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Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 17, 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 Hoeber
Dr. Elisse W. Barnes
Alexander C. Vincent
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://youtu.be/eKBOjMNw2A0>

[0:12] Convene Board Meeting and Declare Quorum Present

Mrs. Khozeimeh convened the meeting.

[0:45] Polling Place Changes

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the list of the final changes of the polling places that the Board has not previously voted on has been uploaded to the Board of Elections website and circulated amongst the Board for review.

[3:12] Staff Recommendations

Ms. Rzeszut provided temporary recommendations for certain polling places that would be affected by construction. Ms. Rzeszut recommended that the best temporary location for precinct 05-16 would be MidCounty Recreation Center while Stonegate Elementary is unavailable due to construction. Furthermore, Greenwood Elementary School would vote at 08-16, Longwood Recreation Center, while Greenwood is unavailable due to abatement. Both precincts 08-02 and 08-16 would be voting at Longwood Recreation Center for the Primary Election only. Greenwood Elementary is expected to be used again in the General Election.

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For precinct 13-20, the staff proposed that Northwood High School be used instead of Odessa Shannon Middle School (previously known as Colonel E. Brooke Lee Middle School) as it is currently being demolished for renovation.

Mr. Naimon expressed concern that Northwood is not directly in precinct 13-33 and asked if this change can legally be done.

Mr. Karpinski responded that given the emergency situation, the change can be made and the Board has to take into consideration the number of factors that justify the change, despite it going against the typical guidelines.

Ms. Rzeszut added that staff recommended that precinct 13-34 have a temporary change from Kensington Armory to Newport Mill Middle School for the Primary Election because of repairs at the Armory's Town Hall.

Mr. Naimon stated his concerns about voters in precinct 13-34 having to cross University Boulevard to get to their polling place, and asked whether Silver Creek Middle School was available. However, Silver Creek already has 2,412 voters there.

The Board and staff discussed the pros and cons of crossing University Boulevard to vote at Newport Mill Middle School versus having 4,500+ voters vote at Silver Creek Middle School and consolidating the precincts.

[43:04] Mr. Vincent moved to change the polling place location of precinct 13-34 from Kensington Town Hall to Newport Mill Middle School, as recommended by staff.

[46:33] Mr. Vincent amended his motion that the Board select Newport Mill Middle School as the polling place for precinct 13-34 solely for the purpose of the 2022 Primary Election. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoeber.

[47:00] Mr. Naimon moved to amend the motion and substitute Silver Creek Middle School for Newport Mill Middle School for the reasons discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banov.

The Board took a vote on Mr. Naimon's amended motion:

Mr. Naimon: Yes

Ms. Hoeber: No

Dr. Barnes: Yes

Ms. Dillon: No

Ms. Khozeimeh: No

The amendment failed.

The Board took a vote on Mr. Vincent's amended motion, and it was passed unanimously.

[58:09] Ms. Hoeber moved to accept the 2022 Polling Place Changes Proposed (Spreadsheet found, [here.](#)) The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillon and passed unanimously.

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[59:42] Future Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022.

[59:48] Adjournment

Ms. Hoerber moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillon and passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Merino-Dean
Administrative Specialist II

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Nahid Khozeimeh,
Board President