

Howard County Board of Elections
8900 Columbia 100 Parkway
Columbia, MD 21045
July 23, 2007

Present:

Board:

Ann M. Balcerzak, President
Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary
Ethel B. Hill, Member
Raymond M. Rankin, Alternate
Donna K. Thewes, Member
Charles M. Coles, Jr. Alternate
Michael S. Molinaro, Board Attorney

Staff:

Guy C. Mickley, Deputy Director

Absent:

Betty L. Nordaas, Election Director

Guests:

Carol Hart, Self

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm. All members were present, constituting a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2007:

Ms. Balcerzak asked if the board had any corrections or additions to the minutes from previous board meeting that had been mailed to the members in advance of the Meeting. Ms. Hill moved for approval of the minutes as presented, and Mr. Coles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

President Balcerzak called for any additions or changes to the agenda. There were no requested changes to the agenda.

Correspondence/Handouts:

Letter to Ms. Lamone, SBE: Mr. Molinaro, Counsel, addressed his letter, notifying Ms. Lamone he will be out of the county, and unable to attend October 19th, Biennial Meeting. President Balcerzak noted the Meeting is mandatory and all Board members should plan to attend.

Training Calendar: Mr. Mickley, Deputy Director responded to questions raised for further clarification of Election Judges training. Ms. Balcerzak expressed how it gave her

an understanding of judge's responsibilities. Board Members are free to attend any scheduled training periods.

2008 Presidential Election Calendar: Mr. Mickley discussed the Calendar, giving attention to crucial dates. Those being, November 19, 2007, Party Affiliation Change, and January 22, 2008, Close of Registration. The Office will remain open until 9:00 PM, both days. Mr. Mickley continued, giving all attendees the opportunity to ask questions that enhanced their understanding of their responsibilities and/or crucial dates for:

1. L&A – Logic and Accuracy Testing
2. Primary Election Day
3. Absentee Ballot Canvass 1
4. Provisional Ballot Canvass
5. Absentee Ballot Canvass 2*
6. Verification of Vote Count*
7. Certification of the Election*

*Occur Same Day

Budget to Date: Board President advised Members that a copy is provided monthly, and if upon review, there are any questions, they can be raised at the next meeting.

President's Report: President reported having received positive feedback on last month's Orientation Meeting. Board will send a Get Well card and flowers to Director Nordaas. Draft of By-Laws will be provided prior to next meeting. No meeting will be held in August. October and November meetings will be held the fourth (4th) Monday. Inasmuch as 4th Monday in December is Christmas Eve, meeting will not take place that day. In keeping with her goals, the President called for Mr. Mickley to present the background and information on Mdvoters.

Director's Report: (Deputy Guy Mickley)

Mr. Mickley gave explanation of Mdvoters, statewide registration system. System improves on duplicate registration detection Statewide. Board questions on pulling reports, funding issues as well accountability of SABER and Diebold (Premier Election Solutions), were addressed. Small samples of report types will be shared at next meeting. Deputy Director's report on Staff efforts to clean up "Street Files," "Back Scanning" and "7 Splits" prompted a lively question and answer period that gave meaning and appreciation to day-to-day operations of HCBE.

Ms. Hill raised concerns as to whether any steps were being taken to publicly educate or notify former convicted person of their right to vote. Ms. Balcerzak made note for this matter to be an Agenda item for next meeting.

Mr. Mickley noted that all public notices are handled by, *or through*, the SBE.

Attorney's Response:

Mr. Molinaro noted the Board must function within the May 2007, revised Duties of Election Board Members Particularly, 2-202 Power and duties of the local boards,

2-202(b)(9).

New Business: None

Mr. Rankin provided the web page, user ID and password to login for elections Online Library. Thanks were expressed.

Adjournment:

The President indicated the next meeting will be held on September 24, 2007, at 4:30 pm, and called for a motion for adjournment. The motion was made by Ms. Thewes, seconded by Ms. Hill and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectively submitted

Vivian L. Dixon

Board Secretary

Ann M. Balcerzak Date 9/24/07

Board President

Member