

OPEN SESSION  
Howard County Board of Elections  
8900 Columbia 100 Parkway  
Columbia, Maryland 21045  
June 21, 2010

Persons Present:

Board: Ann M. Balcerzak, President  
Donna K. Thewes, Vice-President  
Raymond M. Rankin, Member  
Donna L. Rice, Substitute\*  
Charles M. Coles, Jr., Substitute  
Michael S. Molinaro, Board Attorney  
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Staff: Betty L. Nordaas, Election Director  
Guy C. Mickley, Deputy Director

Guests: None

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:11 PM, in the office of Attorney Michael S. Molinaro, 10715 Charter Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, MD 21044. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the Members present, constituted a quorum. Ms. Rice arrived at 4:30 PM.\*

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for May 24, 2010 pending. Packing for relocation move has caused a delay.

**Changes to Agenda:** Board to convene in Executive Session

**Correspondence:** HCBE not cited in HCPD False Alarm List;

**President:**

- Ms. Balcerzak noted that the Board normally does not meet in July and called for a motion to that effect. The motion not to convene on July 26, 2010 was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

**Director's Report:**

- Response to question on Advance Determination regarding supplemental filings (retained in HCBE safe; SBE ruled not to accept. Director will review, noting August 24<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- HCBE must meet all deadlines for Ballot printing
- Processing State Ballots will be moved to Carroll/Baltimore County
- T-1 cable and alarm system must be removed from Counters at old location
- Currently have no access to MD Voters
- Press Release – June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- New Space; More space/less cost

**Attorney's Report:**

- Reported on status of Pending litigation being handled by Gerald Richman, Esq
- HC Circuit Court – Two Actions pending
- HRD filed for Advance Judicial Review
- Hearing scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup> to keep case suspended or in abeyance
- Letter to State Attorney General – Board will not consent
- Resolve public dispute – they have not filed
- TAG case – August 27<sup>th</sup>

President would like to see Briefs/allegations case law no known. What are the issues?

**New Business:** County Bill #34 – Referendum Procedures will be addressed at County Council Meeting. Michael S. Molinaro, Esq. will attend and represent the Board.

Mr. Rankin proposed a 5-day Pay Reduction/furlough; it was agreed upon “in principle” and tabled.

Board was provided:

- Early Voting Sites
- Rotating Time
- State Sponsored Information

**Old Business:** None

**Action:** Although the Board was scheduled to convene in Executive Session for mid-cycle evaluation of Ms. Nordaas, it was deemed unnecessary and her scheduled leave has been approved. Charles M. Coles, Jr. gave notice to the Board that he would be filing as a Candidate for Judge of Orphans Court, thereby requiring his resignation as the Republican Substitute Member. The Board, its Attorney and Secretary expressed their respect and admiration for his time with them and wished him well.

The next meeting of the Howard County Board of Elections is scheduled for August 30, 2010 at 3:45 PM in the Howard County Board of Elections Boardroom. There being no further business, Ms. Thewes' motion to adjourn was seconded and unanimously agreed upon. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vivian L. Dixon 9/29/10*  
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

*Ann M. Balcerzak 9/27/10*  
Ann M. Balcerzak, Board President