

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MAY 20, 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

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 15th, 2021 were presented to the Board. Ms. Evette Matthews made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Arlene Fisher seconded the motion. Motion passed and minutes were accepted.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS:

Mr. Luchansky said that he appreciated the Board taking time to meet today and to check in and can share issues.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Jones reported that he and Ms. Goldman sat down with the staff to do an overview of the past elections. We are working with the State Board to see what we can do better to recruit and train the election judges. We hope to have concrete plans on this by October. We have had issues with the University of Baltimore Schaffer Center,

but the biggest issue was keeping Professor Willis on track by not taking up time by giving a long history of elections. This cut in on the hands-on portion of the training. We had covered this repeatedly and SBE addressed this concern before in the Comprehensive Audit each year. We did speak to him about it, but he did not follow through with the Boards recommendation.

The staff is still teleworking, and the building is still not open to the public. However, the public can make an appointment and come in if needed.

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Jones if we will be using the drop boxes again and he said yes but at this time we don't know how many will be deployed.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Dunklow had no report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAEO Conference and SBE Biennial – Ms. Goldman gave an overview of the agenda and what to expect to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

To be determined

Ms. Joyce Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Evette Matthews. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Bruce Luchansky / approved at 9/13/2021 meeting

President Date

Joyce Smith/ approved at 9/13/2021 meeting

Secretary Date