



CITY OF LAUREL BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

Thursday, December 5, 2024
5:00 pm

Board of Election Supervisors

Regular
Virtual Meeting Minutes

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at approximately 5:09 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 October 17, 2024 regular meeting were approved as written on motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Ms. Clark and carried on a roll call vote of all Members present.

Ms. Green requested that Chairman Wellford consider adding the following item to the agenda:

Motion to Approve Citations to be Issued to the Following Candidates from the 2023 City Election Who Had Not Filed the Proper Campaign Finance Reports following the 2023 General Election.

Chairman Wellford agreed to add the item to the agenda with the consensus of the Board Members. Ms. Green explained that she had been advised by the City Solicitor to request a formal vote of the Board Election Supervisors to approve moving forward with the issuance of citations to the following 2023 Candidates who had failed to comply with the City's Election Code:

- Seeta Deonauth- Failure to file required Final Campaign Finance Report.
- Enrico McCleary- Failure to file properly completed Final Campaign Finance Report.
- Thomas Matthews, Failure to file required Interim and Final Campaign Finance Reports.

Mrs. Whitley made a motion to approve Issuance of Citations to the following 2023 Election Candidates:

- Seeta Deonauth- Failure to file required Final Campaign Finance Report.

- Enrico McCleary- Failure to file properly completed Final Campaign Finance Report.
- Thomas Matthews, Failure to file required Interim and Final Campaign Finance Reports.

Ms. Ricks seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Board 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 5:20 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 7:45 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.

Chairman Wellford reconvened the open meeting at approximately 7:47 pm. Agenda Item No. 5 was Possible Action on Recommendation of Charter and Code Amendments Pertaining to Elections to the Mayor and City Council. The Board was of the consensus that there were additional edits required before a formal vote could be taken on a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. Mrs. Whitley made a motion to table Agenda Item No. 5 to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Ms. Ricks seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Board Members present.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Election Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sara A. Green'.

Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC
Clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors


Date: *December 19, 2024*

Board of Election Supervisors

December 5, 2024 5:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 5:09 pm

Meeting Ended: 7:49 pm

Members of the Public: 

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:

- October 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

 Ms. Clark

 Ms. Ricks

 Mrs. Whitley

 Chairman Wellford

Add Agenda Item During Meeting: Motion to Approve Citations to be Issued to the Following Candidates from the 2023 City Election Who Had Not Filed the Proper Campaign Finance Reports following the 2023 General Election:

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yes Ms. Clark and Ms. Ricks 1st Mrs. Whitley yes Chairman Wellford

Agenda Item No. 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)
Start: 5:20pm End: 7:45pm

1st Ms. Clark and Ms. Ricks yes Mrs. Whitley yes Chairman Wellford

Possible Action on Recommendation of Charter and Code Amendments Pertaining to Elections to the Mayor and City Council Motion to table item to next regularly scheduled meeting

yes Ms. Clark 2nd Ms. Ricks 1st Mrs. Whitley yes Chairman Wellford

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



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Agenda

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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 5, 2024**

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - October 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
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

William Wellford, Chairman
Jacki M. Ricks, Chief Judge, Ward 1
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**PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT READ INTO THE RECORD TO CLOSE THE
MEETING**

CLOSED SESSION

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

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William Wellford, Chairman

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2023 City of Laurel Election Candidates' Unfiled Campaign Reports

Seeta Deonauth

Interim Campaign Report due 10/23/2023 was submitted late. Owes \$20 late fee

Final Campaign Report due 12/04/2024 has not been submitted. Late fee owed exceeds \$5,960.00

Citation needs to be issued for failure to comply.

Enrico A. McCleary, II., Esquire

Final Campaign Report due 12/04/2023 was submitted on December 21, 2023 and was found to be incomplete. Requests to revise report and submit have gone unanswered. Still owes late fee of \$360.00

Citation needs to be issued for failure to comply.

Thomas E. Matthews, Jr.

Interim Campaign Report due 10/23/2023 has not been submitted. Late fee owed exceeds \$6,800.00

Final Campaign Report due 12/04/2024 has not been submitted. Late fee owed exceeds \$5,960.00

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