



Frederick County Board of Elections

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MINUTES of the May 5, 2021 Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM, 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

Christine Winer, Election Supervisor

Clifton Mowell, Election IT Specialist

Marc R. Welch, Election Program Assistant

MC Keegan-Ayer, County Council President

GUESTS:

Deborah Carter, Chair, Frederick County Democratic Central Committee.

Jim Filson, League of Women Voters of Frederick County.

ADDITION TO AGENDA:

Mr. Harvey added a discussion of the expected timeline for staff to return to the office to new business.

Mr. Harvey confirmed Ms. Schultz's official retirement date will be June 1, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the April 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Mrs. McDonald seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL:

The council has begun working on the budget. There have been 4 workshops. She expects no issues with the proposed elections budget. Budget approval is due by May 31.

The County is working on determining a re-open date. Redistricting commission will begin work in late June/early July. Mr. Harvey will have more info section D of old business. They will be redistricting the county council districts.

The Board discussed the Council Liaison's report.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Harvey provided a written report and gave highlights from the report. The Board discussed the report.

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OLD BUSINESS:

A. FY21 BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Harvey provided the Board with an update on the current budget status. Despite overages in some categories, overall the budget is healthy and will cover all expenses at the end of FY21. Mr. Harvey expressed appreciation for the support of the County's budget office, as well as that of the County Executive and Council. The Board discussed the budget update.

B. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Mr. Harvey reported on the outcome of the Mount Airy election. The Mayor's contest was determined by 2 votes out of approximately 1600 ballots cast. The Rosemont election was completed, with a turnout at 17 out of 190 registered. Woodsboro's election is Saturday, May 8, and New Market will be on May 11.

C. CITY OF FREDERICK ELECTION

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on the upcoming City of Frederick election. He's been working with the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and City Board of Elections to determine the Board's involvement. Currently the City is planning for a VBM election. Early voting will be 4 days prior to each election at the former Trinity School building off New Design Road. There will be drop-boxes located throughout the City.

D. 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Harvey provided a brief update on the election bills which passed in the just concluded session. The Board discussed the election bills.

E. REDISTRICTING

Mr. Harvey discussed the redistricting process. The County Council must complete their redistricting on the deadline required by County Charter. Due to the differences between County Charter requirements, and the work of the General Assembly, will require duplication of some work as boundaries are adjusted. Mr.