

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

The meeting of the Baltimore City Board of Elections was held at the Election Board Office, 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 129.

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Bruce Luchansky, President
Joyce Smith, Vice President
Tamara Purnell, Member
Arlene Fisher, Member

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Alan Dunklow

STAFF

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

EXCUSED

Frankie Powell, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Mr. Luchansky, Board President. A declaration of quorum was present.

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

The minutes of the July 18, 2019 board meeting were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Luchansky to approve the minutes. Ms. Tamara Powell seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

MAEO:

Mr. Jones and Ms. Goldman attended the MAEO meeting in Anne Arundel County. At that meeting the two representative from MAEO who went to MACO reported on the summer conference they attended. They are working on building a relationship between the two since MACO suggests funding on legislative bills.

BIENNIAL:

The biennial meeting from SBE will be held on October 17 and Ms. Goldman placed the schedule in your folders. This is a mandatory meeting.

Mr. Jones also stated that when he attended the SBE directors report that SBE was very concerned with the EVS 6.1.00 update on the election night reporting system as are we. Mr. Luchansky moves to authorize Mr. Jones to convey to SBE that EVS 6.1.00 not be implemented until further testing has been conducted. Ms. Purnell seconded. All were in agreement.

Early Voting Centers:

Mr. Jones received an email from Senator Antonio Hayes in reference to changing an Early Voting Site. He wishes to change the site at the University of Maryland. The primary deadline for changing or naming a site is Sept 30 but all paperwork would need to be completed by September 25.

Mr. Jones stated that the primary decision on where an early voting site is located is the convenience of the voter and should be put in an area that will reach each voter in a geographical location (i.e. distance between sites etc.) Mr. Jones presented to the Board maps that indicated the locations and the distance between them.

Mr. Jones stated that when we started we had 5 locations and now we are at 7 locations. We went back and looked at the locations for early voting site based on centralized locations throughout the city and they are not based on legislative districts. We have a good coverage of the City and that all the voters can get to a site within a 5-mile radius.

In previous years we contacted some of the sites on Senator Hayes list and they were not conducive for us to go to. A discussion followed concerning Coppin and the new buildings on site and well as being in Mondawmin Mall and Douglas High School.

Mr. Luchansky asked about the regulations concerning Early voting sites. Mr. Jones discussed the regulations and criteria to become an early voting site. Mr. Luchansky asked Mr. Jones how he recommends the Board to proceed. Mr. Jones recommended we stay where we are at this time. The Board President indicated that that the reasons fineness in the letter from Senator Hayes did not give good solid reasons for moving this this site.

Ms. Fisher interjected that she did not realize all that goes into getting a new early voting site so she recommends to look at it as a future prospect. She feels that there is no way we can do it by September 25. This is something the Board has to study. Mr. Purnell is concerned if we move the early voting site and she feels it's not advantageous to move it at this time.

Ms. Fisher feels if you give the Senator the rationale he will understand.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Dunklow has no report at this time.

BOARD PRESIDENTS REMARKS:

Mr. Luchansky is looking forward to next month's meeting at the Biennial and meeting staff and other Boards across the State.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Polling Place Changes:

Ms. Goldman presented the following polling place locations to the Board to be moved to a new location.

WARD:	27	PRECINCT:	63 & 65
OLD:	School #247 Cross Country Elem		
	6100 Cross Country Blvd.		21215
NEW:	Cross Country @ Northwestern (Gym)		
	6900 Park Heights Ave		21215

Reason for the move: Cross Country School is closing for renovations.

Motion was made by Ms. Joyce Smith to move the location. Ms. Tamara Purnell seconded. All agreed. Motion passed to move to the new location.

WARD:	27	PRECINCT:	52 & 58
OLD:	Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center		
	2434 W. Belvedere Avenue		21215
NEW:	School #223 Pimlico Elem		
4849	Pimlico Road (Enter on Thorndale)		21215

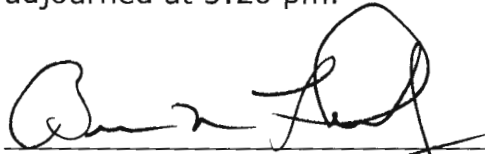
Reason for the move: We previously moved it to Levindale because Pimlico Elementary had closed for renovations. Now the school is open we wish to move it back for their convenience.

Motion was made by Ms. Arlene Fisher to move the location. Ms. Tamara Purnell seconded. All agreed. Motion passed to move to the new location.

Ms. Fisher suggested that we look into moving out of Harlem Park School and into the brand new recreation center. Ms. Goldman will look into it.

Due to the Biennial we will not be having a October meeting. The next regular meeting will be November 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Fisher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Purnell. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.



Bruce M. Luchansky, President

11/21/19
Date



Rev. Frankie Powell, Secretary

11-21-19
Date