



The Charles County Board of Elections held its regular monthly board meeting on October 20, 2022 at 201 East Charles Street, La Plata, Maryland, 20646 at 9:08 a.m.

I. Declaration of Quorum Present: Craig Renner
Fern Brown
Norman Saunders
Mark Hashagen
Louis Jenkins, Board Attorney

Staff: Tracy A. Dickerson
Chris McDougal
Wade Beswick
Stephanie Ramos-Santos

II. Additions to the Agenda: N/A

III. Old Business: N/A

IV. Approval of August 18th and Post-Election Minutes: Mr. Mark Hashagen made a motion to accept the August 18th and Post-Election minutes, seconded by Ms. Brown. Unanimously approved.

V. Election Director's Report:

- Ms. Dickerson reported that new/refresher training for election judges has been completed. Ms. McDougal informed the Board that everything is good, however there are still days left until the election where people might drop-out or not show for work.
- Ms. Dickerson announced that the Board of Canvassers was sworn in on October 20th at 9:00 a.m. for the General Election.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the board that on October 7th, the court ordered that the local boards of elections could start canvassing early, some counties are canvassing prior to election day, however, Charles County is not. Charles County will follow normal procedures. Ms. Dickerson informed the Board that her plan for canvassing is to have 6 tables with 2 members opening ballots, 4 duplicating members, and 6 more people at the scanners, so when a team finishes opening ballots they can be scanned. If there is an overvote, the Board will review the ballot and if it needs to be remarked.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the Board that all public demos and canvassing dates were sent to the chairs of the party committees, nobody has objected about Charles County canvassing on the normal day.

- Ms. Dickerson asked the Board to select the precincts for Election Day evaluations. 11 polling places were evaluated for the Primary, 11 more polling places were chosen to be evaluated for the General.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the Board of mistakes made by the State Board of Elections, 125 mail-in voters were sent the wrong ballot style statewide. 6 of those 125 voters were from Charles County. This was corrected and a letter from the State Board of Elections was sent to the voters.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the Board of another mistake the State Board of Elections made, 191 duplicate ballots were sent statewide, 11 duplicate ballots were sent in Charles County. The issue has been corrected and the State Board of Elections was sending a letter to those voters.
- Ms. Dickerson informed the Board that the logic & accuracy testing of the voting equipment was completed on October 18th. She informed that the public demo will be on October 21st at 10:00 a.m.
- Ms. Dickerson informed that she is currently in the process of packing ballots for the Early Voting carts and polling places for Election Day.
- Mr. Beswick informed the board that everything is on schedule regarding equipment preparation.
- Ms. McDougal informed the Board that staff is caught up with their work and the office is getting assistance from the Post Office since they pick up mail to deliver and get delivered mail.

VI. Board Attorney Report: Mr. Jenkins informed the Board that local board attorneys have been having their biweekly state attorney meetings.

VII. New Business: N/A

VIII. Next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be held on TBD.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Saunders made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hashagen. Unanimously approved.

Norman Saunders