

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 2nd), 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,

Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Ann M. Balcerzak, Board President