

Howard County Board of Elections
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive
Columbia, MD 21046
January 24, 2011

Persons Present:

Board: Ann M. Balcerzak, President
Donna K. Thewes, Vice-President
Raymond M. Rankin, Member
Patricia A. Neidig, Substitute
Michael S. Molinaro, Board Attorney
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Staff: Guy C. Mickley, Deputy Director
Charlotte Davis

Excused: Betty L. Nordaas, Director

Guests: Steve Singer – Early Voting Unit Judge
Virginia Pausch – Polling Judge

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance it was noted that Members present, constituted a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: November Board Meeting Minutes were incomplete and will be presented at February Meeting.

Changes to Agenda: Questions from the guests taken prior to addressing prepared Agenda.

Guests: Mr. Singer sought clarification Early Voting and was there a risk that persons could then vote again in General Election. The procedures used to account for and validate who, what and where votes were cast, was explained to his satisfaction. Board expressed their appreciation for seeking an answer and lauded the election Judge's quality of work.

Correspondence:

- Mr. Mickley received scheduled February posting of vacancy position.
- Email from Councilman, Calvin Ball requesting email/phone numbers for Board Members; information will be provided.

President: Shared email indicating the Frederick County delegation had approved Bill to create a five (5) member Board of Elections, thus eliminating substitute members. The Board scheduled a meeting for January 26th, at 4:00 PM to discuss support of the bill and salaries for incoming Board Members.

Director's Report:

- Mr. Mickley presented a detailed Budget for review and discussion.
- County approved current location for 2-years with 2-year extension, no increase.
- Provided copies of League of Women Voters Polling evaluation (limited discussion).
- Training will be offered, in the future, to LWV members tasked with evaluating voting process.

Attorney's Report: No changes in status of:

- Kendall Case being tried in 4th Circuit Court in Richmond, VA by Atty. G. Richman.
- Marc Norman Case is on hold; awaiting outcome of Montgomery County Fireman's case.
- Tax Payers Against Giveaways (TAG); expect Brief in the Spring, and oral arguments, in the Fall.

New Business:

Old Business:

Action: The Board recessed at 4:57 PM, convening to Board of Canvassers. Ms. Davis presented three (3) Ballots for rejection based on being untimely. Mr. Rankin's motion to reject was seconded by Ms. Thewes and unanimously approved. Board reconvened at 4:59 PM.

The next meeting of the Howard County Board of Elections is scheduled for February 28, 2011 at 4:00 PM in the Howard County Board of Elections Boardroom. There being no further business, Ms. Thewes' motion to adjourn was seconded by Ms. Rice and unanimously agreed upon. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian L. Dixon 28 Feb 2011
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

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