

MINUTES
Wicomico County Board of Elections
345 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804
Friday, May 17, 2019

ATTENDEES: Catherine Keim, Board President, Republican Member
Katrina Purnell, Board Secretary, Democratic Member (via phone)
Brad Bellacicco, Republican Member
Joseph Collins, Republican Member
Sharon Morris, Democratic Member
Peter Golba, Board Attorney
Anthony Gutierrez, Election Director
Dionne Church, Election Deputy Director

ABSENT: None

GUEST: None

The Wicomico County Board of Elections met Friday, May 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Public notice was given and the agenda was posted at the Board of Elections office the week prior to the meeting. This includes the required public notice when the board is discussing possible changes to polling places.

Catherine Keim called the meeting to order, as there was a quorum present, and voluntarily led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

Catherine Keim asked for approval of the April 17, 2019 minutes. Brad Bellacicco made the motion to approve the minutes with specific revisions; seconded by Joseph Collins, passed, unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jocelyn Abbott has accepted the Data Application Specialist II position as our Absentee and Provisional Voting coordinator. She will be attending the MAEO conference next week with us. Rosalyn Evans has decided to leave our office, effective last Monday afternoon. We plan to close the office on Wednesday and Thursday next week during the conference.

At their meeting yesterday, the State Board decided to send a letter to the Counties letting them know that the State Board will vote on a proposal at their June meeting to award a 2% pay increase for FY 20, in addition to the Governor's 3% COLA. We are still waiting on final approval from the County Council on our FY20 department budget.

The Deputy Director submitted a request to attend training in Houston this July. Sharon Morris made a motion to approve the Deputy Director attending training July 12-17, 2019; seconded by Joseph Collins, passed unanimously.

We are still waiting to hear from SBE when we are to go out and test our polling places for network connectivity to support the new same day registration on election day process. We are also waiting for the SBE annual handout on the election law changes from the recent legislative session; we might receive it at the MAEO conference next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

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NEW BUSINESS:

Issues regarding the 2020 Primary Election were discussed, including the possible impact of the District 2 vacancy.

Potential polling place options in Delmar were discussed. It was agreed that polling place surveys will be conducted on: Wood Creek Clubhouse, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, the VFW, and Faith Baptist Church.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Director noted that if the MAEO Reorganization Plan is passed by the State Board, he will prepare all the paperwork required to put our state employees into the new job titles and new job descriptions. Then he will bring that to the board for your review and approval. Then he will submit it to SBE for processing.

MEMBERS TIME:

Board member Brad Bellacicco informed the board that Worcester County contacted his office about the possibility of running a shuttle bus from Pocomoke to Snow Hill for the purpose of transporting Worcester County voters during elections; just an FYI.

CLOSED SESSION: Personnel Items

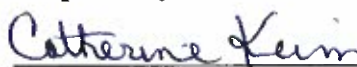
Sharon Morris made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel items; seconded by Joseph Collins, passed unanimously. The regular Board meeting was adjourned, and at 9:37 a.m., the Board went into closed session. A motion was made by Joseph Collins to reconvene the regular meeting; seconded by Brad Bellacicco, passed unanimously. At 10:22 a.m., upon conclusion of the closed session, the Board President reconvened the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Catherine Keim announced the next scheduled meeting would be Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Sharon Morris made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Brad Bellacicco, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Catherine Keim, Board President

6/19/19

Date



Bill Blockston

6/19/19

Date