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The Charles County Board of Elections held a special board meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 201 East Charles Street La Plata, Maryland, 20646 at 11:30 a.m.

- I. Declaration of Quorum Present:** Katherine O'Malley-Simpson; conference call
Fern Brown; conference call
Craig Renner; conference call
Dorothy Duffield; conference call
Norman Saunders; conference call

Louis Jenkins, Board Attorney; conference call

Staff: Tracy A. Dickerson
Mary Hashagen

Guest: Bonnie Langley

- II. Approval of August 21, 2020 Minutes:** Ms. Fern Brown made a motion to accept the August 21, 2020, special meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Dorothy Duffield. Unanimously approved.
- III. Additions to the Agenda:** N/A
- IV. Election Director's Report:**

Request approval for additional Vote Center

- Ms. Tracy Dickerson requested approval from the Board to add a 9th Vote Center; Piccowaxen Middle School in Newburg, MD.
- Ms. O'Malley-Simpson asked about the current construction taking place at the school. Ms. Dickerson advised that she and Mr. Wade Beswick met Mr. Kenneth Schroeck, Charles County Board of Education Senior Project Manager, at the school and it is the Gymnasium that is under construction. The Vote Center will be held in the cafeteria. Ms. Dickerson and Mr. Beswick conducted a signal test and everything checked out fine. Ms. O'Malley-Simpson asked about the entry way for voters to ensure the construction would not impact access to the Cafeteria. Mr. Schroeck stated the construction should be completed by the time the Election begins.

- Mr. Craig Renner asked why the need for another Vote Center. Ms. Dickerson responded to cover the Southern Region. Mr. Renner asked if there was any cost affiliated with this addition. Ms. Dickerson replied the only cost would be election judge salaries.
- The guest who joined the call, Ms. Bonnie Langley asked why all of the Voting locations were not being opened on Election Day. Ms. Dickerson advised that we did not have enough election judges to fill all locations. Also, locations were refusing to allow use of their facilities due to COVID-19.

Ms. Dorothy Duffield made a motion to approve Piccowaxen Middle School as a Vote Center on Election Day; seconded by Ms. Fern Brown, Unanimously approved.

V. Board Attorney Report: N/A

VI. Next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2020.

VII. Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Norman Saunders made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Craig Renner. Unanimously approved.

Approved during virtual board meeting held October 9, 2020