



Frederick County Board of Elections

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MINUTES of the October 9, 2020 Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM, via video and teleconference by the Board President, Mrs. Mary Lou Green.

PRESENT:

Mary Lou Green, President

Shirley McDonald, Vice President

Lawrence C. Hill, Secretary

Mary Costello, Board Member

William Woodcock, Board Member

Daniel B. Loftus, Board Counsel

Stuart Harvey, Election Director

Noreen L. Schultz, Election Deputy Director

Clifton Mowell, Election IT Specialist

Marc R. Welch, Election Program Assistant

Russ Schantz, Election Technician

MC Keegan-Ayer, County Council President

GUESTS:

Sandra Dalton, Clerk of the Court

SWEARING-IN OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS:

Sandra Dalton, Clerk of the Court was present to administer the Oath of Office to the Board of Canvassers for the 2020 Presidential Election.

Mrs. Green nominated Shirley McDonald as President of the Board of Canvassers. Mrs. Costello seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodcock nominated Larry Hill as Secretary of the Board of Canvassers. Mrs. Costello seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Costello made a motion to close the Board of Canvassers meeting and resume the regular monthly meeting. Mr. Woodcock seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE:

Mr. Harvey introduced the Board to new employee Khalfani "Phoenix" Blount. He joins the staff working in the VR department. The Board welcomed Phoenix to the staff.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

Mr. Harvey added discussion of a newly-received grant from the Center for Technology and Civic Life.

COUNCIL:

Mrs. Keegan-Ayer inquired about the status of the directional entrance & exit signs, and will follow up with the Department of Public Works. She updated the Board on the status of security surrounding the election. The Washington Area Council of Governments is concerned with the potential for disruption, protests, and possible violence. The Board and Mr. Harvey discussed the concerns and mitigation plans. She also brought concerns about the individual who was disruptive at the Urbana Library vote center in the June Primary who is "ratcheting up" efforts to disrupt the election on social media.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Harvey provided an oral report. The Board discussed the report.

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OLD BUSINESS:

A. FY21 BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on the FY21 budget. Expenditures are well-underway. The largest expense so far is postage expense due to the mail-in ballot applications and ballot returns.

The Board discussed the budget report.

B. NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

1. ELECTION CALENDAR

Mr. Harvey provided an overview of the election calendar. Voting system equipment will be moved from the warehouse to the office area in preparation for the mail-in ballot canvass. He gave the Board the schedule for the canvass and ballot review meetings. Canvassing will begin on October 13. The Board