Howard County Board of Elections  
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive  
Suite 200  
Columbia, MD 21046  
November 2, 2011  
**Special Meeting**

**Persons Present:**

**Board:**
- Ann M. Balcerzak, President
- Donna K. Thewes, Vice-President
- Raymond M. Rankin, Member
- Charles Cole, Substitute
- Michael S. Molinaro, Board Attorney

**Staff:**
- Guy C. Mickley, Director

**Absent:**
- Donna L. Rice, Substitute

**Excused:**
- Vivian Dixon, Secretary

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance it was noted that Members present, constituted a quorum. The meeting was called after Member Raymond Rankin voiced concerns from the redistricting proposals.

**Director’s Report:**

- Mr. Rankin’s concerns over 3 precincts are based on a “proposed” Councilmatic redistricting plan.
- Precincts 1-02 and 1-11 would not be too small to be stand alone precincts and therefore, there is not any issues
- Precinct 2-22 will be the same. It will still be located with 2-12 at Centennial High School.  
* (Mr. Rankin expressed concerns he had with the Congressional Redistricting Maps).
- The problem was considered solved, inasmuch as no significant issue was found. There will, most likely, be precincts increases in 2012 and 2014; however it’s too early to make such a determination.
- We may need a December meeting to vote on approving new maps.

**Attorney’s Report:**

- The last revision of election district boundaries took place in Council Bill 5 (1992). Assistant County Attorney, Melissa Whipkey, is working on redistricting issues.
- Attorney Gerald Richman recently received a “reported decision” from the Court of Special Appeals affirming the Board’s decision in HCCOG vs. Board of Elections. Noted decision will be published.
Mr. Molinaro reported his having presented an oral argument today (Nov 2\textsuperscript{nd}), before the Court of Special Appeals on Swatek/TAG vs. Board of Elections. A decision is not expected for several months.

**New Business:**
- Holiday party is set for December 15. It was suggested that we hold a meeting prior to the party, if necessary, to vote on maps.
- It was suggested that a request be made to the County Council to update wording of the Election District Lines, after 2012 election.

**Old Business:** None

**Action:** There being no further business, Mr. Coles’ motion to adjourn was seconded by Mr. Rankin and unanimously agreed upon. Meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary  Ann M. Balcerzak, Board President