

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
APRIL 18, 2022

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Joyce Smith, Vice President
Evette Matthews, Member (VIA Telephone)
Arlene Fisher, Member
Tamara Purnell, Member

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thomas Chapman

STAFF

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

ABSENT

Bruce Luchansky, President

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Ms. Joyce Smith, Board Vice President. A declaration of quorum was present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Jones reported that election judge training is going on at The Forum and we will be transitioning out of there on April 22 to Mt. Pleasant Ministries. As of today's reporting many of the judges have not completed the prerequisite training on line of Chapters 1 – 4 so they are not able to come in for the rest of the training. Starting tomorrow we will be opening the training up for those who have not done the prerequisite training and Ms. Graves will have the trainers train those persons on Chapter 1 – 4.

The ballot boxes will be in the same locations as 2020 with a few additions such as the warehouse and The League. We will not be having it at Camden Yards this year.

For security we will be renting cameras and lights from a security company. In 2020 we used actual live security guards and it led to issues.

The State has installed drop boxes at the 7 correctional facilities in the system. We have asked SBE to get State personnel to pick these up. This was a law that was passed in Annapolis just for Baltimore City.

We have 3 polling places that need to be changed. Mr. Jones asked Ms. Goldman to present them to the Board. She presented the following changes:

Ward: 27 Precinct: 50

Old: Elderslie Methodist Church	5601 Pimlico Road	21209
New: Engine House #45	2700 Glen Ave	21215

Ward: 26 Precinct: 25

Old: Furley Recreation Center	4633 Furley Ave	21206
New: School #374 Vanguard Collegiate Middle	5000 Truesdale Ave	21206

Ward: 24 Precinct: 2

Old: Holy Cross Church Hall	108 E West St	21230
New: School #416 Digital Harbor High	1100 Covington St	21230

Ms. Tamara Purnell made a motion to accept these changes. Ms. Arlene Fisher seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Ms. Smith brought up the change of polling place from Grove Park Elem to the Reisterstown Fire House asking if any change was made. Ms. Goldman said she spoke to the Delegate and the Community President and asked them for suggestions to move it to and they never got back to her so it will stay there. She will work on getting some parking sign for the side of the building but that is all she can do about the parking situation. Many polling places in the city do not have designated parking lots and the voters need to park on the street.

ACTING - PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Ms. Smith has an issue with the President having a meeting with only one other member of the Board and the rest of the members were never notified of it. She feels that it is ok if the President meets with the Director and Deputy by himself but she feels all the Board members should be notified.

Ms. Purnell stated that she was offended about the meeting and feels her integrity as a board member and a voter was offended. We had issues before but never on this scale.

Ms. Fisher feels someone should have been at this meeting today to inform this Board of what the issues were.

Ms. Matthews was invited to the meeting and said that it was a letter of questions that was sent to Mr. Luchansky by the Baltimore City Republican Central Committee.

This constitutes a PIA request and should have been sent to the right channels. It should have gone to the PIA officer that is stated on the website or Mr. Jones who then would check with Mr. Chapman.

Ms. Smith wants clarity and transparency on the Board. Ms. Fisher feels that it was an illegal meeting and the President owns the Board and explanation.

Ms. Fisher made a motion that a letter should be drafted to the President asking why the meeting was called and why the entire Board was not notified of the meeting. They want to know what the question and what answers were answered by SBE. However, the motion to draft a letter was withdrawn after Mr. Chapman suggested that the usual procedure would be to put the matter on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting rather than have the Board send a letter to individual members of the Board.

Ms. Tamara Purnell asked Mr. Chapman what the bylaws say about Board members absences. Mr. Chapman quoted Section 4.1 from the Bylaws.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Chapman reported that there is nothing new. The redistricting legislation is over. We have received two requests for advance petition determination for Charter Amendments for the General Election.

- Recall of an elected official in City Government
- Term limits

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next meeting will be held tentatively on March 19, 2022 at 4:00 pm virtually.

Ms. Arlene Fisher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Evette Matthews. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

President Date

Secretary Date

APPROVED AT 8/19/2022 BOARD MEETING