

St. Mary's County Board of Elections

23250 Leonardtown Hollywood Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Board Meeting Minutes of 4 August 2021

Present:

Board Members:

Jack Payne, Board President (R)
Rebecca Wathen, Board Secretary (D)
Kenneth Boothe, Member (R)
Ann Raley, Member (D)
Mary Coombs, Member (R)

Staff Members:

Wendy Adkins, Director
Susan Julian, Deputy Director

Cynthia Panos, Board Attorney

Absent: None

At 9:01 AM, Mr. Jack Payne, Board President, determined that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Guests Present: Diana Little (Dial In)

Documents Distributed:

- Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2021
- MAEO Ballot
- Redistricting Board Draft Schedule
- St. Mary's County Commissioners Letter of July 13, 2021 regarding Third Early Voting Center

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Ms. Wathen to approve the minutes, with corrections from the floor, seconded by Ms. Coombs. Motion carried.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes or additions were noted.

Director's Report: Ms. Adkins reported the following:

- **Employee PEP:** Ms. Adkins reported that all of the staff PEP's have been completed for Fiscal Year 2021.
- **MAEO:** Is on schedule. Registration work schedules were provided to Board members. Mr. Payne will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance on day 1. Ballots were distributed to the Board members. They must be either mailed by August 20th at 4 pm or dropped in the Drop Box by August 26 at 11 am.
- **Audit Follow Up:** Ms. Adkins corresponded with the SBE to have them identify the 9 scenarios that were not canvassed properly, but no response has been received.
- **Building Renovations:** The lobby door will be installed and painted by December. The front counter is having Plexiglas installed as well. The snake is still missing.

Old Business:

- **Redistricting Board:** The St. Mary's County Commissioners appointed the following people to the Board:
 - 1st Commissioner District Matthew Burgan
 - 2nd Commissioner District Patricia Richardson
 - 3rd Commissioner District Lance Johnson

- 4th Commissioner District Paul Thompson
- At Large Member Richard Johnson

Ms. Adkins reported that she and Tae did a presentation to the Board last night on the redistricting process. A second presentation is scheduled for August 10th to present voter registration numbers and to answer questions. It is expected that Legislators will hold a special sessions for drawing Congressional maps in early December.

- **Commissioner's Meeting:** Ms. Adkins attended the Commissioner's meeting on July 13. There were many questions and many had nothing to do with the third early voting site. There were questions related to the disenfranchisement of Spanish, Amish, and Veterans in the north end of the County. Ms. Adkins advised that she answered the questions to the best of her ability. The vote was 4 to 1 to administer the third early voting center.

New Business:

- **Third Early Voting Center:** The recommended site for the third early voting center is the Mechanicsville Fire House. The dates for early voting are available and the location meets all of the SBE draft selection packet criteria. A motion was made by Ms. Wathen to approve the third early voting site at the Mechanicsville Fire House, seconded by Mr. Boothe. Motion carried. The SBE will finalize the site selection criteria and Ms. Adkins will confirm the requirements once received.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Ms. Wathen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Coombs. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca J. Wathen
Board Secretary