

## St. Mary's County Board of Elections

23250 Leonardtown Hollywood Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650

### Board Meeting Minutes of 3 March 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 (Telecon)

Absent: None

At 9:00 AM, Mr. Jack Payne, Board President, determined that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Mr. Payne welcomed the guests who had joined us on the conference line.

Guests Present: Via Telephone, Alexis Schaeffer, Dianna Little, Christine Barber

#### Documents Distributed:

- Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2021
- 2022 Gubernatorial Election Information and Dates
- 2020 General Election – Manual Ballot Tabulation Audit Worksheet
- Summary of Legislative Bills
- Article regarding Census Data Delay

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 3, 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 revisions or additions were noted.

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

- **MAEO Committees:** Ms. Adkins reported that the office staff was participating in numerous MAEO committees including Election Technology, Mail-In Absentees, Election Judges, and Early Voting.
- **Post-Election Maintenance:** Ms. Adkins reported that all post-election maintenance is required to be completed by mid-April. However, our office is expected to complete the tasking early.
- **Election Signs:** Ms. Adkins reported that she had received several phone calls regarding the removal of election signs. The Board of Elections has no control over signs that are on Private Property. They can only control those signs along the right of way on County and State Roads.
- **2022 Election Dates:** Ms. Adkins provide a hand-out with the proposed dates. Board Members are requested to mark their calendars.

#### Old Business:

- **MAEO Conference:** The MAEO Conference has been tentatively scheduled for the week of August 23. There will be a survey going out to determine if attendance will be sufficient enough to hold the

conference. Additional information will be forthcoming. Board members are requested to respond to the survey.

- **Manual Audit Results:** A copy of the manual audit results were distributed to Board Members. There were no differences noted between the manual audit and the voting system results for the four precincts that were audited.

**New Business:**

- **Legislation:** Ms. Adkins advised that the proposed legislative election bills are available on the Maryland General Assembly website.
  - **HB211** – Early Voting Center / MAEO Opposes / There is no new information to report.
  - **SB58** – Board Members / MAEO has no opinion / There is no new information to report.
  - **HB247** – Guyton Election Law / MAEO Opposes / The bill was favorably passed by the subcommittee with amendments and would require specific training for Election Judges.
  - **HB656** – Early Voting Accessibility / MAEO Opposes / There is no new information to report.
  - **HB655** – County Commissioner Elections / MAEO Opposes / The bill was favorably passed by the House with amendments.

Ms. Adkins also provide a listed of Hot Topic Bills that were being closely monitored.

- **Redistricting:** Ms. Adkins provided a Handout related to this topic. The delay in Census data is likely to impact the 2022 election dates. The local BOE staff is meeting with the County's GIS personnel to clean and provide maintenance to local addresses.
- **Annual Ethics Filing:** Board Members were reminded that they are required to submit their annual ethics paperwork electronically prior to April 30, 2021.

**Next Meeting:** There will be no meeting in April. The next meeting will be May 5, 2021 at 9 AM in the Leonardtown office.

A motion was made by Ms. Wathen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Boothe. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca J. Wathen  
Board Secretary