

MINUTES

March 1, 2017

MEETING OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS 701 Kelly Road, Room 231, Cumberland, Maryland

Present: Richard DeVore, President
Armand Pannone, Board Attorney
Ronald Levasseur, Member
Georgia Martin, Member
JoAnn Spiker, Member
John T. Stakem, Member
Diane Loibel, Election Administrator

Absent: None

Call to Order:

Mr. DeVore called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., at which time a quorum was established.

Minutes:

Mr. DeVore called for alterations, corrections, and/or approval of the minutes.

MOTION: Mrs. Spiker motioned to accept the February 1, 2017 minutes as written.

SECOND: Mrs. Martin

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.

Additions: None

Attorney's Report: At the February 1, 2017 board meeting Mr. Ronald Levasseur asked for an opinion regarding his involvement with Delegate Jason Buckel and whether this would present a conflict of interest with his service to the board. Mr. Armand Pannone, Board Attorney stated that Mr. Levasseur would have to recuse himself during canvass activities to avoid the appearance of conflict. Mr. Levasseur also requested an opinion as to whether or not he could make contributions to Delegate Buckel's campaign. It was pointed out that the bylaws prohibit members from making campaign contributions while serving on the board. Mrs. Loibel is looking into this further and will report back at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Post-Election Maintenance: Post-Election Maintenance will begin on February 14, 2017. We have completed maintenance on all of the BMDs and Scanners. We are currently working on the pollbooks and printers.

FY18 Budget: Mrs. Loibel stated that she will be proceeding with the request to combine our two part-time positions into one contractual position for the office. We will also be requesting new computers and new office furniture. A copy of the FY18 Proposed Budget will be presented at the next board meeting.

MAEO Conference: Reservations have been made for the MAEO Conference. A copy of your confirmation can be found in your blue folder.

Polling Place Changes: This topic was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting or until a time has been arranged to meet with the county administrator in regards to utilizing the Department of Emergency Services building as a polling place.

Candidate Filings: Candidate filing began on February 28, 2017. To date, we have had one person file for Clerk of the Court.

Financial Disclosures: Financial Disclosures must be filed electronically by April 30, 2017. Please let Mrs. Loibel know if you need help with your filing.

New Business:

High School Registrations: We are currently in the process of scheduling the high schools for voter registration.

Legislative Update: A copy of election related bills was sent to all members for their review.

Registration Statistics: Statistics as of February 28, 2017 were as follows: Total Active Registration 43,392 – 14,364 Democrat, 21,390 Republican, 120 Green, 275 Libertarian, 6,929 Unaffiliated, and 314 Others.

Board Members Report: Mrs. Martin reported that she will be in Boston for the next 4 months and will try to attend the meetings via a conference call.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on April 5, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment:

Mr. DeVore adjourned the meeting at 09:40 A.M.

MOTION: Mrs. Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mrs. Spiker

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.