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Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 30, 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 (in person)

Amoretta Hoerber

Elisse W. Barnes, Ph. D.

Alan Banov

Board Attorney:

Kevin Karpinski

Staff:

Alysoun McLaughlin, Acting Director

Janet Ross, Acting Deputy Director

Boris Brajkovic, Voter Services Manager

Gilberto Zelaya, Outreach Coordinator

Mindy Williams, Operations Manager

Michelle Gonda, Administrative Specialist I

Lisa Merino-Dean, Administrative Specialist

A video of the meeting may be found on YouTube at the links below:

https://youtu.be/Bdg_DjAVZz0

<https://youtu.be/aPOTarSAy10>

Board of Canvassers Meeting

Mrs. Khozeimeh convened the meeting at 1:30pm and declared a quorum present.

Board President and Board Member Remarks

Board members expressed appreciation to staff, canvassers, legal counsel and Board colleagues for their hard work and dedication, especially through the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. Naimon also thanked the staff and volunteers for working hard and pointed out how we had to process many more mail-in ballots than other jurisdictions and that we are certifying the election about the same time as we have done in the past.

He also asked for staff input at the December 19 Board meeting on the following questions:

- How can we make the mail-in canvass process move faster? Can we add necessary staff and canvasser resources in 2024 to have even more bipartisan teams at canvass?
- How can we make sure that voters are educated about what web ballots entail?
- How can we help voters know that they have been sent and received a mail-in or web ballot and also receive notification in a more timely fashion that their ballot has been received by the Board of Elections in order to reduce the number of provisional ballots?
- How can we help voters go to their assigned polling location on Election Day, instead of an early voting location?
- What new things can we do to attract more election judges?
- Are additional budgetary or legislative changes needed to address these issues?

Mr. Banov recommended that we should urge the State Board to state on the ballot that voters should use black or blue ink, not pencil and that the front cover of the sample ballot brochure educate voters about their polling places. He also pointed out that when he asked election judges for ideas and best practices, they said that judges should be cheerful, friendly, helpful, and kind.

In addition, Mr. Banov asked that Dr. Zelaya report at the December meeting on his outreach, public service announcements, and content placement and suggested that we might need to consider requesting more money for outreach.

Public Comments

Two individuals signed up to speak but did not appear.

Review Precertification Audit Results

Ms. McLaughlin orally certified that the Montgomery County Board of Elections completed each of the election pre-certification steps on time. She also explained Election Day vote count discrepancies that were identified in the audit. The audit report from the required 100% independent retabulation of the Election Day voting and Early Voting by a third party confirmed that results were counted accurately. The highest discrepancy found was .006%. Ms. McLaughlin will send her written report to the Board.

Reject Untimely Ballots

No ballots were presented as untimely.

Certify 2022 Gubernatorial General Election

Ms. Dillon moved to certify the election results. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banov and passed unanimously. The Board President and Secretary will sign the certification documents after the meeting.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Karpinski for his expertise and support.

Action Items

1. At the December meeting staff will answer Mr. Naimon's questions, outlined above.
2. At the December meeting Dr. Zelaya will report on his outreach, public service announcements, and content placement

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Adjournment

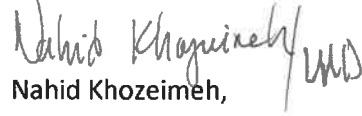
Ms. Dillon moved to adjourn the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoeber and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Merino-Dean
Administrative Specialist II

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Nahid Khozeimeh,
Board President