Board Members:
  Ann M. Balcerzak, President
  Raymond M. Rankin, Member
  Donna K. Thewes, Member
  Donna L, Rice, Substitute
  Charles J. Coles, Jr., Substitute
  Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Staff: Betty L. Nordaas, Director

Visitors: None

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

President: This meeting was called to discuss pending Senate and House Bills and decide which Bills would be addressed during scheduled audience with the Howard County Delegates in Annapolis on Wednesday March 25th, for a 30-minute presentation. Meeting turned over to Director for briefing on pending bills.

Director: Persons scheduled to attend Meeting are: Ann Balcerzak, Donna Thewes, Donna Rice, Charles Coles, Guy Mickley and Betty Nordaas. Mr. Rankin is unable to attend and was excused.

Director and Board had an in-depth discussion of 2009 Legislative Bills. The following Bills were discussed:

2009 Legislative Bills for Possible Discussion with Howard County Delegation March 25, 2009

Petition Signatures  Kittleman

Early Voting
  • SB197  Rumored to be withdrawn
  • SB5 57  Kasemeyer  Comments
  • HB 1179  Comments

Voting Systems
  • SB415  Oppose
  • SB814/HB863  Comments
• SB970/HB1211  Support
• HB738  Oppose
• HB893  Oppose

Same Day Registration
• SB514  Oppose
• HB476  Oppose

Change of Party Deadline
HB589  Turner  Support
Change Prim. Elec. date
HB1352  Turner  Support
Election Judges
HB1394  Turner  Support/Oppose

Notary Public
SB126  Kittleman  Support

Polling Place Regs.
HB459  Bates  No position
Students’ Rights
SB693  Robey  Comments
Access by minors
HB3  Turner, Guzzone  Support
Voting Rights
HB391  Turner  Comments
Audit, transparency
SB595/HB665 Kasemeyer, Bobo, Turner  Oppose
Electioneering Boundary
HB671  Turner  Oppose
Proof of ID
SB43/HB1066 Kittleman  Comments

Actions: Based on discussion of the above, Director was asked to prepare remarks for allotted time that would express analysis of some and reasoning, on others. The Board also expressed the desire and need to continue open dialogue with its Local and State Delegates.

The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Elections is scheduled for March 23, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the Howard County Board of Elections Boardroom. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously agreed upon. Meeting Adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Signed Vivian L. Dixon Mar 23, 2009
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Signed Ann M. Balcerzak Mar 23, 2009
Ann M. Balcerzak, Board President