

**BOARD MEETING**  
**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**JANUARY 24, 2020**

The meeting of the Baltimore City Board of Elections was held at the Election Board Warehouse, 301 N. Franklintown Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21223.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Alan Dunklow

**STAFF**

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

**GUEST**

Sam McAfee, McAfee Elections  
Marilyn Bentley, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Cherie Deograus - ACLU  
Talia Richman, Baltimore Sun

**EXCUSED**

Philip a'Becket, Member

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.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 January 14, 2020 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.

**SWEARING IN THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS:**

The Board entertained motions for the position of President and Secretary of the Board of Canvassers.

For the office of President Ms. Tamara Purnell volunteered. There were no other interested parties a vote was taken and all were in favor.

For the office of Secretary Ms. Arlene Fisher volunteered. There were no other interested parties a vote was taken and all were in favor.

Ms. Marilyn Bentley, Clerk of the Baltimore Circuit Court swore in Ms. Tamara Powell, Ms. Arlene Fisher, Mr. Bruce Luchansky, Ms. Joyce Smith and Mr. Alan Dunklow for the Board of Canvassers. Mr. Philip a'Becket will be sworn in by Ms. Bentley on a later date at her office.

### **BOARD PRESIDENTS REMARKS:**

Mr. Luchansky thanked Ms. Bentley for coming in to swear the Board in. Mr. Luchansky briefed the Board about Mr. Jones and his appearance before City Council. He thought the questions asked by the City Council were good and motivated by what is needed to get ready for the election. The Council seemed interested in the importance of us getting a new facility. He also stated that he attended and participated in an Election Judge training class and found it fascinating and informative. Mr. Luchansky brought up the compensation for the classes for the election judges. We are the poorest paying and the City Council is interested in getting the law changed in order for us to pay more.

A discussion followed about how to get more people to become election judges. The Board decided to the Board decided to start their February 20th meeting an hour early so that they can discuss election judge recruitment.

### **ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mr. Jones said we are in full swing for the February 4<sup>th</sup> Special 7<sup>th</sup> Election. It's getting close. He has reached out to TV Stations and media to recruit judges. The technicians last training is this Saturday.

Mr. Jones shared with the Board the emergency bill introduced by Antonio Hayes to put in an 8<sup>th</sup> early voting site. This bill specified its location to be at Douglas High School. The schools we are currently using for Early Voting have their own separate entrance for the voters so they are not comingling with the students. It would not be that way at Douglas. Both the voters and the students will be using the same entrance. Mr. Jones stated he is going over to meet with the principal and do a site visit to see the feasibility of it. Ms. Goldman said the fiscal impact is between \$100,000 to \$120,000.

Warehouse: Mr. McAfee stated that all election equipment has gone through the Logic and Accuracy testing and they are scheduled to start being delivered Monday.

Mr. McAfee prepared and presented the Certification paper work for the Board to complete and sign. He showed them the two boxes of paperwork containing the L

and A paperwork which contain the printouts to show all machines were reset back to zero.

In addition, the Board has to complete the Supply Verification of 18 precincts. The Board will divide in two teams and take 8 precincts each.

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:**

Mr. Dunklow told the Board of the lawsuit concerning the National Federation of the Blind that they have filed against the State concerning the BMD usage and the new policy SBE has instituted of having 5 voters use it before 1:00 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

BYLAWS: Ms. Goldman said that we have received notice that the Bylaws were approved by SBE.

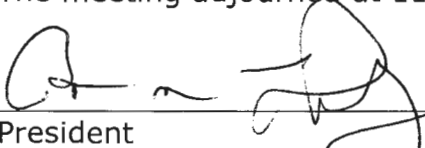
**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

The Board confirmed that the next meeting will be February 4, 2020 at 6:00 am.

Ms. Tamara Powell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bruce Luchansky. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

  
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President 4/13/20  
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Secretary 4/13/20  
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