

Howard County Board of Elections
8900 Columbia 100 Parkway
Columbia, MD 21045
April 28, 2008

Present:

Ann M. Balcerzak, President
Raymond M. Rankin, Democratic Member
Donna L. Rice, Democratic Substitute Member
Donna K. Thewes, Republican Member
Charles M. Coles, Jr., Republican Substitute Member
Michael S. Molinaro, Board Counsel

Staff: Betty L. Nordaas, Director*
Guy Mickley, Deputy Director*

Visitors: Carol Hart

Vacation: Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

Ms. Balcerzak called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. All members were present, constituting a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2008:

Ms. Balcerzak asked if the Board had any additions or corrections to Minutes. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Thewes, seconded by Mr. Rankin and unanimously approved.

Requests for Additions or Changes to Agenda: None

Correspondence:

- Copy of response to concerns raised by Mr. Edward C. Cezar, regarding residential eligibility of HC Sheriff, from Office of State's Attorney for HC.
 - CERA/Director HCBE, Ms. Nordaas' letter (copy provided), to Lillie Gallant, Co-Chair Poll Evaluations and Grace Kubofcik, Co-president, League of Women Voters (LWV)
1. The concerns of Mr. Cezar were forwarded to the States Attorney Office in March. Counsel advised that Board's of Election do not have jurisdiction over public official's qualifications after they are worn into office.
 2. Copy of schematics for 32-polling locations, as a reference for the General Election evaluation, was provided. Primary Evaluation noted concerns for privacy and convenience.

President's Report:

- Ms. Thewes recognized for her “We the People” involvement.
- Two (2) Candidates vying for MAEO Board positions seeking support.
- Two (2) Candidates for the National Socialist Movement seeking support. (No Board action appropriate)

Director's Report:

- Director, Deputy Director and Charlotte Davis, recently attended Election Center's, special workshop on Election Training. One Hundred-eleven (111), attendees from Twenty-six (26), States, were there. Charlotte Davis, who worked on the national taskforce for Election Training, was the Instructor. This Workshop, Chaired by Doug Lewis, was not only informative, it gave people the opportunity to network and share information and plan for inexperienced voter, number of first-time voters, and a close election that may require a recount. (Material available for Board's review.)
- The Board was provided copies of Post Election Evaluation Precinct Report. Deputy Mickley explained the process used to select the Top 3 Polling Place Winners. The evaluation will be used once, every general election cycle, beginning with next Gubernatorial general. Will be used in the future to “drive corrective behavior” of Election Judges, particularly in accurate reporting of time/attendance. Solicitation for additional judges is ongoing, as well as seeking support/approval of part-time judges.
- Top-3 Polling Place winners, Lisbon Elementary School, Clarksville Middle School and Elkridge Landing Middle School, will be treated to a Luncheon, hosted by Board/Staff, in Centennial Park, Ellicott City, June 6th.
- Board approved relocating Glenwood Middle School Polling place from gym to the cafeteria.
- Director briefed Board on FY09 Budget and County Work Session, scheduled for May 13th at 9:00AM.
- MAEO schedule and Board members attendance.

Deputy Director: Briefing on being actively involved in voter outreach efforts, via the various outdoor County festival/fairs. Board's approval and personal support of these efforts was given.

President: Inasmuch as the 4th Monday in May is Memorial Day Holiday, regular meeting canceled. If need be, a special meeting will be held at MAEO and Board Secretary will contact Members, confirm location and public notification. Extended thanks to the Director for above reports.

Attorney's Report: None

Old Business: This being the 1st meeting held following certification of 2008 Primary, the HCB recessed and immediately reconvened the 2008 Primary Board of Canvassers,

sworn in February 11th, to approve Canvass Minutes. Motion to approve Canvassing Minutes, with noted corrections, made by Mr. Coles, seconded by Mr. Rankin and unanimously approved.

New Business: At the end of above recess, 5:48 PM, the Board convened to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter affecting specific individuals and an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.

Action Executive Session: While in Executive Session the Executive Session the Board unanimously supported Director's planned action to purge rolls of non-citizens. Personnel action taken in session will be reported on June 23, 2008 Minutes

Adjournment:

There being no further business, adjournment was unanimously agreed upon. Session closed at 6:46 PM. The next regular meeting will be held June 23, 2008 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully transcribed,

 Signed June 23, 2008

Vivian L. Dixon, Board Secretary

 Signed June 23, 2008

Ann M. Balcerzak, President

*Excused from Executive Session during discussion of ...personnel matter that affect one or more specific individuals, under MD Code Ann. State Government Article § 10-508(a)(1)(ii).