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August 31, 2010

MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
18753-210 North Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Jerrold Garson, President
John Sullivan, Vice President
Nancy Dacek, Secretary
Nahid Khozeimeh
Rosalyn Pelles
Mary Kiraly
Lucia Nazarian

Staff:

Margaret Jurgensen, Director
Sara Harris, Deputy Election Director
Betty Ann Lucey, Voter Registration Manager
Marjorie Roher, Management and Budget Specialist III
Kevin Karpinski, Legal Counsel
Renee Adams, Election Aide

Mr. Garson called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 11:31 a.m.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Ms. Jurgensen stated that there is an addition of a hurricane update.

Public Comments

Ms. Jurgensen stated that no one requested to address the board.

State Board of Elections Waiver/MOVE/Overseas Absentee Ballots

Ms. Jurgensen stated that she provided a copy of the original letter with two attachments from Robert Carey, the Director of Federal Voting Assistance Program regarding the State's inability to meet the 45-day mailing requirement for the 2010 General Election because of the date of the Primary Election. The Board reviewed and discussed the letter regarding the waiver/MOVE/overseas absentee ballots. Mr. Sullivan stated that the Montgomery County Board of Elections is in the same position as other states. He expressed his concern with the request for waiver being withdrawn and asked for further clarification. Mr. Sullivan stated that the rights of the military and overseas voters should be respected. Ms. Dacek expressed her concerns with the Board and noted that absentee ballots are very important to the final totals. After further

discussion, the Board agreed for counsel to draft a letter to the State requesting further clarification of the issue.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dacek to direct Counsel to draft a letter to the State requesting further clarification on waiver procedures. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried unanimously.

Hurricane Report

Mrs. Harris reported that the State Board of Elections will be meeting Thursday and will be provided with a hurricane update from emergency management. The SBE has indicated that they would not extend Early Voting hours due the increased voting opportunities. Ms. Jurgensen noted that she is being updated by Montgomery County Emergency Management and currently they are projecting high wind.

Report on the Executive Session

The Montgomery County Board of Elections convened in Executive Session at 12:58 p.m., pursuant to State Government Article, Sections 10-508(a)(8) to consult with Counsel.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections met in closed session on this date. The following members of the Board and staff were in attendance: Jerrold Garson, John Sullivan, Nancy Dacek, Nahid Khozeimeh, Mary Kiraly, Lucia Nazarian, Margaret A. Jurgensen, Sara Harris, Betty Ann Lucey, Marjorie Roher, Kevin Karpinski, and Renee Adams.

Petitions

Legal Counsel updated the Board on the status of the petitions.

There were no other items discussed in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene in regular session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Khozeimeh and carried unanimously, with the Board reconvening in regular session at 1:11 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Dacek to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kiraly and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie M. Roher

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APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

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