

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MARCH 7, 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

Eleanor Wang, President
Lawrence C. Cager, Jr., Vice President
Sidney Shelton, Member
Deitra Redmond, Member
Ann MacNeille, Board Attorney

STAFF

Armstead B. Crawley Jones, Sr., Election Director
Abigail Goldman, Deputy Director

EXCUSED

Frankie Powell, Member

Ms. Ellie Wang, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. A declaration of quorum was present.

The minutes of the December 12, 2018 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Redmond to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Ms. Shelton. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions to the agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

MANUAL AUDIT: Mr. Jones reported that our manual audit went very well. We had thirteen teams compromised by our staff and six guests from other jurisdictions. (Baltimore County, Charles County and Dorchester County). There was an issue with one team who kept on reading a race wrong and there was an issue with the spreadsheet. It was a good learning experience and it went really well for the first time.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Cager requested a motion to close the board meeting under General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(1), which permits closing a meeting to discuss a personnel matter that affects one or more individuals.

Meeting in closed session allows the members of the Election Board to be briefed on a personnel matter, share their views without compromising the confidentiality of those discussions. Mr. Cager made a motion to convene in closed session, and Ms. Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was held in the Board of Elections Board room.

The motion having passed, the Board met in closed session in accordance with exemptions (b)(1) of Section 3-305 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a personnel matter. The closed session began at 4:30 pm.

In addition to the board members present when the closed meeting convened, Mr. Jones, Ms. Goldman and Ms. MacNeille attended the closed meeting.

The topic discussed was compensation of individuals at the Baltimore City Board of Elections. The Board decided that the President would communicate with the State Board on the topic discussed.

The closed meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

OFFICE UPDATE:

Mr. Jones then gave an office update that things are slow but the daily work and preventive maintenance is completed. He also told the Board the Ms. Millie Easterling is retiring and her last day is in May.

Legislative update: Same Day Registration in Polling Places – We really do not know what it will look like yet. A discussion followed of concerns regarding SDR in addition to concerns on cybersecurity.

Ms. Redmond suggested the Board of Election connect to political and civic student government to get their students to be involved and become election judge.

OLD BUSINESS:

RELOCATING:

Mr. Cager gave a report on what he has put together for Mr. Jones. The BOE is looking at a \$10 million dollar number to build. Our goal is to educate the powers to be on what we need. We need to reach out to all elected officials in the City and State.

