

BOARD MEETING
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
DECEMBER 18, 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
Tamara Purnell, Member
Arlene Fisher, Member

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Alan Dunklow

STAFF

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

EXCUSED

Joyce Smith, Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Mr. Luchansky, Board President. A declaration of quorum was present.

The Board and staff stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the November 21, 2019 board meeting were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Tamara Purnell to approve the minutes. Ms. Arlene Fisher seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENTS REMARKS:

Mr. Luchansky reported that Rev. Frankie Powell has left the Board. He was a holdover from the last board. The Governor now has named a new member. The new member is Phillip a'Becket and he could not make it to this meeting but is looking forward to meeting everyone at the next meeting.

The President stated that he feels that the new board is working well together and is getting more comfortable with each other. He is also committed to become more knowledgeable with his duties etc., and is looking forward to 2020.

ELECTION DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Jones reported that the office is slowly working toward the 2020 elections.

ELECTION JUDGE and VOTING MACHINE TECHNICIANS:

The election judge's responses are coming in and are working on mailing out new judges' questionnaires. Ms. Goldman, Ms. Graves and himself met last week with Mr. John Willis and made changes to his schedule for the training of the election judges. We will start training at the University of Baltimore and then transition to Mt. Pleasant Ministries.

Ms. Goldman reported that the election judge's manual went to print this morning and the Same Day Registration manual will be sent to printer at a later date.

Ms. Stanley who oversees the Voting Machine Technicians is working on sending out their correspondence. At this time Voting Machine Technician training has not been set up but generally it is at the warehouse.

WAREHOUSE:

The warehouse is moving along and Mr. Sam McAfee is back in town for the duration of the election cycles. The warehouse is engaged in changing batteries of the Electronic Poll Books (EPB) and cleaning up the warehouse.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CONGRESSIONAL 7:

Mr. Jones and Ms. Goldman will be attending the Directors meeting at the State Board of Elections next Thursday and afterward there will be a meeting for the special primary with the State, Baltimore County and Howard County. Hopefully at the time we will find out more about how the special general election will be handled. We would prefer to have a separate scanner just for the special general.

ELECTION DAY/NIGHT PROCEDURES:

Mr. Jones gave a brief explanation of what happens on election day (time to report, polling place visits etc.) and election night. He has a plan that he is working on to help the Board to acclimate in the field.

VOTER INTEGRITY MEETING:

Mr. Jones explained to the Board that this is a group of City agencies, The Mayor's office, Baltimore City Police Department that we use as polling places. We will have a meeting in January.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition- As reported in the previous meeting Mr. Jones had received a ballot initiative from the BTEC. Mr. Dunklow reached out to the sponsor and Mr. Jones sent a letter stating that the forms he submitted were correct.

Polling place contracts – Ms. Goldman and he were working with the Department of Housing to complete an MOU with them for use of three of their locations as polling places.

OLD BUSINESS:

BYLAWS: Mr. Luchansky gave a briefing of what Mr. Dunklow and he did to bring the two sets of bylaws into one. Ms. Fisher made a motion to accept the new bylaws as submitted. Ms. Purnell seconded. The motion passed. All signed the bylaws with the exception of Mr. a’Becket. Ms. Goldman will get him to sign it at the next board meeting. Meanwhile she will forward the signed copy to the State Board of Elections so they can approve it for their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Jones suggested that since the Special primary is fast approaching that the board should meet twice in January. A discussion followed as which dates would work best. Also the Logic and Accuracy date was brought up.


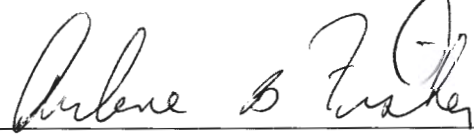
Board Secretary: At this time the Board does not have a secretary but will hold off until next meeting when we have a full board to vote on it.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The Board confirmed that the next meeting will January 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Logic and Accuracy and board meeting will be January 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at our warehouse.

Ms. Arlene Fisher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Tamara Purnell. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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