

MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

18753-210 North Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland

June 2, 2020

In Attendance:

Board Members:

James F. Shalleck, President (on site) Nahid Khozeimeh, Vice President (via phone) David A. Naimon, Secretary (via phone) Diane Nash Dillon (via phone) Elisse W. Barnes (via phone) Jacqueline L. Phillips (via phone) Alan Banov (via phone)

Board Attorney:

Kevin Karpinski (on site)

Staff:

Margaret Jurgensen, Director (on-site) Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Director (on site) Kera Bumbray, Management and Budget Specialist (on site) Lisa Merino, Administrative Specialist (on site) Janet Ross, Information Technology Manager (on site)

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Convene the Board meeting and Declare a Quorum Present [00:10]

Mr. Shalleck called the Board meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 11:00 a.m.

Remarks [0:00:35]

Mr. Shalleck welcomed all the Board members.



Election Day Update [01:03]

Mr. Karpinski reported that as of yesterday, 156,384 ballots had been returned through the postal service and 31,000 ballots had been picked up this morning with another anticipated pick up in the afternoon. He added that 5,469 ballots were picked up from the drop boxes.

Mr. Karpinski noted that the State Board of Elections provided a waiver in which under their general guidelines, there is to be no canvassing and scanning on Election Day. However, because what's being canvassed and scanned were ballots that were beeped in before the State Board of Elections (SBE) cutoff, SBE has allowed them to continue; ballots will be scanned until 4:00 p.m.; then canvassers will begin doing the procedures required to upload the results to be sent to the State Board to be released at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Karpinski reported that as of 10:50 a.m. 619 individuals have gone to a vote center to vote and about 20 or so voters came by to pick up ballots at the Board of Elections.

Mr. Karpinski stated that turnouts are light when looking throughout the state, particularly what he would expect to see in Montgomery County. Ms. Jurgensen agreed.

Ms. Phillips asked if Ms. Jurgensen had enough help with the canvassing. Ms. Jurgensen responded that she does have sufficient staff, who are knowledgeable and hard working to complete the tasks on hand. Ms. Phillips expressed gratitude with her comments.

Mr. Shalleck stated that Mr. Naimon had raised a suggestion to have the Board express their appreciation for the work and the sacrifice that the staff has committed.

Mr. Naimon moved to write a letter of appreciate and gratitude to vote center staff, Board of Elections staff, and canvass workers. The motion was seconded by Ms. Khozeimeh and passed unanimously.

Mr. Karpinski agreed to write three separate letters.

Mr. Naimon requested a vote center breakdown of the 619 voters. Mr. Karpinski reported that 213 voted at Silver Spring Civic Center, 155 voted at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 149 at Germantown Community Recreation and 115 voted at the Maryland J. Praisner Community Recreation Center.

Mr. Karpinski stated that the Board would be meeting on Thursday, June 4th at 3 o'clock to discuss any potential referrals.

Ms. Jurgensen reported that the election results will be posted on our web page with a link that will direct to the Maryland State Board of Elections web page.



Adjournment [17:58]

With nothing further to discuss, Ms. Khozeimeh moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillon and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Lisa Merino

Administrative Specialist II

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

James F. Shalleck

President