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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
Brittany Phillips, Election Asst.
Amanda Forester-Cannon, Attorney

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: None.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING March 18, 2025

Call to Order and Determine Quorum:

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

Welcome any Guests:

None.

Report any Board or Staff Absences:

None.

Additions to Agenda:

Director Dales distributed a 2025 Legislation summary to the Board. Mr. Bishop asked if the legislation passed on Director's evaluation. Ms. Dales explained she thinks the evaluation is to show county performances in general, and how it reflects on the State Administrator. Mr. Bishop's primary concern is that the Director's evaluation only comes from the Board and SBE. Mr. Lewis said it's consolidating power. Mr. Corkran asked if the Board will see the State's evaluation. Mr. Bishop said it sounds like it's only evaluating the office, not specifically the Director. Mr. Bishop is concerned the Board's evaluation may differ from the State. Ms. Dales explained the State evaluation is not only based on her, but the office as a whole and daily tasks. Mr. Lewis asked if the State has the right to transfer a director. Ms. Dales said no. Multiple Board Members said "good."

Approval of Minutes:

- **12.18.24 Minutes**

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

Election Director's Report:

- **Budget: FY2025 –December 2024, January and February 2025 year/date/monthly expenditures**

Director Dales distributed the monthly budget(s).

- **Credit Card Statement –February 2025**

Director Dales distributed the credit card statement.

Old Business:

- **Budget Meeting**

Ms. Dales discussed the meeting with the County. We were able to decrease the FY2027 budget request by \$14,000. The County Manager is trying to find money where they can. A lot of our budget has to do with what passes in legislation. Ms. Dales informed the Board that the County asked us to use their postage meter, but that wouldn't save money. Mrs. Pinkett agreed.

New Business

- **MAEO**

Director Dales confirmed if Board Members are attending the Biennial and MAEO Conference. Mr. Corkran and Mrs. Pinkett submitted payment for their spouses to attend. Mrs. Forester-Cannon is planning to attend the Biennial but may need a waiver for that Monday if she is unable to change her court schedule. Mr. Lewis may also need a waiver for that Monday. Ms. Dales said the office will contact Mrs. Forester-Cannon and Mr. Lewis in two weeks for attendance confirmation.

- **Financial Disclosure**

Director Dales reminded Board Members to complete their financial disclosures for 2024. Mr. Corkran and Mr. Lewis' are completed. Mr. Bishop stated he completed his, as well. Mrs. Pinkett will double-check, she thinks she completed it. Ms. Dales said we will forward Mrs. Pinkett the email. Mr. Tamplin will come into the office on March 25 around 10:00 or 11:00 am to complete his financial disclosure. Mrs. Forester-Cannon asked if she needed to complete one, Ms. Dales does not believe so.

FYI:

- **State Administration sent Election Judge "Thank You" letter**

Director Dales distributed a copy of the letter the State Administrator sent to election judges.

- **Manual Audit – 100%**
Director Dales informed the Board that the manual audit was completed on February 7, 2025, with zero variances.
- **Post-Election Maintenance & Inventory – Ongoing**
Director Dales informed the Board that post-election maintenance and inventory are underway.

Confirmation of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 10:00AM.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bishop motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tamplin. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

APPROVED:

William Beslog





Emma Pinkett

Rep. C. L. Jr.

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