

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Virtual Board Meeting via Zoom

Virtual Attendance Board Members:

David A. Naimon, President
Daniel A. Koroma, Vice President
Amoretta M. (Amie) Hoeber, Secretary
Keyna I. Anyiam, Board Member
Diane Nash Dillon, Board Member
Margie C. Delao, Substitute Member
Alexander C. Vincent, Substitute Member

In-person Attendance:

Kevin Karpinski, Board Attorney

In Person Staff Attendance:

Boris Brajkovic, Director
Janet Ross, Acting Deputy Director / IT Manager
Lisa Merino-Dean, Administrative Specialist
Mindy Williams, Operations Manager

A video of the meeting may be found on YouTube at the following link [May 14, 2024 Virtual Meeting](#)

Convene Board Meeting (0:10)

Mr. Naimon called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

Board Remarks (0:36)

Mr. Naimon expressed gratitude to Mr. Koroma, Ms. Anyiam and Ms. Hoeber for participating in interviews with WUSA 9 and Dr. Zelaya's assistance in arranging the media engagement.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda (2:04)

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions/Attendance to Fundraisers (02:12)

There were no campaign contributions disclosed.

New Business (2:24)

2024 Presidential Primary Election Day Observations

Mr. Brajkovic reported that at 7:00 am, all 232 polling places opened in Montgomery County and will remain open until 8:00 pm. He added that staff began reporting at 5:00 am to the Board of Elections to support volunteers at those polling places. Mr. Brajkovic stated that the staff has no reports of any problems or lines at any polling place. He indicated that a communication was sent to all chief judges to begin providing the unofficial turnout reports at 11:00 am, which will be provided on the Board of Elections' website. The unofficial turnout numbers will also be requested at 4:00 pm. Mr. Brajkovic also added that Drop Boxes for depositing mail-in ballots will be open until 8 pm and, if voters are returning mail-in ballots via postal service, the mail-in ballots must be postmarked by 8 pm

Mr. Koroma reported that he visited several polling places and was amazed at the election judges and the excellent customer service they were providing.

Ms. Hoeber reported that she visited several polling places and noted there was a low turnout and minimal electioneering.

Ms. Anyiam reported that she visited a few polling places and had the opportunity to vote. She noted that there were no lines and minimal electioneering. Additionally, she praised the great signage noting the entrance to polling places.

Ms. Dillon reported that she visited the Kensington area, and it was very quiet. Ms. Dillon reported an issue with the storage of the pollbooks at one polling place. Mr. Brajkovic stated that he was aware that there was a miscommunication, and the issue was resolved..

Ms. Delao reported that she visited several polling places, noting there was low turnout and minimal electioneering.

Mr. Naimon reported that he visited several polling places and noted that there is very light turnout throughout locations and minimal electioneering. He added that the precinct 4-31 Walter Johnson High School changed the entrance to the polling place from past years, and additional signage is needed at the old entrance.

Mr. Karpinski reported that all things are proceeding smoothly and turnout has been light.

Public Notice regarding tabulation of Early Voting and Early Canvass (31:49)

Mr. Brajkovic stated that no tabulation of early voting and early canvassing results are done until Election Day, noting that, as required by law, tabulation of those results will occur in the course of Election Day. He added that results will be published after 8:00 pm, when polls close tonight. Mr. Naimon confirmed that Mr. Brajkovic's statement will serve as public notice.

Future Meetings (34:10)

Mr. Naimon stated that the next meeting of the Board of Canvassers will be on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:00 am to continue the mail-in ballot canvass.

Mr. Vincent inquired if the provisional bags are returned on Election Night and if the mail-in ballots received at polling places on Election Day are stamped with a date. Mr. Brajkovic confirmed that provisional bags are received on Election Night. Mail-in ballots received by 8:00 pm in the yellow bag will be accepted. In addition, all ballot drop boxes will be closed at 8:00 pm. Teams that are closing drop boxes at 8 pm on Election Day will allow any voter who is late to drop off their ballot or to deposit their mail-in ballot in the green bag and those ballots will be deemed late. All mail-in ballots received at the BOE are date stamped.

Mr. Brajkovic will follow up with the State Board of Elections to confirm the scheduled results uploads as it pertains to canvasses after Election Day.

Public Comments (41:19)

There were no public comments.

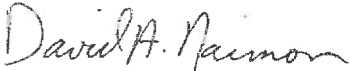
Action Items (42:06)

Mr. Naimon stated to please notify him if any Board member is interested in being at the Board of Elections tonight for return of election equipment.

The next scheduled Board Meetings will be on June 17 and July 15, 2024.

Mr. Naimon adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Approved by the Board


David A. Naimon
Board President