

MINUTES

August 10, 2022

MEETING OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
701 Kelly Road, Room 230, Cumberland, Maryland

ATTENDEES: John Stakem, President
JoAnn Spiker, Member
Debbie Johnson, Member
Tim Donaldson, Member
Lisa Griffith, Member
Diane Loibel, Election Administrator
Samantha Logsdon, Deputy Director

ABSENT: Armand Pannone, Board Attorney

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Stakem called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M., and stated that there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stakem called for alterations, corrections, and/or approval of the minutes. Mrs. Spiker made a motion to approve the July board minutes. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the letter from the ACLU & Common Cause was presented to board members. MAEO will be sending an official response.

ADDITIONS

Polling Place Change, Deadline to Decline the Nomination and Deadline for Central Committees to Fill Vacancies

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

Table Top Exercise

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in close partnership with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED) is hosting the Tabletop the Vote 2022 on August 18, 2022 via Webex. The virtual exercise will be 12 pm – 4 pm. The exercise helps to identify best practices and areas for improvement

in cyber and physical incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery. At this time, I am not sure if anyone from the office will be participating as we are all trying to get some much-needed time off.

Election Judge Recruitment

The Governor issued an incentive for state workers who serve as election judges for the 2022 Elections. This now includes regular and contractual workers and they will receive 16 hours of administrative leave for working both early voting and election day.

Registrar Update

Interviews are set for Thursday, August 11th. We will be interviewing 7 candidates at that time. It is our hope that we will be able to have someone start by the beginning of September.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gubernatorial Primary Update

Early Voting and Election Day turnout was approximately 19.52% and the total turnout with all Mail-in Ballots and Provisional Ballots came in at 26%. This is pretty much on average of what we expect to see in a Gubernatorial Primary Election. We sent a total of 3,990 Mail-in Ballots and received back a total of 2,897 Mail-in Ballots. A total of 185 Provisional Ballots were cast at the polling places on Election Day. The primary election was certified in MDVOTERS on August 2, 2022.

MAEO Meeting

The annual MAEO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022. I have scheduled the conference room and will stream the meeting for any board members who would like to come to the County Office Complex to participate. Please let me know who will be attending the meeting.

NVRA Deadline

The NVRA Deadline for the General Election is Wednesday, August 10, 2022. All confirmation notices that have been held since the previous deadline were sent out on August 1, 2022.

Help America Vote Day/National Poll Worker Recruitment Day

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has designated August 16, 2022 as Help America Vote Day. This day of action is meant to assist poll worker recruitment efforts in our community. A toolkit with graphics, draft social media content, and other information is available at [EAC.gov/toolkits](https://www.eac.gov/toolkits). Allegany College plans to hold a small event to help out.

National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 20, 2022. Frostburg State University will be hosting an event on September 20th from 10 am to 4 pm in the quad by the clocktower weather permitting. He also plans on hosting a Gubernatorial Debate/forum on campus the evening of the 20th and he is asking for representation from our office to do voter registration. He intends to use the paper version of the application instead of doing it online. He also intends to put his Voter Engagement Committee together and would love to have representation from our office on the committee. In the past, both John and I have participated on this committee. Allegany College of Maryland plans on holding an event for National Voter Registration Day. They received a small grant to help them promote the day. I will share more information as it becomes available.

Election Judge Refresher Training Schedule

A copy of the election judge refresher training schedule has been placed in the blue board folders. Please make sure that you attend one of each type of training. All training will be held at the fairgrounds.

Polling Place Change – District 006-006

Notice of Action was placed on the website at least 48 hours prior to this meeting. Prior to the primary election, we made a temporary change to the polling place at District 006-006 because the fairgrounds were not available to serve as a polling place during the primary election because of a conflict with the Allegany County Fair and Ag Expo. We are now looking to move the polling place from the Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department back to the Allegany County Multi-Purpose Building. Mrs. Spiker made a motion to move the polling place back to the Multi-Purpose Building. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Deadline to Decline the Nomination

The State Board of Elections changed the deadline for candidates to decline the nomination from August 2nd to August 16th because the State will not be certifying the election until August 15th. Candidates cannot decline the nomination until the election is certified.

Deadline for Central Committees to Fill Vacancies

The State Board of Elections changed the deadline for central committees to fill vacancies from August 12th to August 19th.

Computer Systems and Software Security Updates:

Mrs. Loibel reports that office staff has successfully applied the Microsoft Security updates for the month of July on SBE workstations. We have also updated other third-party software applications to their latest versions on all workstations.

Registration Statistics:

Statistics as of July 31, 2022 were as follows: Total Active Registration 43,822, 11,951 Democrat, 22,756 Republican, 77 Green, 224 Libertarian, 66 Working Class, 8,363 Unaffiliated, and 385 Others.

Board Members Report:

None

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be held on September 7, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment:

Ms. Spiker made a motion for adjournment. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Stakem adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M.