

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
August 18, 2023

The meeting of the Baltimore City Board of Elections was held in person at the Board of Elections Warehouse at 301 N. Franklinton Road.

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Joyce Smith, Vice President
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
Evette Matthews, Member

GUESTS

Jessica Sayd, Baltimore Works
Samuel Rosenberg, Delegate
Steve Ward, Grove Park Improvement Association
Terrence Threwtt Jr. Grove Park Improvement Association
Karen Booker, Grove Park Improvement Association

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. by Ms. Joyce Smith, Board Vice President. A declaration of quorum was present.

Addition to agenda was presented by Ms. Goldman. The addition is a Polling place change for 28002.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of March 15, 2022, April 18, 2022, May 19, 2022 and July 1, 2022

Ms. Tamara Purnell made a motion to accept all four minutes. Ms. Arlene Fisher seconded. No one opposed the motion was accepted and the Board minutes approved.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

Certification of the primary has taken place and we are currently working on 3 petitions for charter amendments.

We are still looking for a facility for the office and the warehouse.

We are looking for election judges as usual and training is to start on September 12, 2022, at the Forum Caterers and Mt. Pleasant Ministries.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Ms. Smith introduced everyone in the room to each other since we had guests.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Chapman reported that SBE is going to court to get early canvassing approved to start on October 1st.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAEO conference will be virtual this year. Ms. Goldman will send out the link once it is released.

NEW BUSINESS:

Polling place change of 28002 from Grove Park School. The Grove Park Association and Delegate Rosenberg presented their case that the moving of the location to the Firehouse on the corner of Reisterstown Road and Rogers Avenue was not a good move for the neighborhood. They asked the Board to change the polling place. Ms. Booker and Mr. Ward addressed the board and presented a petition for this. If they can't go back to Grove Park school, they would rather go to Forest Park Senior High School.

Ms. Goldman was ok with this and asked the Board to make a motion. Ms. Fisher made a motion to move the polling place to Forest Park Senior High School. Ms. Tamara Purnell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next meeting will forthcoming but it will be in person.

Ms. Arlene Fisher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Tamara Purnell. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.