



The Charles County Board of Elections held its regular monthly board meeting on February 16, 2023 at 201 East Charles Street, La Plata, Maryland, convening at 9:00 a.m.

I. Declaration of Quorum Present: The meeting was called to order by Board President Renner promptly at 9:00 a.m. Attendees present were:

Board Members: Craig Renner
Fern Brown
Dorothy Duffield via conference call
Louis Jenkins
Mark Hashagen (not present)
Norman Saunders (not present)

Staff: Tracy Dickerson
Chris McDougal
Wade Beswick

Public: Norris Haines

II. Additions to the Agenda: No additional agenda items.

III. Old Business: No old business to discuss.

IV. Approval of January 2023 minutes: A motion was made by Vice President Brown to accept the minutes from the January meeting; motion seconded by Member Duffield; unanimously approved.

V. Election Director's Report:

- Director Dickerson informed the Board that the 2022 Gubernatorial General Manual Audit has been successfully completed and went very well; the Audit was completed within 50 minutes, the Audit had four guest observers from the public, one observer representing the State Board of Elections. Tracy distributed copies of the audit results and there were no questions from the observers.
- The Director mentioned the MAEO conference occurring in May, and inquired if any board members would like to attend.
- Director Dickerson announced that interviews for one of two current open staff positions will be held Wednesday, February 22; President Renner inquired if they were quality candidates, Director Dickerson replied that they seemed to be.

VI. Board Attorney Report: Mr. Jenkins informed the Board that he had no new business to report.

VII. New Business: Director Dickerson initiated a discussion regarding the need to obtain a replacement location for the loss of availability at Early Voting location EV-01 Sacred Heart Catholic Church due to candidate behavior. The Waldorf Jaycees have allowed us to return with the stipulation of no tents or canopies in any of the Jaycees' parking lots. St. Joseph's will allow the BOE to return with the provision of no oversized campaign signs at the facility entrance/exit. The Director explained the existing sign stipulations that are distributed to candidates. There was a brief discussion as to the available options for another early voting site, focused on the Charles County Fairgrounds. President Renner offered to contact a Fairground Board Member and initiate contact regarding Election Board utilization of Fairgrounds facilities. Mr. Haines inquired as to the specifics of why Sacred Heart was no longer available, and it was explained that it was mainly due to candidates' oversized signage.

VIII. **Motion to Adjourn:** At 9:14 a.m. Member Duffield made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Vice President Brown.

IX. **Next Board Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board will convene April 20 at 9:00 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norman J. Brown", is written in a cursive style.