

St. Mary's County Board of Elections

23250 Leonardtown Hollywood Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Board Meeting Minutes of 06 April 2022

Present:

Board Members:

Rebecca Wathen, Board Secretary (D)
Kenneth Boothe, Member (R)
Mary Coombs, Member (R) (Dialed-In))

Staff Members:

Wendy Adkins, Director
Susan Julian, Deputy Director

Cynthia Panos, Board Attorney (Dialed In)

Absent:

Jack Payne, Board President (R)
Ann Raley, Member (D)

At 09:21 AM, Ms. Becky Wathen, Board Secretary, determined that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Guests Present: None

Documents Distributed:

- Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2022
- Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2022
- Election Calendar of Events
- List of approved ballot drop box locations
- Candidate Listing
- 2022 Primary Election Date Updates

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 2, 2022 and March 9, 2022 meetings were presented. A motion was made by Ms. Coombs to approve the minutes, with corrections from the floor, seconded by Mr. Boothe. Motion carried.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.

Director's Report: Ms. Adkins reported the following:

- **Election Judges:** As of last week, there are 125 election judges needed throughout the County. Public Service Announcements will be posted, flyer's will be included in the outgoing ID cards, and Social Media Posts will be used. Training is expected to begin on 11 April 2022. A revised calendar was provided to Board members.
- **Ballot Drop Box Locations:** All of the proposed ballot drop box locations approval documentation was submitted to the State Board of Elections and were approved as of 11 March 2022. A list of approved locations was provided to the Board members.
- **Mail In Applications:** As of 2 April 2022, 4631 requests for mail in ballots had been received. Of those 3105 people requested all future ballots be mail-in ballots for them. Approximately 300,000 applications have been processed statewide. The original mailing was a result of the data contained in the system as of 1 December 2021. A second mailing will be done by the SBE in late April/early May. A majority of the

LBEs voiced their concern on the lateness of the mailing and the inability to process those applications returned in a timely manner due to the other issues being encountered (i.e., redistricting, training, etc.)

- **Commissioner's Meeting:** Ms. Adkins advised that she and Ms. Julian were requested to attend the Commissioners Budget Meeting on 22 March 2022. A realignment of the budget needed to be moved from FY2022 to FY2023 due to the change in the Primary Election Day. Realignment of the funds was approved.
- **Candidate List:** Board members were provided with a copy of the candidate listing as of 4 April 2022.

Old Business:

- **Redistricting:** This week the Congressional map was approved by the Governor and the Courts. The SBE advised that LBEs move forward to implement the changes due to the Commissioner and Congressional redistricting changes. The legislation map will not be heard until the week of 11 April 2022. The SBE advised that the LBEs move forward with the approved legislation changes even though the courts have not made a final decision. Ms. Adkins advised that she will be waiting until a final ruling is made. If everything is approved and the election day date does not change, all redistricting must be completed by 1 May 2022.
- **2022 Legislation:** The SBE 158/HB35 was passed and is on its way to the Governor's desk for signature.

New Business:

- **2022 Primary Election Information:** The Board members were provided with an updated Election Information sheet.

Next Meeting: There will be an Emergency meeting held on 8 April 2022 at 9 AM. The next regular meeting will be held on 4 May 2022 at 9 AM.

A motion was made by Ms. Coombs to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Boothe. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rebecca J. Wathen
Board Secretary