Secrist called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Secrist asked if the Board had any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2023, copies of which had been mailed to the Board Members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Bulman noted that there are minutes of the closed portion of that meeting that he had emailed to Board Members prior to this meeting. He suggested that, since this is the last meeting at which all the Board Members who participated in that closed session will meet, the Board consider approving the closed meeting minutes at this open session, unless there are issues that a Board Member wished to discuss prior to considering approval. There was no request to consider the closed minutes in closed session. Ms. MacKinnon moved approval of the minutes of the open portion of the April 19, 2023 minutes as presented. Mr. Black seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bulman moved approval of the minutes

of the closed portion of the April 19, 2023 minutes as sent to Board Members. Mr. Black seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Secrist asked for any additions or changes to the agenda as presented. Mr. Black moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Ms. MacKinnon seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Gleockler expressed his thanks for the leadership shown by the Members of the Board of Elections since he has been an employee of the Election Board. He also stated his thanks for the Board's selection of Ms. Stafford as the Election Director. Members of the Board responded to his comments and thanked him for his service to the Board.

Ms. Lovelady she was attending to see the workings of the Board, since she will be serving as a Board Member shortly.

Election Director's Report

Ms. Stafford provided the Board with a written report on staff activities since the last monthly Board Meeting. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes. She expanded on her written report as follows:

- She provided information regarding specific sessions at the MAEO meeting that she found most useful.
- The Board has received a Freedom of Information Request which she is in the process of responding to.
- She described a report problem that arose regarding one DS200.
- New poll books are expected to arrive in June. She and Mr. Gleockler described how they differ from those Maryland has used for many years.
- Together with Ms. Ryan, she is preparing a survey for needed information to comply with the requirements of HB410 regarding the combination of Borman and St. Michaels polling locations.

Board Attorney's Report

Ms. Ryan reported on her attendance at the MAEO meeting.

Old Business

- A. FY 2023 Budget - Ms. Stafford provided reports on expenditures recorded through May 5, 2023. She noted that she anticipates she will be under budget for

the year and is looking for ways to use these uncommitted funds before the end of the fiscal year. There were no questions from Board Members.

- B. FY 2024 Budget – Ms. Stafford reported that there is no new information from the county regarding her requested budget.
- C. Facility for Election Office – Ms. Stafford reported that the temporary space in the current Bay Street location for the combined office and voting equipment storage/servicing is being prepared by the county. She has met with county personnel regarding permanent space. County Manager Clay Stamp will meet with her at our offices to discuss three plans for the permanent location of the combined Election Board operations
- D. Tilghman Fire House Repair – Ms. Stafford reported that the Tilghman Volunteer Fire Company expects to complete repairs to the damaged space next week and will submit the bill to her then.

New Business

There were no items for New Business

Confirmation of the next meeting

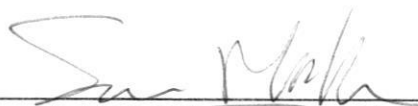
Mr. Secrist noted that the next regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

Ms. Stafford reported that only 4 nominees have been confirmed to serve on the Board for the upcoming term. However, she has received paperwork that lists Mr. Bulman as the fifth person to serve on the Board. Ms. Stafford has arranged for the Clerk of the Court to administer the oath of office to the Board Members at the June 21 meeting. She thanked the Members of the current Board for their support since being selected as Election Director. Board Members individually thanked the other Board Members and staff for the good working relationships and cohesiveness over this term.


Adjournment

Mr. Black moved adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Attested,


Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., President
JOSAN MACKINNON

Respectfully submitted,


Richard B. Bulman, Secretary
Barbara H. Perney