

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
JULY 18, 2019

The meeting of the Baltimore City Board of Elections was held at the Election Board Office, 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 129.

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Bruce Luchansky, President
Joyce Smith, Vice President
Frankie Powell, Secretary
Tamara Purnell, Member
Arlene Fisher, Member

Alan Dunklow, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF

Abigail Goldman, Deputy Director
Lisa Stanley, Election Supervisor

EXCUSED

Armstead B. Crawley Jones, Sr., Election Director

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m. A declaration of quorum was present.

There are no additions to the agenda.

The minutes of the June 13, 2019 board meeting were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Joyce Smith to approve the minutes and Ms. Arlene Fisher seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Goldman asked if the Board would like for her to mail the minutes prior to the meeting so they could read them before coming to the meeting. The entire board agreed.

BYLAWS:

Mr. Bruce Luchansky asked the Board to defer the Bylaws until Mr. Jones is available to review and ratify the new bylaws for the current Board. He said we are currently operating with in the existing bylaws from 2015 until we do. Mr. Luchansky asked the Board Attorney Mr. Alan Dunklaw if that was ok to push the approval of the bylaws until a later date. Mr. Dunklaw feels that it is ok.

However, discussion arose about the bylaws. Ms. Smith addressed her concerns about the issue of the spokesperson to the media (Director vs Board President.) Mr.

Luchansky expressed his preference that the Board continue to abide by the provision contained in the current bylaws.

Mr. Luchansky asked for a motion to defer the review and discuss the ratification of the bylaws until Mr. Jones is available. Ms. Smith made the motion and Rev. Powell seconded it. The motion carried.

Election Directors Report:

In Mr. Jones absentee Ms. Goldman gave the Directors report.

Office: Computers are still not able to access the State-Wide Voter Registration system known as MDVOTERS. Baltimore IT and the State Board of Elections are working towards it. She is hoping to have it back up with in the next two weeks. In the meantime, we have two groups of staff going out to other Board of Elections to complete voter registrations. In addition, candidates are able to file for City offices at the State Board of Elections.

Voter Registration: The deadline for voter registration is April 7, 2020 with a new deadline time. This year it was changed to 5:00 pm instead of the usual 9:00 pm as in previous years. In addition, in Maryland we have a new political party of Bread and Roses and the Green and Libertarian parties are no longer considered a recognized party.

Election Judges: The department is currently working on a newsletter as well as organizing their files.

Voter Outreach: Staff has been to numerous outreaches and will continue over the summer. She directed the Board to see the listing in their folder.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Mr. Dunklaw has no report at this time.

Board Presidents Remarks:

Mr. Luchansky enjoyed the Meet and Greet with the staff. He would like an organizational chart so that he can identify the employees and job assignments.

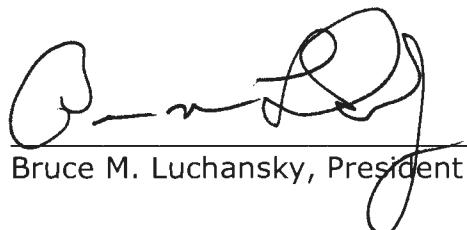
OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Fisher asked about why we do not have an early voting site in west Baltimore. Ms. Goldman said we had two. They are located Westside Skill Center and the other at Public Safety Training Center. She said people want it in the Mondawmin Mall area. Ms. Goldman said that there are criteria that need to be factored in to becoming an early voting site. She will share all the criteria with the Board to see what has to be met.

Ms. Smith and Ms. Fisher mentioned that we should do education at community meetings to inform the public what and who they are voting for. They would like Mr. Jones to include any educational efforts the Board has done in the past.

The next meeting will be August 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Ms. Fisher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rev. Powell. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.



Bruce M. Luchansky, President

8/15/19
Date



Rev. Frankie Powell, Secretary

8-15-19
Date