

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 200
Columbia, MD 21046
Monday July 07, 2014 at 11:30 AM
Special Open Board Meeting

PERSONS ATTENDING:

Board Members:

Ann Balcerzak – Board President
Donna Thewes – Board Vice President - Republican
Ray Rankin – Democratic Member
Patrick Mullinix – Republican (Sub)
Donna Rice – Democrat (Sub)
Mike Molinaro – Board Counsel

ABSENT MEMBERS:

None

Staff:

Guy C. Mickley – Director
Charlotte B. Davis – Deputy Director
Carol Hart – Board Secretary

VISITORS:

None

Open Session:

Ms. Balcerzak, Board President opened the Meeting at 11:38 a.m.; upon the conclusion of the Primary Canvass; and requested a motion to adjourn the Primary Canvass Board. A motion was made by Donna Rice and a second was made by Patrick Mullinix. A unanimous vote was expressed by all.

President Balcerzak called the Public Open Meeting to order and a quorum was established.

First order of business was the Board Members reviewing the minutes from the May Board meeting; held on June 02, 2014 due to Memorial Day falling on the regular scheduled

meeting date. In addition, the minutes from a Special Meeting held on June 24, 2014, convened to select the Board of Canvassers, were reviewed. A motion was made by Patrick Mullinix to accept the minutes as written for both dates and a second was made by Donna Rice. A unanimous vote was expressed by all.

PRESIDENT REPORT: President Balcerzak stated she had minimal information to share with the group as everyone had spent numerous days together during the Primary Election season. In the interim, concentration was directed towards Board Members assisting office staff with various needs related to the election and the Canvass of Absentee and Provisional ballots.

Ms. Balcerzak, as well as the Board Members, expressed their appreciation of the work and effort the staff puts into assuring a smooth and successful election occurs.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Mr. Mickley distributed a copy of the voter registration statistics to all Board Members and reported that it was fairly quiet, building up to Election Day, and he was not aware of any registration drives by any groups leading up to the Primary Election.

Mr. Mickley reported minimal voting machine issues on Primary Election day and only one poll book issue. This particular machine was reported as having issues prior to the Burleigh Manor polling place opening. Some tests were made on this particular poll book, by the assigned rover, and the information checked on the machine showed to be accurate. The machine did have issues with showing an incorrect time and date, would not synch, screen would freeze and was slow throughout the day. He will have SBE take a look at that machine.

During the Primary Election, nine issues were reported with voting machines, mainly battery issues, two card reader problems and one poll book that had a shattered screen. A post-election maintenance is scheduled for the poll books and Mr. Mickley would like to also do a post-maintenance on all the voting units, with SBE approval

The League of Women Voters dropped off their Election Day report to Mr. Mickley. Copies will be made and the report will be reviewed at next scheduled Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Board Counsel Mike Molinaro made the Board aware that his contract was up and offered his continued services to the Board for the next 12 months if they so desired his continued service. Attorney Molinaro submitted a new contract, similar to his previous contract for review, with one minor added clause in regard to the amount paid should special circumstances require an adjustment. At that time the Board would use their discretion in making that decision. The contract was reviewed by all Board Members. With a motion to approve by Donna Rice and a second by Patrick Mullinix Attorney Molinaro's contract was voted on, approved by unanimous vote and signed by Board President Balcerzak.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION:

With the Primary Election finished, a discussion occurred regarding the dates the Board would be meeting during the month of August. It was determined that there would be no meeting in August, due to scheduled vacations by members, and the next scheduled meeting would be in September.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to address, President Ann Balcerzak called for a motion to close the Special Open Meeting at 12:20 p.m. A motion to close today's meeting was made by Donna Rice and a second was received from Patrick Mullinix. A unanimous vote was expressed by all in attendance.

The next meeting will be on September 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Open Session adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Carol Hart, Board Secretary

Ann M. Balcerzak, Board President