

Howard County Board of Elections
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive
Suite 200
Columbia, MD 21046
January 23, 2012

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

Visitors: None

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance it was noted that Members present, constituted a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Some corrections were made to draft of Minutes. Following the noted corrections a motion to approve November 28, 2011 Minutes, made by Mr. Coles, seconded by Ms. Rice was unanimously approved and signed. Motion to approve November 02, 2011 Minutes, made by Mr. Coles, seconded by Ms. Rice was unanimously approved and signed.

President's Report:

- President acknowledged receipt of Board Secretary's acknowledgement of Public Ethics Law.
- Canvassing dates.
- Early Voting/Election Days discussed and Board assignments to Polling sites made.

Director's Report:

- Redistricting splits and new precinct 1-16.
- Training of Judges to start January 30th.
- Absentee Ballot Report; As of today, only 100+ Absentee Ballots have been requested.
- Poll books being upgraded to new software.
- Maintenance of all poll books and voting units, completed.

Attorney's Report:

- Court of Appeals Decision – SwatekTAG/vs. Board of Elections, still pending.
- Conference calls with Nickie Trella and Local attorneys will begin February 29th.
- Board Members are only subject to MD State Code of Ethics.
- State appointed Board Members, although serving a County, are not required to file an ethics report.

New Business:

- Board convened to Executive Session at 5:20 PM. Director outlined his selection process and the name of person selected for Deputy Director Position.

Old Business:

- Revised By-laws Signature Page

Action: The next meeting of the Howard County Board of Elections is scheduled for February 27, 2012 at 4:00 PM in the Howard County Board of Elections Boardroom. There being no further business, Ms. Thewes' motion to close the Executive Session, reopen general session and adjourn, was seconded by Mr. Rankin and unanimously agreed upon. Meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian L. Dixon, 19 Mar 2012
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Ann M. Balcerzak, 19 Mar 2012
Ann M. Balcerzak, Board President