

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
JUNE 22, 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

Scherod Barnes, Board Member
Sam Novey, Board Member
Hope Williams, Board Member
Maria Vismale, Board Member

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thomas Chapman

STAFF

Armstead B. Crawley Jones, Sr., Election Director

GUEST

Margot Kohn, Intern at Baltimore Votes

ON PHONE

Terrence Threweatt Jr., Board Member
Abigail Goldman, Deputy Director

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Mr. Scherod Barnes, Board Member. 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 20, 2023 Board meeting was presented. There being no changes to the minutes a motion was made by Mr. Sam Novey to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hope Williams. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY CHAIR:

Ms. Hope Williams motioned to name Mr. Scherod Barnes as temporary chair for this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Terrence Threweatt Jr. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BYLAWS:

A motion was made by Ms. Hope Williams to approve the bylaws. Seconded by Mr. Sam Novey. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Thomas Chapman explained to the board that all meetings are open to the public and are considered a meeting if 3 or more members get together whether in person or on the phone or email if they are conducting Board of Elections business. That is considered a quorum.

All members are to review all the bylaws and understand and review the ethics. He will send a link to the new board to fill out their ethics financial disclosures and someone on the board usually the president completes the ethics open meetings training.

Mr. Barnes asked about disclosing campaign donations. Mr. Chapman said they must be disclosed to the Board.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Jones gave an update on where we are in the moving process. He stressed to the Board that we need to move forward with this because we need to move by August/September to be ready for the 2024 election. The warehouse is in the process of purging documents and cleaning the warehouse. Staff downtown is doing the daily data entry along with scanning in VAC cards in to MDVOTERS. The Warehouse staff is getting the old pollbooks prepared to be shipped back to the State Warehouse in preparation of receiving the new pollbooks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD:

President of the Board:

Mr. Sam Novey motioned to name Mr. Scherod Barnes president of the Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Terrence Thre watt. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Vice President of the Board:

Ms. Hope Williams motioned to name Mr. Terrence Thre watt as vice-president of the Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Scherod Barnes. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Secretary of the Board:

Mr. Terrence Thre watt motioned to name Ms. Maria Vismale as secretary of the Board. There was no second so the motion failed.

Ms. Hope Williams motioned to name Mr. Sam Novey as secretary of the Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Scherod Barnes. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM:

The new board brought up creating a news letter and voter outreach.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Will be held on July 20, 2023 at the main office downtown.

Mr. Scherod Barnes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hope Williams. The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 17, 2023 BOARD MEETING