

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
JUNE 18, 2020
301 N FRANKLINTOWN ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21223

The meeting of the Baltimore City Board of Elections was in person.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Mr. Luchansky welcomed everyone and thanked all for everything that was done.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Jones said the June Primary was a learning experience. The elected officials and the general public were naïve on how long it takes to count ballots. There were many steps in the process. We had to quarantine the ballots first, then scan to record their voter history and that the downtown office then brought to the warehouse to be separate them and then opened. If we do it next time we have learned all the steps will be done at the warehouse. Ms. Goldman has enough scanners and laptops to facilitate this.

Vote Centers long lines: The centers were supposed to be for only voters who did not get their ballot or needed help in voting. However, he saw voters standing in line with their ballots in their hands waiting to vote. The voters in line did not complain and they understood the lines were spaced out due to the social distancing. Lines were long all over the State. One county had 3 hour waits.

Mr. Jones reminded the Board that the State asked us to add two more sites. In the beginning it had to be four sites, but we added Northwestern and Northwood.

First District Ballot Issues: The first district ballot was mailed out by the vendor with the wrong ballot. The ballots printed and issues at the vote centers and the office were the right one. We discovered the issue on election night when we saw the opponent had three times as many votes at the incumbent. We did not leave the warehouse until 2 am and the information of the vote count was still on the website. SBE pulled the data sometime after that.

Other issues were discussed by the board for example more seating needed for the elderly and voters loved the drop boxes.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Dunklow gave an update on the Advance determination for a candidate.

He also mentioned there was a meeting with all the attorneys. Mr. a'Becket asked what they spoke about. Mr. Dunklow said it was about issues with the live streaming etc. Ms. Fisher thought the video was good and Ms. Purnell was great on it.

OLD BUSINESS: None

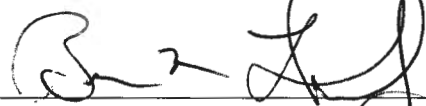
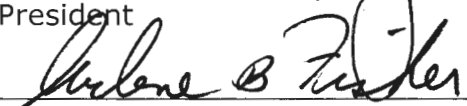
NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Smith asked that when Mr. Jones and Ms. Goldman speak to the State Board and Directors can they ask that the signatures be printed on the inside of the ballot. Ms. Goldman said that was a big concern statewide and it was being studied by SBE to make changes.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next meeting will be in person on July 16, 2020.

Ms. Arlene Fisher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Phil a'Becket. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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