

**BOARD MEETING**  
**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 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  
Frankie Powell, Secretary  
Tamara Purnell, Member  
Arlene Fisher, Member

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Alan Dunklow

**STAFF**

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

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 as presented.

The minutes of the September 19, 2019 board meeting were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Luchansky to approve the minutes. Ms. Tamara Purnell seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 31, 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.

**BOARD PRESIDENTS REMARKS:**

None at this time

**ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mr. Jones stated that we are in the process of getting ready for the special 7<sup>th</sup> congressional election. We have approximately 1600-1700 election judge's forms have been returned and are willing to work. The forms only started to go out over the last several weeks. He is waiting to hear from John Willis to set up the class schedule and location for training. The main location will be at the University of

Baltimore with and alternate location at Mt. Pleasant Ministries if needed. Mr. Jones said he is waiting for the location and setting up of the classes is a big part in why we need to get our own location and train our own trainers to train the election judges. We need to make City Hall really understand our needs. One of the biggest advantages that would be is that we would be able to cross use the employees.

The Election Technicians forms are also coming in. Currently we use one technician for each of our 296 polling places. Many of our technicians are City Employees who work in technology.

Office Update: The office is finished being painted and the flooring is almost finished. We are getting the office put back to order.

Job Openings: We also presently have four jobs listed on the State Department of Budget Managements Website. The recruitments will close on December 2, 2019.

Warehouse: Sam McAfee was here last week for approximate a week to get things in order to prepare the staff and supplies of the special election. We are currently waiting for all new batteries from ESS.

Holiday Party and next board meeting: In previous years we have the Holiday party along with the Board Meeting. The majority of the food is purchased but in the past the board has contributed towards the party and the Secret Santa. The holiday party is scheduled for December 18, 2019. It was suggested the Board meeting should be at 10:00 and followed by the party.

Voter Outreach: We have cut off voter outreach for the staff to go out however we encourage those interested to come in and be trained and conduct it themselves.

### **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:**

Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition- Mr. Jones has received a ballot initiative from the BTEC. Mr. Dunklow will review and see if it has all the logistic items it needs. He will also reach out to the sponsor since he has some questions and concerns about it.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bylaws: Mr. Dunklow reported that SBE did not approve our bylaws as submitted. Mr. Dunklow and Mr. Luchansky spoke and went over the problems with the bylaws. They did not see an issue with what we signed since it was good enough for the last Board however the conclusion is that SBE has ultimate right to approve the Bylaws. Mr. Luchansky said it is this Boards goal to have a positive and collaborative relationship with SBE.

Mr. Luchansky and Mr. Dunklow said there is no substance difference between them but the issue of the spokesperson to the media. It says it sharing the responsibility but the Board feels that this could cause confusion with two spokespersons.

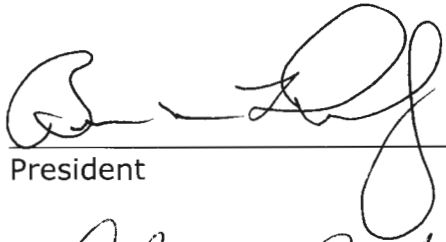
Mr. Luchansky asked Mr. Dunklow to circulate his revisions and they will vote on it at the next meeting unless the Board feels comfortable in taking a vote now. The consensus is to circulate the document and vote at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

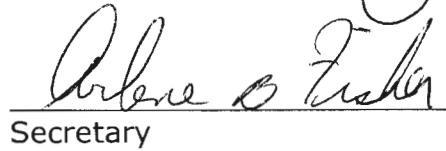
The Board confirmed that the next meeting will December 18, 2019 at 10:00 am followed by the Holiday Party

Ms. Joyce Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Tamara Purnell. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.



President

12/18/19  
Date



Secretary

12-18-2019  
Date