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ATTENDEES: Thomas M. Corkran, Acting President Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director
Ralph C. Lewis, Secretary Jessica Noranbrock, Election Asst.
William Batson, Member
Robin Connolly, Member
Hubert H. Wright, IV, Attorney

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Sarah Gavian

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING April 18, 2022

Call to Order and Determine Quorum:

Acting President Corkran called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM; quorum was determined.

Welcome any Guests:

Sarah Gavian, Democratic Central Committee Chair

Report any Board or Staff Absences:

None.

Additions to Agenda:

Director Dales distributed a copy of the candidates that have filed in Dorchester County, as of the filing deadline on Friday, April 15, 2022. Ms. Dales also informed the Board a candidate came in that was nominated for a vacant race; but hadn't been processed yet, and that the central committees have until April 20, 2022 to nominate candidates to fill vacancies.

The Board also added the election of officers of the Board to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

• **3.22.2022 Minutes**

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Batson. The minutes were approved.

Election Director’s Report:

- **Budget: FY2022 –March 2022 year/date/monthly expenditures**
 Director Dales distributed the monthly budgets.

Old Business:

- **Amended Early Voting Agreement for use of County building. To be signed.**
 Director Dales presented the Board with the signed amendment to the original Early Voting Agreement that amended the early voting dates due to the change in the Primary Election date. Acting President Corkran signed the amendment. A copy will be delivered to the County Council’s Office.
- **Updated Election Judge training schedule.**
 Director Dales distributed the updated training schedule, and explained that since the election date changed the training dates have also been pushed back. Ms. Dales also informed the Board that we will be sharing a trainer with another County and had to work around some of those dates, as well.
- **Polling Place changes due to School’s unavailability on New July 19th, 2022 Primary Election date. To be reviewed and approved.**
 Mrs. Noranbrock distributed information and pictures of facilities recommended as election day polling places if schools remain unavailable July 19th. The Board voted and approved the following facilities as election day polling places, unless schools become available:

Approved Facility	School Not Available
St. Luke’s United Methodist Church Hall	Choptank Elementary
Delmarva Community Services Senior Center	Cambridge – S. Dorchester H. S.
The Church of the Nazarene Hall	Sandy Hill Elementary
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall	Warwick Elementary
North Dorchester H.S. (only school available)	North Dorchester Middle
Hurlock Community Center	Hurlock Elementary School
Vienna Town Hall	Vienna Elementary School
St. John’s United Methodist Church Hall	S. Dorchester K – 8 School

- **Redistricting Lawsuit – Updates**
 Director Dales informed the Board that the Maryland Court of Appeals upheld the Legislative Redistricting plan and the July 19th election date. The Court will reconvene on May 5th. Three to four thousand voters will receive new VNCs (voter notification cards) due to redistricting, but 11,000 voters will receive new VNCs due to polling place changes if schools remain unavailable. SBE is working on procuring a vendor to help the LBEs with the printing of redistricting VNCs, but we aren’t sure if they will assist with the printing of polling place change VNCs. If not, we would have to pay a printer to print them. We don’t have the VNC paper or the manpower to print them inhouse, and this was not budgeted for. Mr. Lewis asked if the office will need part-time help with election preparation. Ms. Dales said that Mrs. Hurley will be returning to the office soon and we will hopefully have a county tech, but we will keep the Board informed if we need more help.

New Business:

- **Optional Direct Deposit Forms**
Director Dales distributed the forms to the Board.

FYI:

- **Financial Disclosure due by the end of April.**
Mrs. Connolly informed the Board she has completed her disclosure. Director Dales said that everyone's had been completed, including Mr. Detmer's.
- **Election of Officers**
Director Dales asked if the Board would like to elect a President and Vice – President or if they preferred to remain as-is with Mr. Corkran as Acting President. Mr. Corkran said he wanted everyone to be here to decide. Mrs. Connolly asked if we are looking for someone to fill the 5th member's spot. Ms. Dales said we notified the Republican Central Committee when Mr. Detmer resigned. Mr. Corkran said it probably wouldn't happen anytime soon because it's a long process. They may wait until our terms expire to fill the spot.

Mr. Corkran said he would take nominations for President. Mr. Lewis said he would rather go through this election with experience at the top and nominated Mr. Corkran as President, seconded by Mrs. Connolly. President Corkran nominated Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Batson. Mrs. Connolly nominated Mr. Batson as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Lewis. Votes were unanimous.

Closed Session:

None.

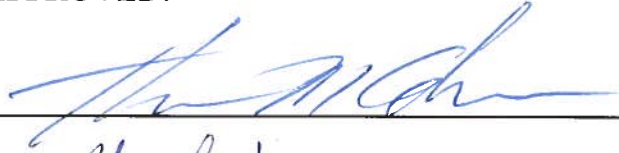
Confirmation of Next Meeting:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 10:00 AM, in Room 110 of the Dorchester County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, MD 21613.

Adjournment:

Mr. Lewis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Batson. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

APPROVED:

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2022 Polling Place Locations

The following regular polling place locations remain unchanged for the 2022 Elections:

- Eldorado – Brookview Fire Hall**
- Taylor's Island Fire Hall**
- Hoopers Island Fire Hall**
- St. Paul's Church Hall**
- Neck District Fire Hall**
- Church Creek Fire Hall**
- Lakes – Straits Fire Hall**
- Bucktown Church Hall**
- Linkwood – Salem Fire Hall**
- Hurlock Fire Hall**
- Madison Fire Hall**
- Salem Church Hall**
- Elliott Island Church Hall**


Unless Dorchester County Schools are closed on July 19, 2022, and may be utilized as polling places, the following facilities are approved as polling places for the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election.

Polling Place Affected	Alternate Polling Place for Approval	Approved (√)
Choptank Elementary 1103 Maces Ln Cambridge, MD	St. Luke's U.M.C. 712 Bradley Ave Cambridge, MD	✓
Cambridge – S. Dorchester H.S. 2475 Cambridge Beltway Cambridge, MD	Delmarva Community Services Senior Center 2450 Cambridge Beltway Cambridge, MD	✓
Sandy Hill Elementary 1503 Glasgow St Cambridge, MD	The Church of the Nazarene 97 Sandy Hill Rd Cambridge, MD	✓


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Warwick Elementary School 155 Main St Secretary, MD	#1 Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall 115 Main St Secretary MD	#1 ✓
	-OR- #2 E. New market Fire Hall 4020 E. N. Market Bypass E. N. Market, MD	#2
North Dorchester Middle 5745 Cloverdale Dr Hurlock, MD	North Dorchester High School Cafeteria 5875 Cloverdale Rd Hurlock, MD	✓
Hurlock Elementary 301 Charles St Hurlock, MD	Hurlock Community Ctr School St Hurlock, MD	✓
Vienna Elementary 4905 Ocean Gateway Vienna, MD	Vienna Town Hall 214 Middle St Vienna, MD	✓
S. Dorchester K-8 School 3485 Golden Hill Rd Church Creek, MD	St. John's UMC Hall 3244 Kerwins Neck Rd Church Creek, MD	✓

RJT
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Approval is indicated with a checkmark (√) in the "Approval" column and the following Dorchester County Board Member signature(s).



 William C. Bateman



 Robin A. Connolly

