

Howard County Board of Elections
Prince Royal Hotel
91st Street on the Ocean
Ocean City, MD 21842
Date May 5, 2008

Present:

Ann M. Balcerzak, President
Raymond M. Rankin, Democratic Member
Donna K. Thewes, Republican Member
Charles M. Coles, Jr., Republican Substitute Member
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary
Michael S. Molinaro, Board Counsel

Staff: Betty L. Nordaas, Director
Guy Mickley, Deputy Director

Absent: Donna L. Rice, Democratic Substitute Member

Visitors: None

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. All members were present, constituting a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: April 28, 2008 - Deferred to June

Requests for Additions or Changes to Agenda: None

Correspondence: Board advised of Director's letter to Linda Lamone, requesting approval to relocate District/Precinct 4-6, from Glenwood Middle School's gym to cafeteria and District/Precinct 5-21, from Howard Community College, Room 100, to the Technology Building, Game Room SA 101.

President & Director: Attorney General's Task Force on Voting Irregularities was presented, followed by brief discussion. Three (3) House Bills, in particular, were noted:

- HR 281 – Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act.
- HR 5803 – Backup Ballot Act and
- HR 4237 Overseas Voting Practical Amendments Act

Attorney's Report: Counsel gave Board a recap of the Attorney's Breakout Session. Of note, was concern surrounding the extension of Primary Election voting time.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Board Secretary evaluation set for May 19th at 4:00 PM, in President's office.
- Contractual review for Board Counsel set for June 16th at 4:00 PM, in President's office.
- 6-Month evaluation of Director overdue.

Action: None to report

Adjournment:

There being no further business, adjournment was unanimously agreed upon. Session closed at 4:26 PM. The next regular meeting will be held June 23, 2008 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

. Signed June 23, 2008 .
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

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Ann M. Balcerzak, President