

Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 12, 2022
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Board Members:

Nahid Khozeimeh, President (virtual)
David A. Naimon, Secretary (virtual)
Amoretta Hoeber (virtual)
Dr. Elisse W. Barnes (virtual)
Alan Banov

Board Attorney:

Kevin Karpinski (virtual)

Staff:

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

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

<https://youtu.be/XHswOjyXp4o>

[00:00] Convene Board Meeting and Declare Quorum Present

Mrs. Khozeimeh convened the meeting at 3:30pm.

[01:45] Public Comments

Barbara Sanders, Liaison, League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, spoke to the usage of early voting locations as Election Day polling places and suggestions on how to further inform voters of their Election Day precinct locations. See attached.

[07:05] Precertification Audit Results for 2022 Primary Gubernatorial Election

Mr. Karpinski shared that the Board of Canvassers will meet at the Board of Elections at 11:00am on August 13, 2022, to canvass 102 unopened, sealed provisional ballots that remain to be canvassed. The Board of Elections will certify the election results at 3:00pm on the same day.

[09:15] Ms. McLaughlin described the pre-certification audit. Her written report is attached.

[28:50] Proposed Polling Places for the 2022 General Gubernatorial Election

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the recommendations for polling location changes for the general election. With one exception, all are returning from temporary locations for the primary election back to their previous locations. The recommended polling location for precinct 08-16 is Greenwood Elementary School. The list is attached.

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[34:48] Mr. Naimon referred to the attached August 12 letter to the Board of Elections from Zoe Tishaev recommending a change in the location of the early voting center in Germantown. Mr. Karpinski responded that generally Early Voting centers cannot be moved between a primary and a general election. Mr. Naimon requested consideration of Ms. Tishaev's recommendations for future elections.

[36:40] Mr. Naimon moved to accept staff recommendations for polling place changes for the 2022 General Gubernatorial Election. Ms. Hoeber seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

[37:20] General Election Canvass

The background to this issue was given by Mr. Karpinski. The Maryland Assistant Attorney General assigned to the State Board of Elections reached out to the 5 largest jurisdictions to ascertain support for emergency relief to allow local boards of elections to begin canvassing ballots as early as October 1. This will require court intervention. Many statutes require Election Day emergencies be filed in the circuit court for Anne Arundel County. Since this issue does not relate to a state-wide Election Day emergency, the state has the authority to select a different jurisdiction. Since Montgomery County is the largest jurisdiction with the largest number of mail-in ballots to canvass, it is a logical venue to select.

[38:00] Mr. Naimon moved to support a state-filed motion for emergency relief to allow local boards of elections to begin canvassing ballots as early as October 1. Ms. Hoeber seconded.

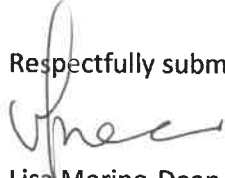
Mr. Karpinski explained that the State Board of Elections will file the motion with supporting documentation from county boards. If the motion is filed in Montgomery County, Ms. McLaughlin may be asked to sign an affidavit as acting director of the Montgomery County Board of Elections. The affidavit would explain why an earlier canvass start date would be advantageous to Montgomery County candidates and voters.

[42:50] The motion was passed unanimously.

[43:18] Adjournment

Ms. Hoeber moved to adjourn. Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Merino-Dean
Administrative Specialist II

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Nahid Khozeimih,
Board President

