



CITY OF LAUREL BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

April 4, 2025
11:00 am

Board of Election Supervisors

Regular
Virtual Meeting Minutes

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at approximately 11:05 am with Chairman William Wellford presiding. Roll was called with Ms. Naomi McMillen, Ms. Jacki Ricks, Mrs. Rhonda Whitley, Esquire, Ms. Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, Clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors, Ms. Maria Morales, Administrative Assistant II, City Clerk's Office, Bruce L. Marcus, Esquire and Syndey M. Patterson, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Election Supervisors present. Ms. Tia Clark was absent. There were zero (0) members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Wellford and the Board Members welcomed Ms. Naomi McMillen and congratulated her on her recent appointment as a Chief Judge for Ward 1.

The minutes of the December 19, 2024, regular meeting and the December 19, 2024 Closed Session were approved as written on motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mrs. Whitley, and carried on a roll call vote of all Members present.

Agenda Item No. 5 was Possible Adjournment to Closed Session to Consult with Counsel to Obtain Legal Advice. The authority for this Closed Session was contained in the General Provisions Article Subsection 3-305 (b) (7).

Ms. Ricks made a motion to Adjourn to Closed Session that was seconded by Mrs. Whitley and carried on a roll call vote of all Members present. Chairman Wellford read the Closing Statement into the record (Attached hereto as Exhibit A). Ms. Green noted that Ms. Morales would be staying on the Zoom call to keep the open meeting live and open, and that she, the Board Members, Mr. Marcus and Ms. Patterson would be switching to a Microsoft Teams meeting for the Closed Session and would return to the open meeting following the Closed Session.

The Closed Session began at approximately 11:13 am. Attending the Closed Session were: Chairman William Wellford, Naomi McMillen, Chief Judge, Ward 1, Jacki Ricks, Chief Judge, Ward 1, Rhonda Whitley, Esquire, Chief Judge, Ward 2, Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk, Bruce L. Marcus, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Election Supervisors, and Sydney Patterson, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Election Supervisors.

The Closed Session ended at approximately 11:55 am. The items discussed during the Closed Session were:

1. Counsel drafted revised amendments to the City Charter related to the City's Election Laws.
2. Counsel drafted revised amendments to the City Code related to the City's Election Laws.

There were no actions taken during the Closed Session.

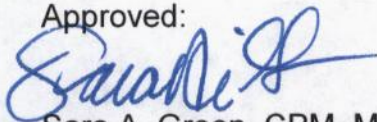
All Board Members, with the exception of Ms. McMillen who experienced technical difficulties, returned to the Open Meeting at approximately 12:00 pm. Chairman Wellford reconvened the open meeting at approximately 12:01 pm.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Possible Action on Revised Recommendations of the Board of Election Supervisors to the Mayor and City Council on Charter Amendment No. 181. Ms. Ricks made a motion to approve the Revised Recommendations of the Board of Election Supervisors to the Mayor and City Council on Charter Amendment No. 181 as presented. Mrs. Whitley seconded the motion. Chairman Wellford cast the final vote of "Yes."

Agenda Item No. 7 was Possible Action on Revised Recommendations of the Board of Election Supervisors to the Mayor and City Council on Ordinance No. 2038. Ms. Ricks made a motion to approve the Revised Recommendation of the Board of Election Supervisors to the Mayor and City Council on Ordinance No. 2038 as presented. Mrs. Whitley seconded the motion. Chairman Wellford cast the final vote of "Yes."

There being no further business to come before the Board of Election Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Approved:



Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC

Clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors

Date:

June 13, 2025

Board of Election Supervisors

April 4, 2025 11:00 am Virtual Meeting


Call to Order: 11:05am

Meeting Ended: 12:10pm


Members of the Public: 

Roll Call

~~Absent~~ Ms. Clark

 Ms. McMillen

 Ms. Ricks

 Mrs. Whitley

 Chairman Wellford

Others Present: Bruce L. Marcus, Esquire, Counsel for Board of Election Supervisors and Sydney M. Patterson, Esquire.

Agenda Item No. 4- Approval of Minutes:

- December 19, 2024 Regular Meeting
- December 19, 2024 Closed Session

~~Absent~~ Ms. Clark 1st Ms. Ricks

2nd Mrs. Whitley yes Chairman Wellford

Agenda Item No. 5- Possible Adjournment to Closed Session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.
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absent Ms. Clark yes Ms. McMillen 1st Ms. Ricks 2nd Mrs. Whitley

yes Chairman Wellford

Agenda Item No. 6- Possible Action on Revised Recommendations of the Board of Election Supervisors to the Mayor and City Council on Charter Amendment No. 181

absent Ms. Clark absent Ms. McMillen 1st Ms. Ricks 2nd Mrs. Whitley

yes Chairman Wellford

Agenda Item No. 7- Possible Action on Revised Recommendations of the Board of Election Supervisors to the Mayor and City Council on Ordinance No. 2038

absent Ms. Clark absent Ms. McMillen 1st Ms. Ricks 2nd Mrs. Whitley

yes Chairman Wellford

William Wellford, Chair
Naomi McMillen, Chief Judge, Ward 1
Jacki M. Ricks, Chief Judge, Ward 1
Ralphenia Tia Clark, Chief Judge, Ward 2
Rhonda Whitley, Esquire, Chief Judge, Ward 2



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Agenda

Friday, April 4, 2025

11:00 am

Virtual- Zoom Meeting

Please contact the City Clerk at clerk@laurel.md.us for Zoom meeting information no
later than 2:00 pm on April 3, 2024

1. Call to order
2. Welcome Recently Appointed Chief Judge for Ward 1- Naomi McMillen
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - December 19, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - December 19, 2024 Closed Session
5. Possible Adjournment to Closed Session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. The authority for this Closed Session is contained in the General Provisions Article Subsection 3-305 (b) (7)
6. Possible Action on Revised Recommendations of the Board of Election Supervisors to the Mayor and City Council on Charter Amendment No. 181 Pertaining to Elections
7. Possible Action on Revised Recommendations of the Board of Election Supervisors to the Mayor and City Council on Ordinance No. 2038 Code Amendments Pertaining to Elections
8. Adjournment

William Wellford, Chairman
Naomi McMillen, Chief Judge, Ward 1
Jacki M. Ricks, Chief Judge, Ward 1
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Rhonda Whitley, Esquire, Chief Judge, Ward 2



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**PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT READ INTO THE RECORD TO CLOSE THE
MEETING**

CLOSED SESSION

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

VIRTUAL ZOOM

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Clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors

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Public Notice- Board of Election Supervisors Possible Adjournment to Closed Session

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Supervisors

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Posted on: January 2, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE - Board of Election Supervisors



Posted on: December 16, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE - Board of Election Supervisors



Posted on: November 20, 2024

Ward 1 Vacancy. Interviews July 1, 2024 at 6:00pm



Posted on: June 27, 2024 | Last Modified on: July 3,
2024

Public Notice: Board of Election Supervisors - Closed Session, 12:00pm - Tuesday, May 28, 2024



Posted on: May 26, 2024

Public Notice of Possible Adjournment to Closed Session- April 1, 2024



Posted on: March 28, 2024 | Last Modified on: March
29, 2024
