

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
APRIL, 15 2021
VIA GOOGLE MEETS

The meeting of the Baltimore City Board of Elections was held via Google Meets.

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

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

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Alan Dunklow

STAFF

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Mr. Bruce Luchansky, Board President. A declaration of quorum was present.

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

Mr. Luchansky officially welcomed Ms. Matthews to the Board as a full member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 25, 2021 were presented to the Board. Ms. Tamara Purnell made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Evette Matthews seconded the motion. Motion passed and minutes were accepted.

The minutes of the March 18, 2021 were presented to the Board. Ms. Arlene Fisher made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Tamara Purnell seconded the motion. Motion passed and minutes were accepted.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS:

Mr. Luchansky said it will be nice to get back to in person meetings. He has not been able to work on what he discussed at the last meeting due to some personal issues. However he looks forward to working on it in the future.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Jones stated there is not a lot to report. The staff is still working on daily work and attaching VACs from the last 4 elections.

The Benton Building is still closed to the public and the only way to access the office for the public is to make an appointment. Candidates will only be allowed to file if they make an appointment to do so. We are following the same procedures that the State Board of Elections is using and it has been updated on our website.

Mr. McAfee was in town and left instructions to the warehouse staff on what he expects to be done.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Dunklow reported that the Legislative session has adjourned on last Monday. He then gave an overview on several bills.

SB596
HB738
HB222
HB745
SB683

He explained that SB683 was a very robust bill dealing with Drop boxes and their security, permanent absentee ballots and removal from the permanent absentee list and much more.

The Board asked for a summary of the Bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Smith had a question. The Board had spoken about spreading out the meeting during this slow time. Mr. Luchansky stated that he would like the meeting on the schedule and if needed cancel it then. Ms. Matthews said she would prefer a monthly meeting and cancel as needed. Ms. Purnell and Ms. Fisher felt as Ms. Matthews did but cancel within 2 weeks.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

May 20 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Ms. Tamara Purnell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Evette Matthews.
The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

President _____ Date _____

Secretary _____ Date _____

Approved at May 20, 2021 Board meeting via Google Meets