

**MEETING OF THE  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
1100 MERCANTILE LANE, SUITE 115A  
LARGO, MD 20774  
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Roberta B. Deegan, President, Republican Member  
Beatrice P. Tignor, Vice President, Democratic Member  
Thomas J. Slezak, Republican Member  
Jaime J. Vazquez-Saldana, Republican Member  
Lucille Gaither, Alternate Republican Member  
Clement A. Gaynor, Jr., Alternate Republican Member  
Terri L. Williams, Alternate Democratic Member  
Anita C. Jones, Board Secretary  
Wendy Honesty-Bey, Acting Elections Administrator  
Michael Adams, Board Attorney

**ABSENT:** Vacant, Republican Member  
Vacant, Deputy Elections Administrator

This meeting was conducted using the “Go To Meeting” platform. Ms. Deegan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was present. Mr. Gaynor was seated for the vacant position and Ms. Gaither was seated for Mr. Vazquez-Saldana (arrived late). Ms. Carletta Lundy, Green Bag nominee for the Prince George’s County Board of Elections, participated in the meeting.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the March 6, 2023, regular meeting and the March 27, 2023, emergency meeting were tabled.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Correspondence – None.

Voter Registrations – The Maryland Voter Registration System is updated based on information received from the registrants, ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center), MVA (Motor Vehicle Administration, NCOA (National Change of address), and other reports. The March 2023 report was attached to the Board package.

2022 Gubernatorial Election Comprehensive Audit Report – This report was included in the Board package.

- Mr. Slezak noted action items regarding delayed opening of polling places. Ms. Honesty-Bey reported that we experienced a shortage of Election Judges, especially for the Primary Election. Many called-out (COVID) the morning of the Election leaving a limited number of first-time judges who were uncomfortable opening with the resources available. Increased training with a focus on opening/closing elections was held prior to the General Election. She also recommended additional training to include a “mock” opening/closing.

- Mr. Slezak noted action items regarding verification submission. Ms. Honesty-Bey reported that there were instances where Technicians did not submit all of their data. The Prince George's County Board of Elections (BOE) will work with their trainers to reinforce the requirements needed to complete the verification workbooks.
- Mr. Slezak noted action items regarding off-line Provisional Ballots. Election Judge training will emphasize that a voter in the pollbook should not be issued a Provisional Ballot.

Ms. Williams asked if we had access to the audit. Ms. Honesty-Bey advised that the Audit Report was attached, and the back up information and documents are in the warehouse.

#### **OLD BUSINESS –**

- Email from Mr. Havis sharing an allegation from a United States Postal Service (USPS) mechanic that was on a ride-along with a USPS carrier that mailings for registered Republicans were put aside and not delivered. Ms. Deegan will be meeting with Ms. Honesty-Bey tomorrow and she apologized for the delayed response. This allegation will be referred to the State Board of Elections (SBOE) requesting that they forward it to the State's Attorney General and to the USPS Inspector. Mr. Slezak asked if Ms. Honesty-Bey had shared this information with Mr. Havis; update to follow.
- Ms. Deegan asked about the process of adding someone from the ERIC report to the voter data base. Ms. Honesty-Bey reviewed the process of removing a voter from the data base. The process of adding a voter via the ERIC report will be looked into further.

#### **PERSONNEL –**

- IT Manager. Ms. Deegan will be meeting with staff tomorrow to discuss the IT Manager classification. The Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM) previously requested that the position be reclassified as a Compliance Manager. The position was not reclassified when there was an incumbent so that the employee would not be impacted. However, it will be reviewed now.
- Deputy Elections Administrator. The interview panel recommended the appointment of Ms. Honesty-Bey to the Deputy Elections Administrator position.
- Elections Administrator. The new BOE will take office in June 2023. OHRM was requested to advertise this position for four weeks when the new Board takes office.
- General Clerk. This position is vacant due to the death of the incumbent; Ms. Deegan requested an address for the family. The paperwork will be prepared to advertise the vacancy.

#### **LEGAL –**

- Mr. Adams reviewed the status of HB0410. (Prohibiting a local board of elections from voting to change the location of a polling place unless the local board first holds a meeting to discuss the proposed change and provides an opportunity for individuals and organizations to testify; requiring each local board to submit a polling place plan to the State Board of Elections at least 6 months prior to each statewide primary election; establishing certain requirements and a prohibition for the polling place plan; etc.)

The third reading in the House was held on March 16, 2023, and it passed. It was referred to the Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee and the hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2023.

Ms. Honesty-Bey noted the letter sent by the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) that was discussed on March 27, 2023.

- Ms. Lundy asked if the BOE meetings were recorded. Currently, they are not recorded, but minutes are available on-line. Mr. Adams will look into the requirements for “Public Meetings”. Ms. Honesty-Bey reported that she will look into recording meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS** – The Board package is normally sent on Monday morning on the meeting day. Ms. Honesty-Bey asked if the Board would like to receive the package a week in advance. Ms. Deegan recommended that a written Administrator’s Report would be helpful in preparing for the meeting. Ms. Tignor asked if a supplemental package would be issued if additional items arose; Ms. Honesty-Bey said it would.

Informational meeting for the new Board members. Ms. Deegan will coordinate with Ms. Honesty-Bey to develop an introduction to elections program.

Ms. Lundy asked who is the contact for questions. Ms. Honesty-Bey shared her phone number for questions.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. This is the last meeting for the current Board and Ms. Deegan recommended that this meeting be held in-person at the Elections Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Slezak, seconded by Ms. Williams, and duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Roberta B. Deegan, President

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Anita C. Jones, Recording Secretary

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Date