

APPROVED

December 10, 2012

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

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Mary Ann Keeffe, President
Graciela Rivera-Oven
David Naimon
Jacqueline Phillips

Staff:

Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director
Marjorie Roher, Management and Budget Specialist
N. Christine Rzeszut, Operations Manager
Lisa Merino, Election Aide II

Guests:

Delegate Alfred C. Carr
Dolly Kildee
Barbara Sanders
Michael Subin
Catherine Trauernicht

Convene the Meeting and Declare a Quorum Present

Ms. Keeffe called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 2:30 p.m.

Public Comments

Ms. Keeffe asked if there were any public comments; Ms. Roher responded that Catherine Trauernicht and Delegate Alfred C. Carr requested to address the Board in advance. Ms. Trauernicht stated that she served as a poll watcher at three locations - Holy Cross Resource Institute, Silver Spring Library, and the Silver Spring Civic Center. She expressed her concerns regarding non-Maryland residents voting by a provisional ballot. She witnessed at least three individuals who admitted they were neither registered voters nor Maryland residents, in either case they were not turned away but instead given the opportunity to vote by a provisional ballot. Ms. Trauernicht approached the chief judge at the various locations and expressed her concern with allowing them to vote. The response from the chief judges was that they would never turn away or deny a request for an individual to cast a ballot. In addition, she contacted Board Attorney Kevin Karpinski to get further information on why the individuals were given a provisional ballot and Mr. Karpinski responded at the time that under the Help America Vote Act people have to get a ballot.

Ms. Keeffe briefly explained the process and procedure the staff does before the canvass, ultimately explaining that the Board of Canvassers makes the final decision on counting the vote when there may be an unregistered voter who has cast a ballot. Ms. Jurgensen agreed and confirmed that the State Board of Election regulations are very clear that chief judges are to provide a Provisional Ballot and never deny a potential voter the opportunity to vote if their name does not appear in the poll book. Ms. Trauernicht asked if statistics are kept for provisional ballots rejected. Ms. Jurgensen responded that 13% were rejected. The Board thanked Ms. Trauernicht.

Delegate Alfred C. Carr thanked the Board for allowing him to attend and speak to the Board. Delegate Carr spoke regarding Bill MC 1-13 submitted to the General Assembly concerning the splitting of the Town of Kensington into two election precincts. He added when the change was passed by the Legislature they were not aware of what a significant impact it would have on the community noting they had followed the recommendations made by the Board of Education. Delegate Carr is requesting that the Board of Elections support his Bill MC 1-13, reinstating unity to the Town of Kensington so that one polling place may be used. Delegate Carr requested a prompt response since the Bill will have to be enacted soon. Ms. Jurgensen reminded Delegate Carr that candidate filing opens April 9, 2013. Ms. Keeffe stated she would review the information submitted, discuss it further with the other Board members, and respond to Delegate Carr. The Board thanked Delegate Carr.

Dolly Kildee requested to address the Board. Ms. Kildee shared concerns brought to the attention of the Democratic Central Committee regarding accommodations for the elderly and handicapped, electioneering boundary lines, and general issues. She submitted a preliminary report of concerns to the Board, adding that further details will be provided for the January Board Meeting. Ms. Jurgensen requested additional, specific information and stated that staff will look into the concerns. Ms. Kildee asked if there were any counts by precinct for Early Voting, absentee, and provisional ballots. Ms. Jurgensen responded that Ms. Kildee would have to address the State Board of Elections to change the reporting system; however buying a CD provided by the BOE and going through voter history and sorting numbers can identify precinct counts for absentee and Election Day only. The Board thanked Ms. Kildee.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

No changes were made to Agenda.

Approval of October 15, 2012, Minutes

Minutes from the October 15, 2012, Board meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by Ms. Phillips to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Oven and carried unanimously.

Board Committee Reports

No business was discussed.

Election Director Status Reports

Budget

Ms. Jurgensen reported that temporary personnel will be released over the next several weeks.

Ms. Roher reviewed the current fiscal year budget spreadsheet with the Board. Mr. Naimon expressed concern with the overtime appearing over budget and temporary being under budget. Ms. Roher stated the petition process, Runbeck errors, Hurricane Sandy, and extended canvasses all caused additional overtime.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

2012 Presidential General Election Follow Up

Ms. Jurgensen reported that staff is working on voter turnout and reconciliation to complete the audit, which has been submitted to the State.

Ms. Jurgensen informed the Board that she has been invited to attend the Bipartisan Policy Center to discuss long lines during Early Voting which had affected Prince George's County and Baltimore County. She added that Linda Lamone had positive comments about Montgomery County's handling of lines. Ms. Jurgensen reported that the SBE will hold lessons learned meetings January and February with the local Boards of Elections. SBE will be testifying before the Maryland Senate on January 31, 2013, for their briefing. No additional business was discussed.

New Business

Timeline for Redistricting

Mrs. Rzeszut reviewed a proposed timeline for the redistricting of legislative districts by staff. The Board discussed the calendar and asked that staff change the wording to "Public Hearing" opposed to "Outreach" for the event scheduled to be held on February 23, 2012. (See attached) Mrs. Rivera-Oven made a motion to accept the calendar of events for the redistricting process. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A 2014 calendar was made available to the Board.

Ms. Phillips stated she will request, during a future meeting, that the Board consider requesting the Legislature to create a review committee to look at all state election regulations and procedures and how they impact the local county's current needs.

Future Meetings

- A. January 28, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- B. February 25, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- C. March 18, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- D. April 9, 2013 – Candidate Filing Opens
- E. April 15, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- F. May 20, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- G. June 17 and 18, 2013 MAEO Conference – College Park, MD
- H. June 24, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- I. July 15, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- J. August 19, 2013 – *Tentative*
- K. September 16, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- L. October 21, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- M. November 18, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
- N. December 16, 2013 - *Tentative*

Mrs. Rivera-Oven shared that she has received a lot of positive feedback regarding the professionalism of the BOE staff throughout the Presidential Election. Ms. Keeffe agreed and added that she also received positive feedback on the Election process; the Board concurred and thanked the staff on a job well done.

Adjournment

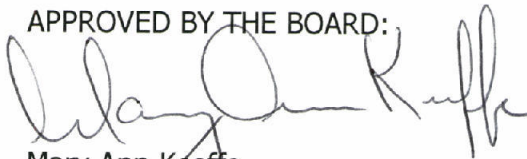
With no further business, Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn the Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Oven and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marjorie M. Roher

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Management & Budget Specialist III

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:



Mary Ann Keeffe
President

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Proposed Timeline for Redistricting of Legislative Districts

Date	Function	Resources
11/30/2012	Create Timeline, Assign Tasks, Designate Team	Margaret Jurgensen & Redistricting Team
12/10/2012	Obtain Board Approval of Timeline	Margaret Jurgensen & C. Rzeszut
	Contact GIS	Apollo Teng, Initial Contact Made by M. Jurgensen
	Establish a Work Area	Training Rm #2, C. Rzeszut -- Completed
	Create Redistricting Map	Staff from GIS & MD St. Planning Map
	Copy State Law/Bill	Legislative Services & Sara Harris/A McLaughlin
	Compare St. Law to Census Map & Leg. District Map	Margaret Jurgensen, C. Rzeszut, et al.
	Create Precincts Where Needed w/Legal Descriptions	Voter Counts & District Lines
	Collaborate w/GIS & Update Street Files (Preliminary)	Alan Vinh
1/28/2013	Present Preliminary Redistricting Plan to Board	Margaret Jurgensen & C. Rzeszut (Matrix & Maps)
2/23/2013	Public Hearing	Board Members & BOE Staff
3/18/2013	Receive Final Board Approval (Matrix, Boundaries & PP)	Margaret Jurgensen & C. Rzeszut
3/22/2013	Submit Legal Descriptions of Precincts to SBE	Margaret Jurgensen/Chris Rzeszut
3/19/2013	Freeze MD Voters Updates & Suppress Printing of VNCs	VR Staff
3/19/2013	Pull MD Extract	Alan Vinh
3/19/2013	Run MD Voters Reports	Chris Rzeszut
3/19/2013	Disable Website & IVR PP Locators	Shafiq Satterfield & Jerry Quarshie
3/25 - 28/2013	Update MDVoters w/District-Precinct Data	C. Rzeszut