

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MARCH 15, 2022
VIA GOOGLE MEETS

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Joyce Smith, Vice President
Evette Matthews, Member
Arlene Fisher, Member

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thomas Chapman

STAFF

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

ABSENT

Bruce Luchansky, President
Tamara Purnell, Member

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 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:

The minutes of the January 20, 2022 and February 17, 2022 Board minutes were presented.

Ms. Arlene Fisher made a motion to accept both minutes. Ms. Evette Matthews seconded. No one opposed, the motion was accepted and the Board minutes approved.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

We are preparing for the election. Many of the staff are working on processing the Vote by Mail ballot application to get them entered into the system. In addition we are preparing for the election judges training which is scheduled to start on March 18, 2022. The first classes will be starting at The Forum and then switching over to Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Jones sent the Board the talking points document that was put together by MAEO due to concerns with redistricting and time lines etc. All the Senators have been reached out to. Mr. Jones explained to the board what we mean about consolidations. This all refers to what is in HB 35.

Mr. Jones reported all staff is back in the office at this point.

Warehouse – Mr. McAfee has been back and forth over the last few weeks. The Board of Estimates finally approved his contract. They had all the paperwork since September 2021.

Moving – We went to look at Metro West again with Keith Ross from SBE. The owners are offering some space on the first floor but it is not going to work for us. The City Real estate office sent us a brochure for a building located in the Hollander Ridge Business Center. We are still waiting to hear back from real estate about the Target building in Mondawmin.

Ms. Smith asked has the State considered moving the primary to September. Mr. Jones said not at this point. Ms. Smith questioned the filing deadline and if it will be moved.

Ms. Matthews wants to visit the warehouse and once Mr. McAfee is back full time it will be arranged.

Mr. Jones asked to be excused from the meeting due to a prior commitment. The Board excused Mr. Jones.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

None

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Chapman reported that there is nothing new. He is keeping an eye on the court cases and any guidance given by SBE. 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:

Polling Place Changes: Ms. Goldman presented the following polling place change that she wants to change:

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Old: Election Board Warehouse
301 N Franklinton Road 21223

New: School 145 Alexander Hamilton Elem
900 Poplar Grove Street 21216

Ms. Arlene Fisher made a motion to accept the polling place changes. Ms. Evette Matthews seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Ms. Goldman said that she will have at least 2 more polling place changes coming.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next meeting will be held tentatively on April 21, 2022 at 4:00 pm virtually.

Ms. Arlene Fisher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Evette Matthews. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

President _____ Date _____

Secretary _____ Date _____

APPROVED AT 8/19/2022 BOARD MEETING