



The Charles County Board of Elections held its regular monthly board meeting on October 10, 2024 at 201 East Charles Street, La Plata, Maryland, 20646 at 9:00 a.m.

I. Declaration of Quorum Present: The meeting was called to order by Board President Hancock at 9:01 a.m. Attendees present were:

Board Members: Sharon L. Hancock
Norma Jean Gibson
Melanie Boston-Holland
Norris Hanes – Via phone
Jacqueline Gray

Board Attorney: Karen Selby

Staff: Tracy A. Dickerson
Chris McDougal
Wade Beswick
Alexandria Horn
Kevin Meador

II. Approval of September's Minutes: A motion was made by Member Gray to accept September's minutes; motion seconded by Secretary Boston-Holland; unanimously approved.

III. Additions to the Agenda: No additional agenda items, agenda adopted as presented.

IV. Old Business: No old business to discuss.

V. New Business: President Hancock announced that letters were sent to the NAACP Charles County Chapter and the League of Women Voters. President Hancock also sent Board Members an "on-call calendar" for early voting. The Board also went over rules and regulations for sign placement during early voting and election day. Vice President Gibson asked for clarification on drop box pick up personnel. Director Dickerson replied a non-partisan team of two retrieve ballots from the drop boxes and deliver them to the office immediately.


VI. Election Director's Report:

- Director Dickerson announced that Logic & Accuracy testing for early voting and election day has been completed.
- Director Dickerson informed the Board that all supplies and ballots have been packed.
- Director Dickerson reminded the Board that swearing-in will take place directly following this meeting at 10 a.m.
- Director Dickerson also informed the Board that Early ABS 1 Canvass is October 15, 2024 at 10 a.m. and the Public Demonstration is October 18, 2024 at 10 a.m.
- Director Dickerson also gave praise and thanks to her staff for all their hard work and diligence during this election season.
- Deputy Director McDougal informed the Board that she has exceeded her goal of 630 Election Judges and is now at 668 assigned judges.
- Deputy Director McDougal reported that Charles County has received 5,545 mail-in ballots as of October 10, 2024.
- Deputy Director McDougal also informed the Board that staff has prepared all nursing home ballots for drop off.
- Program Manager Beswick informed the Board that signal testing has been completed for St. Joseph's Church Hall and the Waldorf Jaycees; he intends to have the Fairgrounds completed Friday October 11, 2024.

VII. Board Attorney Report: No business to report.

VIII. Next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be November 5, 2024 at 8 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: At 9:42 a.m. Member Gray made a motion to adjourn meeting; motion seconded by Secretary Boston-Holland; unanimously approved.

 10:02 A.M. 12/3/24