

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2022
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Virtual Board Meeting via Zoom

In Attendance Virtually:

Board Members:

Nahid Khozeimeh, President
Diane Nash Dillon, Vice President
David A. Naimon, Secretary
Amoretta Hoerber
Dr. Elisse W. Barnes
Alan Banov

Board Attorney:

Kevin Karpinski

Staff:

Alysoun McLaughlin, Acting Director
Janet Ross, Acting Deputy Director
Boris Brajkovic, Voter Services Manager
Lisa Merino-Dean, Administrative Specialist
Christine Rzeszut, Operations Manager

Audio video of the meeting may be found on YouTube at the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQDsXa-Pxw>

[0:25] Convene Board Meeting and Declare Quorum Present

Mrs. Khozeimeh convened the meeting.

President Remarks

Mrs. Khozeimeh requested that Mr. Karpinski go over all the precinct changes for redistricting and that the Board vote on them if necessary.

[0:44] Public Comments

Mrs. Merino-Dean mentioned that Ms. Aneshell Miller requested to address the Board in advance, but was not present when called upon.

[4:47] Redistricting

Mr. Karpinski noted that the best way to vote on the precincts was to go through the [Redistricting Worksheet – Preliminary Staff Recommendations], found [here](#). Mr. Karpinski asked the Board to express their concerns and ask questions about any particular precincts so that they could. Mr. Karpinski noted that the last day to make approvals is May 3, 2022.

[5:54] 01-01A – Mr. Naimon asked about the reason for moving 202 voters from 1-1 to 1-7, in the same districts as precinct 1-1. He also asked why there was a precinct with just 660 voters. He said he wouldn't object as long as we're consistent when dealing with smaller precincts in other parts of the county. No further research is needed for this precinct.

[13:47] 01-05 – Mr. Naimon expressed concern about the size of the precinct and the number of voters in the area.

[15:00] 01-07 – No further research is needed.

[16:09] 01-01B – No further research is needed.

[16:26] 01-08 - No further research is needed.

[17:02] 02-06B - No further research is needed.

[18:09] 02-07 - No further research is needed.

[18:54] 02-08A- No further research is needed.

[19:59] 02-10 – Mr. Naimon raised questions about the size of this precinct, and how decisions about the size of this precinct differed from the decision relating to 01-01.

[27:56] 02-09 - No further research is needed.

[29:00] 02-12 - No further research is needed.

[30:16] 04-07, 04-37, 04-40, 04-27, 04-43 – Mr. Naimon asked about the locations of these precincts along Twinbrook Parkway and their polling places, and requested additional research by the staff on the options to not require voters to cross Veirs Mill Road.

[41:54] 04-08 – Mr. Banov asked if the staff had found a polling place for what would be new precinct 4- 45 (carved out of present 4-08). He suggested using retail space in that area. Ms. Rzeszut suggested Tilden Middle School. However, Mr. Naimon noted that Tilden had moved from Old Georgetown Road to Tilden Lane and was therefore too far for voters in a 4-45. Instead he suggested the Montgomery County Conference Center, but Ms. Rzeszut said the conference center told her that there was no space available for the Board’s polling place needs. Mr. Naimon recommended that the Board keep precincts 4-04 and 4-08 as they are and to revisit these precincts in two years. Mr. Banov said that if staff could not locate cheap retail space in the new 4-45, he was satisfied leaving precincts 4-04 (Parkside) and 4-08 (Garrett Park Elementary School) as is. The Board decided to keep precincts 4-04 and 4-08 as they have been.

[51:04] 04-24 – No further research is needed.

[52:23] 04-23 - No further research is needed.

[53:59] 05-04 - No further research is needed.

[54:36] 05-12 - No further research is needed.

[55:00] 05-05 - No further research is needed.

[56:37] 05-06 – The Board expressed concern about the number of voters at the new polling place, Jackson Road Elementary School (4,055 voters). If they vote at Jackson Road for the primary, they might need to vote at another location, White Oak Middle School, in the general election. Ms. Rzeszut said she would ask MCPS if it would postpone the asbestos abatement currently scheduled at White Oak MS after school closes for the summer.

[1:07:51] 05-10 - No further research is needed.

[1:08:08] 05-13 – Mr. Naimon asked what the square footage of the social hall at White Oak Community Recreation Center is.

[1:09:35] 05-15 - No further research is needed.

[1:09:51] 05-17 - No further research is needed.

[1:10:10] 05-18 - No further research is needed.

[1:10:28] 05-19 - No further research is needed.

[1:10:50] 05-24 - No further research is needed.

[1:11:06] 06-03 - No further research is needed.

[1:11:22] 06-13 - No further research is needed.

[1:11:41] 06-17 - No further research is needed.

[1:12:58] 06-18 - No further research is needed.

[1:13:29] 07-01 - No further research is needed.

[1:15:19] 07-09 - No further research is needed.

[1: 15:32] 07-10- Mr. Naimon asked for an explanation of what had happened re the staff's recommendation re precincts 07-10 and 07-31. Mr. Karpinski responded that a number of individuals wrote the Board about keeping the precinct at The Promenade. The precinct 07-31 will continue to vote at the Promenade and not be merged with precinct 7-10, which votes at St. Jane Frances de Chantel Church.

[1:15:33] 08-02 - No further research is needed.

[1:17:26] 08-05 – No further research is needed.

[1:17:59] 08-06 – No further research is needed.

[1:18:34] 08-07 – No further research is needed.

[1:22:55] 08-10 – Dr. Barnes expressed concern about the number of voters assigned to this precinct. Ms. Rzeszut indicated that Farquhar Middle School is quite large. Mr. Naimon indicated that he is uncomfortable with more than 4,000 voters in a middle school but is not sure if having 5000+ voters at Sherwood High School would be better. Ms. Rzeszut explained some of the pros and cons, including that many of the affected voters are in the area closer to the middle school. Ms. Dillon suggested focusing on vicinity if the facilities are relatively similar. Mr. Naimon indicated he would get over his discomfort based on Ms. Rzeszut's view that Farquhar Middle School is sufficiently large and closer to the voters.

[1:33:21] 08-16 – No further research is needed.

[1:34:00] 08-17 – The staff will update the chart to indicate the changes to Longwood Recreation Center.

[1:36:26] 08-18 – No further research is needed.

[1:37:25] 09-02 - No further research is needed.

[1:38:56] 09-05 - No further research is needed.

[1:39:10] 09-10 – No further research is needed.

[1:40:26] 09-12 - No further research is needed.

[1:40:56] 09-16 – No further research is needed.

[1:42:02] 09-20 - No further research is needed.

[1:45:32] 09-24 - No further research is needed.

[1:43:00] 09-31 – Dr. Barnes expressed concern about the number of voters at Rosemont Elementary School. Mr. Naimon expressed concerns about the wait times in 2018 exceeding 30 minutes at this precinct. Mr. Naimon suggested adding a conversation about the precincts that had long wait times in 2018 to the meeting agenda in May. Ms. Rzeszut pointed out that there are about 150 fewer voters in this precinct now than in 2018.

[1:45:16] 09-32 - No further research is needed.

[1:45:46] 09-33 - No further research is needed.

[1:58:49] 09-42, 09-43, 09-44, 09-45 were revealed to be new consolidated precincts. No further research is needed.

[2:01:48] 12-01 – No further research is needed.

[2:02:06] 12-05 – No further research is needed.

[2:02:34] 12-06 - No further research is needed.

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[2:03:16] 13-27 - No further research is needed.

[2:03:56] 13-28 - No further research is needed.

[2:04:26] 13-34 - No further research is needed.

[2:05:05] 13-40 - No further research is needed.

[2:05:26] 13-45 - No further research is needed.

[2:05:58] 13-61 - No further research is needed.

[2:17:20] Final Decisions:

Mrs. Ross noted that she would need the Board to provide their final thoughts on the changes by Wednesday.

Ms. Dillon moved to accept the staff recommendations with the exception of precincts 04-07, 04-37, 04-40, 04-27, and 04-43. The Board would like to defer action on 05-06 (White Oak Middle School), which is not available for the Primary, but is available for the General. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hoeber and passed unanimously.

[2:20:25] Future Meetings

Ms. Khozeimeh noted that the next meeting would be on April 28th at 3:30.

[2:23:50] Adjournment

Ms. Dillon moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Ms. Hoeber and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Merino-Dean
Administrative Specialist II

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Nahid Khozeimeh,
Board President