

OPEN SESSION
Howard County Board of Elections
8900 Columbia 100 Parkway
Columbia, Maryland 21045
September 26, 2011

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, Director

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM and noted that Members present, constituted a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the August 2, 2011 Executive Meeting Minutes made by Ms. Thewes, seconded by Mr. Rankin and unanimously approved and signed.

Changes to Agenda: None

Correspondence:

- Invitation to the Howard County Civility Conference.
- Thank you letter – Edward F. Dyer ref: Interview

President:

- Board provided copies of Bylaws for review.
- Ms. Thewes reaffirmed review.
- Guy Mickley welcomed as new Director of HCBE.

Director's Report:

- League of Women Voters – Fall Drive at Glenelg and Long Reach High Schools.
- Staff conducting records to insure there are not duplications.
- Poll batteries are past 4-year shelf life.
- Cost for new batteries, \$40.00 each will be shared by State, 50/50 basis.
- Work schedules are setup based on Use or Lose Time requirements.

Attorney's Report: Litigation Updates

- Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals (federal) issued a favorable decision in Kendall et al. v. Board of Elections. Although appellants filed a petition with the United States Supreme Court, they are not expected to take the case.
- On September 8, 2011, Attorney Jerry Richman delivered oral argument before the Maryland Court of Special Appeals regarding petition case brought by Howard County Citizens for Open Government. Decision is not expected for several months.

New Business: Upcoming Board Meetings; November's will be held November 28, 2011, January 23, 2012 and February 27, 2012. Swearing-in schedule for Early Voting Board of Canvassers will be scheduled for March 19, 2012.

Old Business: None

Action: None

The next meeting of the Howard County Board of Elections is scheduled for October 24, 2011 at 4:00 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 5:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian L. Dixon Oct 26, 2011.
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Ann M. Balcerzak .
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