

Howard County Board of Elections  
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive  
Columbia, MD 21046  
October 18, 2010

Persons Present:

Board: Ann M. Balcerzak, President  
Donna K. Thewes, Vice-President  
Raymond M. Rankin, Member  
Patricia A. Neidig, Substitute  
Michael S. Molinaro, Board Attorney  
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Absent: Donna L. Rice, Substitute\*

Staff: Guy C. Mickley, Deputy Director

Guests: Jay Gerarden

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance it was noted that Members present, constituted a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** September Board Meeting Minutes were incomplete and will be presented at November Meeting.

**Changes to Agenda:** Margaret Rappaport, Clerk of the Court for Howard County, administered the oath to Members, Ann M. Balcerzak, Raymond M. Rankin, Donna K. Thewes and Substitute Member, Patricia A. Neidig. Each will serve as a member of the Board of Canvassers for October Early Voting and November General Election '2010. Board Counsel, Michael S. Molinaro and Board Secretary, Vivian L. Dixon was also sworn-in.

**Correspondence:** Thank you cards from Janet Ferrell.

**President:**

- Ms. Balcerzak reported on Ms. Thewes, Mr. Rankin's support for the 50+EXPO and Board Secretary's remaining until Ms. Rice arrived. Absentee Ballot requests, Elections Judge applications and general questions were delivered to the office and immediate action was taken.

**Director's Report:**

- Voting Machine Logical and Accuracy texts will take place Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00, 2:30 and 2:45 pm.
- Material and machines will be delivered on Thursday to the three (3) Early Voting sites.
- Area in Ellicott City where "No Signs" are allowed will be clearly identified.

- Mr. Rankin and Ms. Thewes will advise their Central Committee of above.
- Voter Registration closed October 12, 2010, approx. 1700 registered.
- Absentee Ballots (4,000) have arrived.

**Attorney's Report:**

- There are not changes in current Judiciary pending cases.
- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December, Attorney Gerald Richman will represent the HCBE in Richmond, VA Federal Court ref: Kendall Case.
- Montgomery County Court of Appeal addressing Petition to have Fire Department Ambulance Fee on Ballot.

**New Business:**

- The Board agreed to change scheduled meeting time to 4:00 pm. New time will be posted for public information.
- Poll Visitation Schedules assigned.

**Old Business:** Canvassing Board Minutes were emailed to Board Members by Mr. Rankin.

**Action:** \*Substitute Board Member, Donna L. Rice was absent without notice. Ms. Rice will go to HC Clerks Courts office for required Oath.

The next meeting of the Howard County Board of Elections is scheduled for November 29, 2010 at 4:00 PM in the Howard County Board of Elections Boardroom. There being no further business, Ms. Thewes' motion to adjourn was seconded by Ms. Neidig and unanimously agreed upon. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vivian L. Dixon 22 Nov 2010*

Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

*Ann M. Balcerzak 22 Nov 2010*

Ann M. Balcerzak, Board President