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**ATTENDEES:** Thomas M. Corkran, President  
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Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director  
Jessica Noranbrock, Election Asst.

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

***MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING October 25, 2022***

*The Clerk of the Court, Amy Craig, swore in the Board of Canvassers at 10:00 AM.*

**Call to Order and Determine Quorum:**

President Corkran called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM; quorum was determined.

**Welcome any Guests:**

None.

**Report any Board or Staff Absences:**

None.

**Additions to Agenda:**

Ms. Dales added a discussion about early canvassing.

**Approval of Minutes:**

• **823.2022 Minutes**

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

**Election Director's Report:**

• **Budget: FY2023 –August & September 2022 year/date/monthly expenditures**

Director Dales distributed the monthly budget.

**Old Business:**

- **Updated Polling Place List**

Ms. Dales distributed the updated list of polling places, which included the changes approved at the last Board Meeting.

- **Early Voting Begins Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> (Reminder: 2 Evaluations)**

Ms. Dales reminded the Board, staff would be setting up for early voting and the board has to complete two (2) evaluations during early voting. Mr. Corkran and Mr. Lewis will complete the evaluations.

**New Business:**

- **Sign Logic and Accuracy Certification**

Ms. Dales distributed the certificate for L&A testing and the public demonstration. She informed the Board the public demo was advertised in the newspaper, but no one came.

- **Approval of Judges List**

Ms. Dales presented the current list of election judges. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the list, seconded by Mr. Batson. The list was approved.

- **Chief Judges Mileage Discussion**

Ms. Dales explained that with costs of everything going up, and Chief Judges being required to pick up and drop off supplies, it would be nice if the Board would consider paying them mileage for a round trip from the warehouse to their polling place. Mr. Corkran asked what the mileage amount was. Ms. Dales said it is currently 58 cents per mile. Mrs. Noranbrock suggested a 5-dollar minimum on mileage compensation. Mr. Lewis motioned to compensate Chief Judges for supply pick up and drop off, and to incorporate a 5-dollar minimum, seconded by Mr. Corkran. The mileage was approved.

**FYI:**

- **Election Judges Training Checklist Evaluation Results**

Ms. Dales mentioned that Mrs. Noranbrock was instrumental in meeting with the representative from the State Board, who found nothing wrong with her training. Mr. Batson and Mrs. Connolly thanked Mrs. Noranbrock.

- **New Judge Pins**

2022 Election Official pins were distributed to the Board.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Ms. Dales informed the Board she spoke with Mr. Corkran about the early canvassing option, which we did in 2020 because there were so many mail-in ballots. It was decided that we would not be canvassing early. The first mail-in ballot canvass will be on November 10, 2022.

Mr. Lewis mentioned that he was concerned about poll watchers at the polling places, and said he didn't think they should sit near the entrance, it may be intimidating to voters. Ms. Dales said that watchers have to be able to hear people checking to determine if something inappropriate goes on. We train our judges on what watchers can and can not do in the polling place. If anyone has any concerns they will call us and we will send the Board to check on them. Mrs. Connolly mentioned that there were a few in the last election, but they didn't talk to anyone.

Mr. Lewis asked how many mail-in ballots we had to canvass. Ms. Dales said, at the time, we had 1,277 received out of 2,450 sent. Mr. Corkran mentioned that there may be a lot of

provisional ballots. Ms. Dales said we'd received 331 from the Cambridge drop box and 70 from the Hurlock drop box. Mr. Corkran asked if they are under surveillance 24/7. Ms. Dales said they are and we keep a copy of the surveillance on a hard drive that we retain. Mr. Corkran asked if we'd be using teams again for the mail-in ballot canvasses. Ms. Dales said we would and that the Board will oversee the canvasses.

**Closed Session: Warehouse Location/Personnel:**

Mr. Lewis motioned to go into a closed session, seconded by Mr. Corkran, at 10:37 AM.

The regular meeting resumed at 11:25 AM.

**Confirmation of Next Meeting:**

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27, at 10:00 AM, at the Dorchester County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Room 100.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Lewis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Connolly. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

**APPROVED:**

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*William E. Boston*

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**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

***MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING November 8, 2022***

**Call to Order and Determine Quorum:**

President Corkran called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM; quorum was determined.

**Welcome any Guests:**

None.

**Report any Board or Staff Absences:**

None.

**Additions to Agenda:**

None.

**Election of Officers:**

Mrs. Connolly nominated Mr. Lewis as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers, seconded by Mr. Corkran. Mrs. Connolly nominated Mr. Batson as Secretary of the Board of Canvassers, seconded by Mr. Corkran.

**Random Selection of Precincts for Post-Election Audit:**

The Board of Canvassers randomly selected the following precincts for the post-election audit:

- 07-006
- 18-001
- 07-008

**Confirmation of Next Meeting:**


The next Board Meeting will be the Mail-In Ballot Canvass 1, which will be held on Thursday, November 10, at 10:00 AM, at the Dorchester County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Room 100.

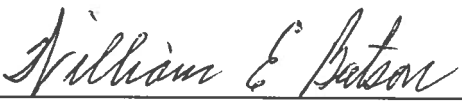
**Adjournment:**

Mr. Lewis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Connolly. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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