

St. Mary's County Board of Elections

23250 Leonardtown Hollywood Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Board Emergency Meeting Minutes of 05 May April 2022

Present:

Board Members:

Jack Payne, Board President (R)
Rebecca Wathen, Board Secretary (D)
Kenneth Boothe, Member (R)
Mary Coombs, Member (R)
Ann Raley, Member (D)

Staff Members:

Wendy Adkins, Director
Susan Julian, Deputy Director

Cynthia Panos, Board Attorney

Absent: None

At 09:00 AM, Mr. Jack Payne, Board President, determined that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Guests Present: None

Documents Distributed:

- Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2022
- Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2022
- Polling Location Comparison Pre and Post Redistricting
- Polling Physical Locations
- Polling Locations by Candidate
- Public Service Announcement / Talking Points explaining why moving/consolidating polling precincts
- Candidate Listing
- 2022 Election Date Updates

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 6, 2022 and April 8, 2022 meetings were presented. A motion was made by Ms. Wathen to approve the minutes, with corrections from the floor, seconded by Ms. Coombs. Motion carried.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed with no changes requested.

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

- **Election Judges** – There are enough judges but a few more Republicans would be good.
- **Mail In Applications** – As of May 2, 2022, the office has received 4,998 total mail in ballot requests. Of those 3,554 have requested permanent mail in ballots. The UOCAVA voter's ballots will be mailed June 4, 2022. The first domestic ballot mailing will be sent June 9, 2022.
- **Ballot Drop Box Locations** – Ballot Drop Boxes are expected during the first week in June because of the domestic mailing beginning June 9, 2022. Clyde and Julie Hartshorn (bipartisan team) have been hired to check all ballot boxes during the weekdays. Ms. Adkins and the Staff will collect from the boxes on the weekends.

- **Ballot Drop Boxes on Election Day** - Board members in bi-partisan teams will close out the drop box sites at Charlotte Hall Library, Lexington Park Elementary School, and Great Mills High School.
- **Candidate Listing** – The candidate listing as of May 2, 2022 was provided.

Old Business:

- **Redistricting Update** – St. Mary’s County has been completed. There are over 46,000 Voter Notification Cards (VNC) that are being printed. Not all of them are the result of redistricting as some are the result of consolidation of precincts and corrections that were found during the process. The VNCs are expected to be mailed on June 1, 2022. Board members have been provide the PSA / Talking Points for the changes along with district and precincts updates.
- **Important Dates** – A revised sheet was provided to the Board members.


New Business:

- **Canvassing** – Early Canvassing for St. Mary’s County will be on June 29 and 30, 2022 from 9 am to 5 pm. Canvassing Board members must be present on all days.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on June 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Ms. Wathen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Coombs. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 09:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rebecca J. Wathen
Board Secretary