# MEETING OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS 1100 MERCANTILE LANE, SUITE 135 LARGO, MD 20774 MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

**PRESENT:** Beatrice P. Tignor, President, Democratic Member

Roberta B. Deegan, Vice President, Republican Member

Faye M. Howell, Democratic Member Felicia N. V. Pratt, Democratic Member Terri L. Williams, Democratic Member

Michael M. Gorman, Substitute Republican Member Carletta L. Lundy, Substitute Democratic Member LaVerne P. Scott, Substitute Democratic Member

Anita C. Jones, Board Secretary

Wendy N. Honesty-Bey, Elections Administrator

Demetra K. M. Hutchinson, Deputy Elections Administrator

Arthur Horne, Board Attorney

ABSENT: None

This meeting was conducted at the Board of Elections' (BOE) office. Ms. Tignor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and a quorum was present. There were no guests. Ms. Scott was seated for Ms. Howell (late arrival).

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Deegan, seconded by Ms. Lundy, and duly passed accepting the minutes for the March 4, 2025, regular meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Deegan, seconded by Ms. Scott, and duly passed accepting the canvass minutes for the Special Primary Election with one edit. The minutes for March 14, 2025, page 4: add the motion to the section rejecting six ballot envelopes returned without a ballot.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

# Correspondence -

- March 24, 2025 McShane letter to the Open Meetings Compliance Board, Attorney General's Office.
- March 26, 2025 Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) response to Moisette Sweat.
- March 31, 2025 Ms. Honesty-Bey's response to the Open Meetings Compliance Board.
- Case No. 1:25-cv-10810 filed with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (State of Maryland is one of the plaintiffs).

<u>Special General Election</u> – Early voting is scheduled for May 28, 2024 – June 2, 2025. Election day is June 3, 2025.

### 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election

- Primary election day has been scheduled for June 23, 2026.
- Staff will conduct reevaluations of polling place locations.

<u>Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget</u> – Ms. Honesty-Bey and Ms. Hutchinson met with the Prince George's County Council (PGCC) Budget Committee on March 31, 2025, to review the budget proposal. PGCC had some questions regarding long lines and early canvassing hours on Election Day. The Board of Elections (BOE) needs to follow established processes.

<u>Teleworking</u> – Staff is interested in teleworking after the completion of the Special General Election. A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Howell, and duly passed approving an alternative work concept for the period July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Executive staff would develop available options based on staff assignments, position requirements, and workflow. This plan may include condensed work schedules and alternating at home and in office workdays.

<u>Election Director Evaluation Program</u> – SBE conducted their evaluation and are on the agenda to present their report to the Board in May 2025.

<u>Voter Registrations</u> – The Maryland Voter Registration System is updated based on information received from the registrants, ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center), MVA (Motor Vehicle Administration, NCOA (National Change of Address), and other reports. This report is available on the BOE website.

MAEO (Maryland Association of Election Officials) – The MAEO conference is scheduled for May 4-9, 2025. All Board members are required to attend. The Biennial meeting is scheduled as part of the MAEO conference. The agenda and conference information were distributed to all Board members.

<u>2025 Maryland General Assembly</u> – The following legislation is expected to pass with an effective of June 1, 2025:

HB0426/SB0313 – Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards
of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State
Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after a special general
election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an
automated software audit after a statewide election; authorizing a local board to conduct a risklimiting audit of a local contest under certain circumstances; etc.

## PERSONNEL -

- General Clerk IV (two positions) interviews conducted, and candidates selected
- Citizen Services Specialist (Spanish Language Coordinator) reviewing resumes
- Administrative Aide IV interviews conducted, and candidate selected
- Budget Analyst reviewing resumes

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# **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**LEGAL** – Mr. Horne will review all legislation passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. He will request a separate meeting with SBE to review HB0426.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., and it will be held in-person at the Elections Office.

A motion was made by Ms. Willaims, seconded by Ms. Deegan, and duly passed to close the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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C. Jones, Recording Secretary

Minutes were approved by the Board on May 13, 2025.