

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MARCH 19, 2020

The meeting of the Baltimore City Board of Elections was a call in meeting.
The phone numbers was: 505-226-1122 PIN: 917 797 961#

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

Danielle Gantz, Maryland Matters

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Mr. Luchansky, Board President. A declaration of quorum was present.

The Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 24, 2020 were presented to the Board. Ms. Joyce Smith made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Tamara Purnell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The minutes of the February 4, 2020 were presented to the Board. Mr. Philip a'Becket made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Joyce Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The minutes of the February 20, 2020 were presented to the Board. Ms. Joyce Smith made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Arlene Fisher seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

BOARD PRESIDENTS REMARKS:

The president stated his appreciation of everyone's cooperation for conducting this board meeting remotely due to the current health crisis. This state of emergency has had a drastic effecting on the handling of the elections and at this time he will hand the meeting over to the director for his report.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Jones stated that he hopes everyone is staying inside and staying safe. The upcoming April 28, 2020 will be an all-mail election. The plan is being sent by the State Board of Elections to the Governor in a few weeks. There will be many challenges for an all-mail election and all hands will need to be on deck.

The information that we are hearing is the June 2, 2020 will also be an all-mail election.

Election judge training was scheduled to start next week for the rest of the election judges but we had to cancel it due to the State of Emergency. As of today's date we have trained 1,700 election judges.

Ms. Goldman has surveyed the private polling places and early voting sites for the June 2, 2020 election for their availability. She has reported that there are at least 50 percent of the locations that we would have some issues with us utilizing their facility if the election is to be held in person.

The warehouse Logic and Accuracy has been completed but everything is on hold until the next steps are decided.

Staff work at home schedule: Ms. Goldman set up a schedule that half the staff works at home and the other half works in the office then switches. She uses a system of random emails that she sends out during the day to insure the staff is working from their computers. Department heads are working with the administrative team for daily work plans.

As of the beginning of the week the City has closed the building to the public. It has been posted on our website, social media and on our door to the office.

All voter outreach has been cancelled as well as voter registration training.

Mr. Luchansky thanked and appreciated how the administrative team and staff are working so hard especially under these circumstances. Ms. Smith echoed Mr. Luchansky's sentiments on the staffs work.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Dunklow stated that the Counsels of all the local board of elections and state board have a meeting next week and the boards questions have given him some good questions to ask at that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MAEO conference has been changed tentatively August 23 to 26th.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The Board did not set up the next meeting due to the State of Emergency. Ms. Goldman will let them know.

Ms. Joyce Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Tamara Powell. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Tamara Powell
President

5.21.2020
Date

Joyce J. Smith
Secretary

Date