

Howard County Board of Elections
8900 Columbia 100 Parkway
Columbia, MD 21045

Special Open Meeting
March 18, 2009

Board Members:

Ann M. Balcerzak, President
Raymond M. Rankin, Member
Donna K. Thewes, Member
Donna L. Rice, Substitute
Charles J. Coles, Jr., Substitute
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Staff: Betty L. Nordaas, Director

Visitors: None

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

President: This meeting was called to discuss pending Senate and House Bills and decide which Bills would be addressed during scheduled audience with the Howard County Delegates in Annapolis on Wednesday March 25th, for a 30-minute presentation. Meeting turned over to Director for briefing on pending bills.

Director: Persons scheduled to attend Meeting are: Ann Balcerzak, Donna Thewes, Donna Rice, Charles Coles, Guy Mickley and Betty Nordaas. Mr. Rankin is unable to attend and was excused.

Director and Board had an in-depth discussion of 2009 Legislative Bills. The following Bills were discussed:

**2009 Legislative Bills for Possible Discussion with Howard County
Delegation March 25, 2009**

Petition Signatures Kittleman

Early Voting

- SB197 Rumored to be withdrawn
- SB5 57 Kasemeyer Comments
- HB 1179 Comments

Voting Systems

- SB415 Oppose
- SB814/HB863 Comments

- SB970/HB1211 Support
- HB738 Oppose
- HB893 Oppose

Same Day Registration

- SB514 Oppose
- HB476 Oppose

Change of Party Deadline	HB589	Turner	Support
Change Prim. Elec. date	HB1352		Comments
Election Judges	HB1394		
Support/Oppose			
Notary Public	SB126	Kittleman	Support
		Unfavorable Report	
Polling Place Regs.	HB459	Bates	No position
Students' Rights	SB693	Robey	Comments
Access by minors	HB3	Turner, Guzzone	Support
Voting Rights	HB391	Turner	Comments
Audit, transparency	SB595/HB665	Kasemeyer, Bobo, Turner	Oppose
Electioneering Boundary	HB671	Turner	Oppose
Proof of ID	SB43/HB1066	Kittleman	Comments

Actions: Based on discussion of the above, Director was asked to prepare remarks for allotted time that would express analysis of some and reasoning, on others. The Board also expressed the desire and need to continue open dialogue with its Local and State Delegates.

The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Elections is scheduled for March 23, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the Howard County Board of Elections Boardroom. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously agreed upon. Meeting Adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Signed Vivian L. Dixon Mar 23, 2009
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Signed Ann M. Balcerzak Mar 23, 2009
Ann M. Balcerzak, Board President