

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
APRIL 20, 2023

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
Arlene Fisher, Member
Tamara Purnell, Member
Evette Matthews, Member

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thomas Chapman

STAFF

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

ABSENT

Bruce Luchansky, President

GUEST

Scherod Barnes, Future Board Member
Hope Williams, Future Board Member
Sam Novey, Future Board Member
Terrence Threweatt Jr., Future Board Member
Maria Vismale, Future Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 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 19, 2023 Board meeting was presented. There being no changes to the minutes a motion was made by Ms. Evette Matthews to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tamara Purnell. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS OF THE GUEST:

Ms. Smith at this time invited the guest who are the incoming board to introduce themselves and tell us a little about themselves.

Ms. Smith then had the old board and staff introduce themselves. She said its been a pleasure working with this Board and staff. This is the first board ever to have 4 elections in one year and during COVID.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Jones welcomed all guests and thanked the former Board for their support during their term and their support. We had a great team and look forward to working with the new board in the same capacity and support.

Moving: We have been working on this for the last several years but in the last 2 – 3 months things have ramped up and we have a meeting tomorrow at 3:00 pm to discuss a potential move location. Mr. Jones gave an overview of the space issue downtown and at the warehouse. The City has finally put into our budge money for rent for a new location.

Ms. Smith said she is glad to hear about moving towards a new location and that the public does not understand the amount of work that goes into getting and election done.

Office update: Staff is doing the daily data entry along with scanning in VAC cards in to MDVOTERS. However, we have had big issues with the City's Workday system. This is the system that the City uses for paying their bills, ordering of materials etc.

Warehouse update: Staff is getting the old pollbooks prepared to be shipped back to the State Warehouse in preparation of receiving the new pollbooks.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Chapman said it is great to meet the new board and is looking forward to working them and it has been a pleasure working with the old board. We are looking at a lot of petition measures this year we believe because we have already received approval requests.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM:

Ms. Purnell hopes that the new board keeps in mind that the Board loves the Citizens of Baltimore and we insure all legal votes are counted and educate the public on

voting. This Board worked in a nonpartisan aspect which is very important to get the job done. Its all about a fair election so all can easily participate in the process.

Mr. Novey asked about the Fair Election Fund. Ms. Goldman says we are getting our directions from SBE and are supposed to be trained on it.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Will be held on the third Thursday in June after the new board takes their seats. Ms. Goldman will send out notices and other information the State wants the new board to have.

Ms. Evie Matthews made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Arlene Fisher. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVED AT THE JUNE 22, 2023 BOARD MEETING