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Vacant, Chief Judge, Ward 1
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CITY OF LAUREL BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

Thursday, December 19, 2024
4:00 pm

Board of Election Supervisors

Regular
Virtual Meeting Minutes

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at approximately 4:05 pm with Chairman William Wellford presiding. Roll was called with Ms. Tia Clark, Ms. Jacki Ricks, Mrs. Rhonda Whitley, Esquire, Ms. Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, Clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors, Ana R. Navarro, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Bruce L. Marcus, Esquire and Syndey M. Patterson, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Election Supervisors present. There were zero (0) members of the public in attendance.

The minutes of the December 5, 2024, regular meeting and the December 5, 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. 4 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. Clark made a motion to Adjourn to Closed Session that was seconded by Ms. Ricks 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. Navarro would be staying on the Zoom call to keep the open meeting live and open, and 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 4:14 pm. Attending the Closed Session were: Chairman William Wellford, Tia Clark, Chief Judge, Ward 2, Jacki Ricks, Chief Judge, Ward 1, Rhonda Whitley, Esquire, Chief Judge, Ward 2, Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, 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 4:30 pm. The items discussed during the Closed Session were:

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

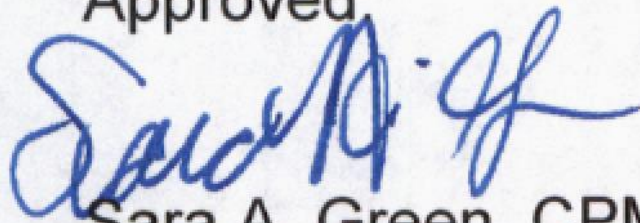
There were no actions taken during the Closed Session.

All Board Members returned to the Open Meeting at approximately 4:16 pm. Mrs. Whitley had to leave the meeting before Chairman Wellford called the meeting back to order as he was experiencing technical difficulties. Chairman Wellford reconvened the open meeting at approximately 4:42 pm.

Agenda Item No. 5 was Possible Action on Recommendation of Charter and Code Amendments Pertaining to Elections to the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Ricks made a motion to approve the recommendations to the Mayor and City Council as written in both the draft ordinance and charter amendment Ms. Clark seconded the motion, with Chairman Wellford casting the final vote of "Yes".

There being no further business to come before the Board of Election Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Approved:



Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC

Clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors

Date:

April 4, 2025

Exhibit "A" BOE minutes
Closed Session 12/19/2024

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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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Agenda

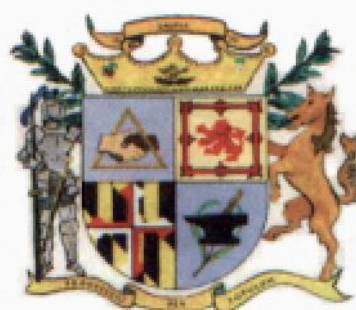
**Thursday, December 19, 2024
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Virtual- Zoom Meeting

Please contact the City Clerk at clerk@laurel.md.us for Zoom meeting information no
later than 2:00 pm on December 19, 2024

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - December 5, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - December 5, 2024 Closed Session
4. 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)
5. Possible Action on Recommendation of Charter and Code Amendments Pertaining to Elections to the Mayor and City Council
6. Adjournment

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Clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors

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December 19, 2024 4:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 4:00 pm

Meeting Ended: 4:43 pm

Members of the Public: *[Signature]*

Roll Call

☒ Ms. Clark

☒ 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. 3- Approval of Minutes:

- December 5, 2024 Regular Meeting
- December 5, 2024 Closed Session

[Signature] Ms. Clark

[Signature] Ms. Ricks

[Signature] Mrs. Whitley

[Signature] Chairman Wellford

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[Signature] Ms. Clark

[Signature] Ms. Ricks

[Signature] Mrs. Whitley

[Signature] Chairman Wellford

Possible Action on Recommendation of Charter and Code Amendments Pertaining to Elections to the Mayor and City Council

2nd Ms. Clark

1st Ms. Ricks

Had to leave meeting before vote Mrs. Whitley Yes Chairman Wellford