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**DORCHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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ATTENDEES: Thomas M. Corkran, President
Ralph C. Lewis, Vice President
Emma Pinkett, Secretary
William Bishop, Member
Emory E. Tamplin, Jr., Member

Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director
Jessica Noranbrock, Election Asst.

ABSENT: Amanda Forester-Cannon, Attorney

GUESTS: None.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING June 11, 2024

Call to Order and Determine Quorum:

President Corkran called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM; quorum was determined.

Welcome any Guests:

None.

Report any Board or Staff Absences:

Amanda Forester-Cannon, Attorney

Additions to Agenda:

Director Dales informed the Board that Victoria Jackson-Stanley is a new SBE Board Member.

Approval of Minutes:

- **4.16.24 Minutes**
Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pinkett. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- **5.14.24(AM) Minutes**
Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pinkett. The minutes were approved unanimously.

- **5.14.24(PM) Minutes**
Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pinkett. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- **5.16.24 Mail-In Ballot 1 Canvass Minutes**
Mr. Bishop motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Tamplin. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- **5.22.24 Provisional Canvass Minutes**
Mr. Bishop motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Lewis. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- **5.24.24 Mail-In Ballot 2 Canvass Minutes**
Mr. Bishop motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pinkett. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Election Director's Report:

- **Budget: FY2024 –April and May 2024 year/date/monthly expenditures**
Director Dales distributed the monthly budget(s).
- **Credit Card Statement – April 2024**
Director Dales distributed the credit card statement.

Old Business:

- **Clear Ballot Audit Phase 1**
Director Dales distributed and explained the results of the Clear Ballot Audit and that there were no discrepancies found.

New Business:

- **Reject Untimely Ballots**
Mr. Lewis motioned to convene as the Board of Canvassers, seconded by Mr. Tamplin. The Board of Canvassers convened at 10:14 AM. Ms. Dales presented the Board with one (1) ballot that was received untimely for the election. Mr. Lewis motioned to reject the untimely ballot, seconded by Mrs. Pinkett. The untimely ballot was rejected.

Mr. Lewis motioned to close the meeting of the Board of Canvassers and reconvene the regular Board Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Pinkett. The regular Board Meeting reconvened at 10:16 AM.

- **Discuss Board Meeting Time/Day**
Director Dales asked the Board if they might consider changing the meeting time/day depending on the availability of the Attorney. Mr. Bishop asked Ms. Dales to formally inquire about the Attorney's availability. Mr. Tamplin suggested we schedule the next meeting, but make it a tentative time/day pending the Attorney's response.

- **Polling Place Evaluations – Jessica/EFS**

Director Dales proposed that EFS and Jessica perform the polling place evaluations going forward. There's nothing in the rules that say other people can't do them. It will free up the Board Members on Election Day to be a positive entity when visiting polling places and they won't be rushed. Mr. Bishop requested they still receive a list of polling places to visit so they don't all go to the same places. The rest of the Board agreed.

FYI:

- **1 Day MAEO optional "Virtual Conference" – Aug. 20th**

Director Dales informed the Board that the optional 1-day MAEO conference will be held on August 20, 2024 and that she will distribute the information to attend virtually once we receive it.

Closed Session – Personnel:

Mrs. Pinkett made a motion to go into a closed session, seconded by Mr. Bishop. The Board went into a closed session at 10:36 AM. The regular meeting resumed at 10:48 AM.

Public Comment Following Closed Session:

The Board went into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Confirmation of Next Meeting:

- A tentative meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th, 2024 at 10:00 AM, to be held at 1000 Goodwill Ave., Cambridge, MD 21613.

Mr. Corkran asked where meeting notices are posted. Ms. Dales explained that a meeting notice is posted in our front office and on our website, but no longer posted at the County Office Building because we are no longer located there.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pinkett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bishop. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.

APPROVED:



Emma D. Pinkett



Erin E. Tamplin

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