

**MEETING OF THE  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
1100 MERCANTILE LANE, SUITE 115A  
LARGO, MD 20774  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Roberta B. Deegan, President, Republican Member  
Beatrice P. Tignor, Vice President, Democratic Member  
Thomas J. Slezak, Republican Member  
Jaime J. Vazquez-Saldana, Republican Member  
Clement A. Gaynor, Jr., Alternate Republican Member  
Terri L. Williams, Alternate Democratic Member  
Anita C. Jones, Board Secretary  
Wendy Honesty-Bey, Acting Elections Administrator  
Michael Adams, Board Attorney

**ABSENT:** Lucille Gaither, Alternate Republican Member  
Vacant, Republican Member  
Vacant, Deputy Elections Administrator

This meeting was conducted in-person. Ms. Deegan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was present. Mr. Gaynor was seated for the vacant position. Mr. Adams, Board Attorney, participated by phone. There was one guest, Ms. Faye Howard, Board Member appointee.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Gaynor, seconded by Mr. Slezak, and duly passed accepting the minutes for the March 6, 2023, and April 3, 2023, regular meetings and the March 27, 2023, emergency meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Correspondence – None.

Voter Registrations – The Maryland Voter Registration System is updated based on information received from the registrants, ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center), MVA (Motor Vehicle Administration, NCOA (National Change of address), and other reports.

FY2024 Budget – Ms. Honesty-Bey met with the Prince George's County Council on Thursday, April 27, 2023, for the final budget review. The discussions went well.

2022 Gubernatorial Election – The post-election maintenance was conducted on April 25, 2023. Staff is coordinating with the State Board of Elections (SBOE) to verify that all open issues and requirements have been completed.

New Elections Equipment – IT staff is testing the new e-poll books. Mr. Colbert and staff will receive additional training on these units.

#### **OLD BUSINESS –**

- Email from Mr. Havis sharing an allegation with United States Postal Service (USPS) deliveries. Ms. Deegan coordinated with Ms. Honesty-Bey and the allegation was posted with the USPS Inspector General.
- ERIC Data Base Updates. Ms. Deegan distributed information from the ERIC website, i.e., data base creation, FAQs, audits, compliance with guidelines, etc. She will continue to pursue the process used for updating the data base. Mr. Vazquez-Saldana expressed his concerns regarding the process and validity of the ERIC data base. Ms. Deegan requested that copies of the actual report received from ERIC be available to the Board.
- New Board Orientation. Ms. Deegan will coordinate with Ms. Tignor and Ms. Honesty-Bey to develop an orientation program for the new Board members.

#### **PERSONNEL –**

- IT Manager. The final paperwork to advertise this position should be completed tomorrow.
- Deputy Elections Administrator. Ms. Honesty-Bey will officially start her appointment as the Deputy Elections Administrator on May 8, 2023.
- Elections Administrator. The new Board of Elections (BOE) members will take office in June 2023. OHRM was requested to advertise this position for four weeks when the new Board takes office.
- General Clerk. The paperwork to advertise the position was completed.
- Elections Operations Manager. Staff is working on the paperwork to advertise this position.

#### **LEGAL –** The General Assembly passed four (4) bills affecting election processes.

- HB0410/CH0221. Prohibiting a local board of elections from voting to change the location of a polling place without first holding a meeting to discuss the proposed change and providing an opportunity for individuals and organizations to testify; requiring each local board to submit a polling place plan to the State Board of Elections at least 6 months prior to each statewide primary election; altering the date of the 2024 statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City to the second Tuesday in May; etc. Effective: June 1, 2023.
- HB1200/CH0157. Establishing a minimum training course compensation of \$50 and minimum daily compensation of \$250 for election judges for each election day and each early voting day actually served; requiring the State Board of Elections to reimburse each local board elections for \$50 of the extra compensation that is paid to each returning election judge; and requiring the State Board to develop and implement a marketing campaign to assist in the recruitment of individuals to serve as election judges. Effective: October 1, 2023.

- HB0535/CH0151. Requiring a local board of elections to send, not later than 43 days before an election, a ballot to voters who have made a request and qualify to vote by absentee ballot; altering the procedures for the canvassing of and curing of errors on absentee and provisional ballots; prohibiting the tabulation of absentee ballot vote totals before the polls close; requiring that the statewide primary election and the primary election for the municipal offices of Baltimore City in 2024 be held on the second Tuesday in May; etc. Effective: October 1, 2023.
- SB0379/CH0152. Requiring a local board of elections to send, not later than 43 days before an election, a ballot to voters who have made a request and qualify to vote by absentee ballot; altering the procedures for the canvassing of and curing of errors on absentee and provisional ballots; prohibiting the tabulation of absentee ballot vote totals before the polls open; requiring, in 2024, the statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City to be held on the second Tuesday in May; etc. Effective: October 1, 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS** – The Honorable Mahasin El Amin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will conduct the swearing-in ceremony for the new BOE on June 5, 2023, prior to the start of the regular meeting.

Mr. Slezak shared that his service had been a great experience and thanked everyone for all their support.

Ms. Deegan noted that the BOE faced many challenges during their service – COVID, special elections, and personnel changes. She also thanked everyone for the support, and particularly Ms. Tignor and Ms. Williams (minority party representatives) for all their efforts during canvassing.

Ms. Howard shared her background and thanked everyone for all their work supporting the BOE.

Ms. Deegan presented plaques to Mr. Slezak, Mr. Vazquez-Saldana, Mr. Gaynor, and Ms. Gaither (will be sent) for their service.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting be held in-person at the Elections Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Gaynor, seconded by Mr. Vazquez-Saldana, and duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Roberta B. Deegan, President

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Anita C. Jones, Recording Secretary

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Date