

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

#### **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, Election Director

Lisa Merino-Dean, Administrative Specialist

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

[Virtual November 5, 2024 Election Day Board Meeting Audio](#)

#### **Convened Board Meeting**

Mr. Naimon called the meeting to order at 11 am and declared a quorum present.

#### **2024 Presidential General Election Day Observations (6:45)**

Mr. Brajkovic reported that staff has been onsite since 5:00 am to receive communication from Chief Judges and election workers upon entering their assigned polling locations. All sites opened at 7:00 a.m. as required. Some polling places reported lines at the opening, which is no different from previous Presidential Elections. Voters are eager to vote, and many decided to vote early in the morning.

#### **Board Attorney Observations (09:23)**

Mr. Karpinski reported that Gaithersburg High School has about a 30-minute wait-time and staff is working to address the line. He added that there was incorrect information regarding a delayed opening of the polling place at Seneca Valley High School, and he confirmed that the polling place opened on time.

#### **Ms. Anyiam's Observations (10:46)**

Ms. Anyiam was currently at Riderwood and noted there was an hour wait. Polling place staff is working through the line, and she provided additional suggestions to assist voters with their voting experience.

Mr. Naimon stated that an hour wait is unacceptable and any suggestions to have voters move quickly would be appreciated.

Mr. Brajkovic stated that the Board relies on the volunteers to serve the voters to the best extent possible, and that Chief Judges at the polling places are instructed and expected to reach out to the call center if

there is any evolving situation that staff needs to address or assist with. He added that it would be most helpful if anyone has information, to share the information with him or Mr. Karpinski as soon as possible to address the issue.

Mr. Naimon stated his view that the Board should try to make things better if it can be done easily so as to not burden staff with every detail.

**Mr. Vincent's Observations (25:14)**

Mr. Vincent reported that there were no problems and the process has run smoothly during his visits to Saint Jane De Chantel, Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church, and Little Flower Church polling places. The longest wait time was 20 minutes at 7:00 a.m.

**Mr. Koroma's Observations (26:26)**

Mr. Koroma reported that St. Camillus Church polling place opened on time. There was a morning rush that continued during his visit to White Oak Middle School polling place but no location had a significant wait-time. He reported that he was at Takoma Park Middle School polling place where he greeted the foreign delegation, and there was a large turnout, with a well-managed line.

**Mrs. Hoeber's Observations (30:43)**

Mrs. Hoeber reported that she has been resolving electioneering issues at Bell Mill Elementary, Cabin John Middle School and Potomac Community Center polling places.

**Ms. Delao's Observations (37:00)**

Ms. Delao reported that all went well during her visits to Neighborhood Church and Ashbury Methodist polling places. She added that the traffic is significant at Ashbury Methodist polling places as there is construction and a lane closure, with crossing guards stationed at the location.

**Ms. Dillon's Observations (39:03)**

Mr. Naimon reported on behalf of Ms. Dillon, as she was not able to connect to audio for the meeting. Ms. Dillon reported having an uneventful visit in the Kensington area.

**Mr. Naimon's Observations (39:32)**

Mr. Naimon visited the Saint Elizabeth's Church polling place and noted that there was inadequate signage for the poll room. The roamer for the area and himself made significant changes to the signage. He visited the Bender Jewish Community Center polling place, which is very small. He noticed that there were several visitors who believed they could vote there, although the polling place was outside of their precinct. Mr. Naimon reported that he and Ms. Hoeber visited the Bethesda Chevy Chase High School polling place to meet with a delegation from Eastern Europe, led by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). Commissioner Christine McCormick from the EAC was in attendance.

He is currently at Leisure World where major construction is occurring at Clubhouse I.

Mr. Brajkovic asked Mr. Naimon to take photos of the construction site to share with the staff and to advise him if additional signage is needed.

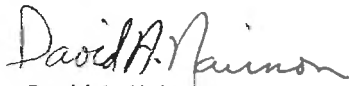
Mr. Naimon reminded the Board that the first post-election Canvass will be held on November 9, 2024, at 10:00 am at the Germantown Montgomery College Campus.

Mr. Brajkovic reported that when the polls close at 8:00 pm, Board of Elections will release Early Voting and Early Canvassing results through the State Board of Elections website. Precinct reporting will continue throughout the night as the polls close. In addition, results will be released after each canvassing day.

**Adjournment (53:32)**

Mr. Naimon adjourned the meeting.

Approved by the Board



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