

**BOARD MEETING**  
**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**JANUARY 14, 2020**

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  
Tamara Purnell, Member  
Arlene Fisher, Member  
Philip a'Becket, Member

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Alan Dunklow

**STAFF**

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

**GUEST**

Sam McAfee, McAfee Elections  
Ken Lam, Baltimore Sun  
Talia Richman, Baltimore Sun

The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m. by Mr. Luchansky, Board President. A declaration of quorum was present.

The Board and staff stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There are no additions to the agenda. The agenda is approved as presented.

The minutes of the December 18, 2019 board meeting were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Luchansky to approve the minutes. Ms. Tamara Purnell seconded. Motion carried.

**BOARD PRESIDENTS REMARKS:**

Mr. Luchansky welcomed our newest board member Mr. Phil a'Becket. He said if he has any questions please contact Mr. Jones or Ms. Goldman. He also gave Mr. a'Becket the advice that Mr. Jones gave the new board when they signed on. He said that the Board will not really understand their duties until they experience an election day.

## **ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mr. Jones said we are in full swing for the February 4<sup>th</sup> Special 7<sup>th</sup> Election. Mr. Jones introduced Mr. Sam McAfee to the Board and asked him to give a brief overview of the warehouse.

Warehouse: Mr. McAfee stated we are in good shape. All of the Ballot Marking Devices and the Scanners have been tested. They are currently testing the Same Day Registration (SDR) data base. We hope to get the final data base from the State Board of Elections on this coming Monday. The hauler of the voting equipment will begin to deliver on January 27, 2020.

Training: We held two classes last week for train the trainers at our warehouse. These are the persons from the University of Baltimore who will be training our election judges.

Election judge training has begun at the University of Baltimore and Mr. Jones stated he knew some of the board members and the attorney have already attended. We have had 10 classes already but we are nowhere near our numbers. A press release has gone out to the media to recruit and remind judges to call for classes.

This year SDR will be done on regular election day. There will be no change of address done on SDR like it is done at early voting. Mr. Jones stated we are cross training all our election judges on how to do SDR. Mr. Jones strongly suggested the other Board member sign up for classes by telling Ms. Goldman which one they wish to go to. After the February 4<sup>th</sup> election we will have to continue to train the rest of the judges for the April 28<sup>th</sup> election.

City Council hearing: There is a bill 20-0192R in city council that is going to first reader next week at 2 pm. The website says its "Informational Hearing - Are We Prepared for Election 2020? For the purpose of inviting the President of the Baltimore City Board of Elections and the Election Director for the Baltimore City Board of Elections to brief the City Council on preparations and readiness for the upcoming 2020 primary and general elections in Baltimore City. Many of the things in the bill is incorrect." One of the things refers back to the 2006 election when Mr. Jones was not the director. We work with a team of individuals from all City agencies known at the Voter Integrity Team that insures the polling places are open. In addition, we have election day logs that the election judges fill out as another source of information.

Ms. Arlene Fisher asked if we have reached out to colleges and the department of political science? Mr. Jones stated yes we have but have not found them to be receptive.

Ms. Joyce Smith asked do we anticipate to hire more staff at the polling place because of the SDR and now that voters can drop off their absentee ballots at the polling places. Mr. Jones said that we will be using the same amount at the polling places and that is why we cross train the judges.

Ms. Fisher then said the senior citizens did not know about the election and did not get the post card that was mailed out. Ms. Goldman said is probably they are not registered at the right address which Ms. Fisher conceded that is possible because they move in and out but would like the BOE to deliver fliers to all senior buildings. After a discussion was had Ms. Purnell offered to take them to the senior buildings.

Ms. Goldman said she will create on our website a folder with the flyers in them for the public. She will label it Voter Outreach and upload the flyers in PDF so anyone can print them out.

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:**

No report but did say he went to the judges training and found it very informing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

BYLAWS: Mr. Luchansky asked where were we regarding the approval of the bylaws. Ms. Goldman said the State Board of Elections will be deciding on them on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 2:00 pm, which is their next meeting. Mr. a'Becket signed the bylaws.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

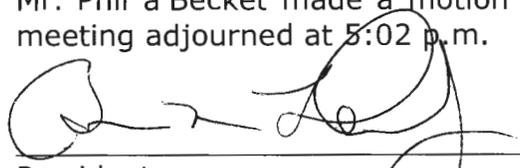
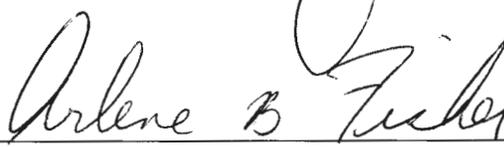
Mr. Luchansky said since Reverend Powell was replaced we need to elect a new Secretary. He explained the roll of the secretary. He opened the floor for nominations. Ms. Fisher nominated herself. No others were nominated. Mr. Luchansky called for the vote. The voter was unanimous. Motion passed.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

The Board confirmed that the next meeting will be at the Logic and Accuracy which is on January 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at our warehouse.

Mr. a'Becket said due to a previously planned personal vacation he will not be able to be there. Ms. Goldman said that after the meeting he will need to go up to the Courthouse and see Ms. Marilyn Bentley to get sworn into the Board of Canvassers. She will tell Ms. Bentley about him being need to be sworn in.

Mr. Phil a'Becket made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Arlene Fisher. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

 _____ President	2/24/20 _____ Date
 _____ Secretary	2-24-20 _____ Date