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Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 19, 2022

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Members:

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

Board Attorney:

Kevin Karpinski

Staff:

Alysoun McLaughlin, Acting Director
Lisa Merino-Dean, Administrative Specialist

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

<https://youtu.be/UUO-gfx8q94>

[00:00] The Montgomery County (MD) Board of Canvassers was sworn in at 11:15am, and officers were elected.

[09:45] Mr. Vincent moved that Mrs. Nahid Khozeimeh be the Chair of the Board of Canvassers. Ms. Dillon seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

[10:07] Mr. Vincent moved that David A. Naimon be the Secretary of the Board of Canvassers. Ms. Dillon seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

[10:32] Convene Board Meeting and Declare Quorum Present

Mrs. Khozeimeh convened the meeting at 11:27am.

[10:31] Election Day observations

Board members shared observations from their early morning visits to polling locations. Mr. Banov raised the issue of a dumpster blocking the handicapped parking and an entrance to the Argyle Middle School. Mr. Karpinski said that after he learned of it, voters were rerouted to avoid the dumpster. Mr. Naimon talked about the confusion at Tilden Middle School, a combined precinct, because of the configuration of the polling places and suggested using the gym instead of the cafeteria.

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Mr. Naimon asked if there has been a change in procedures which allows polling places to accept mail-in ballots at the polls. Mr. Karpinski replied that it is the SBE's practice to do so. Polling places have bags to collect them. Maryland State Senator Cheryl Kagan (D-17) added that she was aware of such bags around the state.

Mr. Naimon also said he learned of voters who were instructed by their sample ballot pamphlets to report to a polling place which was under construction (Watkins Mill Elementary School). Mr. Karpinski said that there are signs at Watkins Mill Elementary School instructing voters to go to Montgomery Village Middle School. It is customary, he said, for signs to be posted at sites which are no longer polling places.

[29:15] Senator Kagan asked to address the Board. She is Vice-Chair of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, which oversees ethics and elections laws. She explained why election results will be delayed: because Gov. Hogan vetoed her bill which would have enabled local boards of elections to begin processing mail-in ballots eight business days before the start of Early Voting.

[37:35] Mr. Vincent raised a concern about voters being able to enter a polling location to submit their mail-in ballots, instead of using a drop box. The General Assembly has not addressed this issue specifically, but it is allowable according to the Maryland State Board of Elections. Ms. Dillon suggested the next meeting agenda include a discussion about how and where mail-in ballots can be submitted. Mr. Naimon suggested asking the State Board of Elections for their understanding of delegated authority on the issue.

[40:55] On the issue of residence requirements for same day registration and if a 21-day residency requirement applies, Mr. Naimon suggested that it referred to these sections of Maryland State Election Law –

- § 3-306. Application to register to vote on election day
- § 3-102. Qualifications for voter registration

Mr. Karpinski and Mr. Naimon will further discuss this issue.

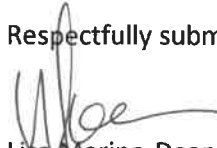
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[43:05] **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Merino-Dean
Administrative Specialist II

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Nahid Khozeimieh,
Board President

