

St. Mary's County Board of Elections

23250 Leonardtown Hollywood Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Board Emergency Meeting Minutes of 09 March 2022

Present:

Board Members:

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

Staff Members:

Wendy Adkins, Director
Susan Julian, Deputy Director

Cynthia Panos, Board Attorney (Dialed In)

Absent:

At 09:01 AM, Mr. Jack Payne, Board President, determined that there was a quorum present and called this Emergency Meeting to order.

Guests Present: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting will be held for approval.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed with no changes were requested.

Director's Report: No Director's Report was given

Old Business:

- **Early Voting Centers:** The State Board of Elections approved the three early voting centers for St. Mary's County on December 16, 2021. The SBE did ask if a governing body did approve the optional third site. The St. Mary's County Commissioner's Approval letter was provided to the SBE.

New Business:

- **Legislative Redistricting Litigation:** There are currently four (4) lawsuits that have been filed against the proposed redistricting maps. Decisions on these lawsuits are not expected to be heard until April, which does not provide enough time to prepare for the Primary Election currently scheduled for June 28, 2022.
- **MAEO Response:** Ms. Adkins provided a copy of the MAEO response that was sent to Ms. Linda Lamone on February 24, 2022.
- **Local Redistricting:** The local redistricting has impacted the polling location boundary lines. However, Ms. Adkins does not want to notify voters until the Legislative lines have been approved. Ms. Adkins provided the maps to show the variations that occur as a result of redistricting. Based upon this presentation, the following motions were made:
 - A motion to combine Precincts 8-1 (Great Mills High School) and 8-9 (Lexington Park Elementary School) into one location at Great Mills High School was made by Ms. Wathen; seconded by Ms. Coombs. Motion Carried.

- A motion to combine 3-2 (Banneker Elementary – Large) and 3-4 (Banneker Elementary – Small) into one location at Banneker Elementary Large was made by Ms. Wathen; seconded by Ms. Coombs. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: There will be no meeting in March. The next meeting will be on April 6, 2022 at 9:00 AM. Board members should report to the Court House to be sworn.

A motion was made by Ms. Wathen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Raley. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 09:43 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rebecca J. Wathen

Board Secretary