

MINUTES
Wicomico County Board of Elections
345 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

ATTENDEES: Brad Bellacicco, Board President, Republican Member
Katrina Purnell, Board Secretary, Democratic Member
Sharon Morris, Democratic Member
Carsten Wendlandt, Republican Member
Peter Golba, Board Attorney
Dionne Church, Election Director
Veronica Fox, Election Program Assistant

ABSENT: Joseph Collins, Republican Member

The Wicomico County Board of Elections met Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Public notice was given and the agenda was posted at the Board of Elections office prior to the meeting.

Brad Bellacicco, Board President, called the meeting to order, and declared that there was a quorum present. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

Brad Bellacicco, Board President, asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2023 meeting of the Board of Elections. Carsten Wendlandt made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Katrina Purnell, passed unanimously.

Changes/additions to the Agenda:
Board of Canvassers

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (See Attached Copy)

The monthly registration reports and financial report were provided to the Board.

The following items were highlighted from the Director's Report:

COMAR updates coming in June. All members of the Board have COMAR books.

Interviews for the two state job openings will be conducted this week and next.

Pre-canvassing legislation Ballot Processing and Reporting Procedures, Bill 379, discussion.

Election Law Absentee Ballots Signature Requirement and Verification, Bill HB022

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Review of lessons learned 2022 during the General Election.

New security equipment is needed and we will ask the County to put the job out for bid.

Voter registration activities for the City of Salisbury Election November 8, 2023. Ward Museum will not be available for future elections. Parkside High School is being considered as a new location but parking is an issue. Will check with Parkside if a room closer to the parking lot is available.

Our office has been reading to students for Black History Month.

Post-Election Maintenance on voting system equipment is complete. Inventory is underway and is almost complete.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

The FY2023 Budget was reviewed, highlighting the status of expenditures in various categories.

The manual audit for the 2024 General Gubernatorial Election will be held Wednesday, February 22, 2023. On the 2nd page of the agenda under 'important dates' the manual audit should be Wednesday instead of Thursday.

The City of Salisbury decided not to use Salisbury University as a polling place for the City of Salisbury Election. as well as the 2024 Presidential Elections. After some discussion, this Board has also decided not to use Salisbury University as a polling place for the 2024 election.

NEW BUSINESS:

A copy of the FY2023-2024 Budget was presented to the Board. The Election Director reviewed the categories and necessary increases. A motion was made by Carsten Wendlandt to approve the FY2023-2024 Budget, seconded by Katrina Purnell, passed unanimously.

City of Salisbury election is November 11, 2023.

Board Ethics forms due April 30, 2023

The annual MAEO Conference will be held in Ocean City from May 14, 2023 – May 19, 2023.

The bi-annual MAEO Conference will be held in September or October this year.

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A motion was made by Carsten Wendlandt to close the meeting of the Wicomico Board of Elections in order to convene the Wicomico Board of Canvassers; seconded by Sharon Morris, passed unanimously. The Board of Election Meeting closed at 10:12 am, and the Board of Canvassers convened.

BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING:

The Wicomico Board of Canvassers met on February 14, 2023 at 10:13 am.

3 late ballots were presented to the Board for rejection, due to the ballots not having been received by the final canvass date of November 18, 2022. After review, a motion was made by Carsten Wendlandt to reject the ballots presented, Sharon Morris seconded, passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Carsten Wendlandt to adjourn the meeting of the Wicomico Board of Canvassers and reconvene the regular meeting of the Wicomico Board of Elections; seconded by Katrina Purnell, passed unanimously. The board of Canvassers adjourned at 10:16 am.

RECONVENING OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING:

The Wicomico Board of Elections reconvened at 10:19 am.

MISCELLANEOUS:

None.

MEMBERS TIME:

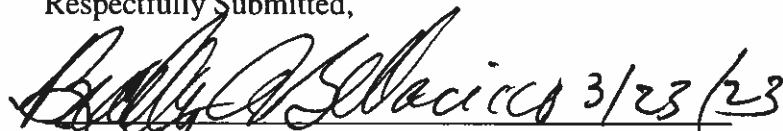
None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Brad Bellacicco announced that the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 9:00 am.

A motion was made by Sharon Morris to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Carsten Wendlandt, passed unanimously. The Board President adjourned the meeting at 10:22 am.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brad Bellacicco, Board President 3/23/23
Date


Veronica Fox, Election Program Assistant 3/23/23
Date