

OPEN SESSION
Howard County Board of Elections
8900 Columbia 100 Parkway
Columbia, Maryland 21045
March 22, 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: Guy C. Mickley, Deputy Director

Excused: Betty L. Nordaas, Election Director

Guests: Jay Gerarden Ann Arundel County

Ms. Thewes, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Thewes that President Balcerzak would be arriving shortly. Members present, constituted a quorum.

Ms. Thewes acknowledge the guest who introduced himself.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the February 25, 2010 Minutes was delayed until a copy of Minuets were made. Although provided by email, several Members wished to refresh their review.

Changes to Agenda: Board will convene in Executive Session.

Correspondence: Board will review/discuss three (3) letters, copies will be provided in Executive Session.

President: Pending the arrival of Ms. Balcerzak, Vice President Thewes, called for the Director's Report to be given by the Deputy Director, Guy Mickley.

Director's Report:

- FY11 Budget Handout and copy of Memo to Raymond Wax and Tom Mullenix. Information was given on where required 5% reduction could be made. Such reduction however would impact on operation.
- Fiscal 2010 Budget is tracking well, unable to pull hard copy report from New Program.

- March 16th, Election Director's Meeting Notes, explains the Early Voting Mock Election (EVME). EVME to check connectivity, function and procedures.
- All equipment to be used will be placed in the three (3) Early Voting sites and tested.
- Optical Scan and Ballot on Demand will not be available for use.
- Testing dates are June 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, approximately 8-hours per day.
- Committee Members: Guy Mickley, Walter Maddox, Melisa Alexander, Prince Georges County, Steward Harvey, Frederick County and number of State Board personnel.

Mr. Rankin questioned the use of "wireless" transmission affection security of voting process.

- Mr. Mickley likened "wireless" to the type used by banks and Federal government. That in, "not a wireless connection", but a "high security wireless alternative".
- Mock Canvass not necessary since there are not changes to process.

Board Members, Board Counsel and Deputy discussed the all facets of security, and concluded that every concern would be addressed.

- May 17th MAEO Conference discussed, Board Members marked their calendars. Member interested in attending the Law and Ethics class on Sunday, May 16th, were asked to sign up. CIRDAN Group will sponsor an evening dinner for attendee.

Attorney's Report: Deferred to Executive Session

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Thewes Motion to approve the February 22, 2010 Minutes was seconded

President

- Early Voting Calendar Discussed.
- Arrangement for Swearing in of Canvassing Board will be scheduled for August 30th.
- August Board Meeting will also be August 30th at 3:45 PM.
- Unofficial Web posting will be enacted when Petitions are received.
- Reminded Member of Ethics Disclosure Form.
- Deputy's follow-up on Candidate Training.
- Board Members offered their assistance and will advise Deputy of Central Committee scheduled dates.

Deputy: Arrangements for Jared DeMarinis, SBE to offer Candidate Training Class in May are being made. Other Counties will be notified. Candidate

- Discussion on League of Women Voters (LWV) request to place Candidate information at Early Voting Sites.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that no unauthorized State material, would be placed in Early Voting sites. The LWV was free to pass out literature outside is allowed space.

New Business:

- Ms. Thewes and Board Secretary reported Simulated Congressional Hearing sites they will attend.

Old Business: LWV's request and Candidate Training Classes were addressed under the President's Report.

At 4:49 PM, Ms. Rice moved, and Mr. Coles seconded the motion to convene in closed session, pursuant to Title 10-58(a) (7) and (13) obtain legal advice on a legal matter and to comply with a specific judicial imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular preceding or matter.

Action:

Board reviewed and discussed information from Michael S. Mr. Molinaro, Board Counsel on status of Litigation relating to Referendum being taken concerning Council Bill 58 and letter the Attorney General's Office concerning Petition Signature Verification.

The next meeting of the Howard County Board of Elections is scheduled for April 26, 2010 at 3:45 PM in the Howard County Board of Elections Boardroom. There being no further business, Ms. Thewes' motion to adjourn was made seconded by Mr. Rankin and unanimously agreed upon. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian L. Dixon, April 26, 2010 .
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Ann M. Balcerzak April 26, 2010
Ann M. Balcerzak, Board President