



CITY OF LAUREL BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

Thursday, October 17, 2024
10:30 am

Board of Election Supervisors

Regular
Virtual Meeting Minutes

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at approximately 10:50 am with Chairman William Wellford presiding. Roll was called with Ms. Jacki Ricks, Mrs. Rhonda Whitley, Esquire, Ms. Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, Clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors, Bruce L. Marcus, Esquire and Syndey M. Patterson, Esquire, Counsel to the Board of Election Supervisors present. Absent: Ms. Tia Clark. There were zero (0) members of the public in attendance.

The minutes of the June 21, 2024 regular meeting 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 Presentation of First Draft of Election Charter and Code Amendments. Mr. Marcus noted that the detailed drafts of the amendments at the early stage of the process would be considered attorney-client privilege as the drafts contained his and Ms. Patterson's work product that would need to be presented to the Board in Executive Session. Mr. Marcus said that he and Ms. Patterson would go over the drafts broadly until an Executive Session could be scheduled and the proper public notice issued by the Board.

Mr. Marcus noted that he and Ms. Green had discussed some of the issues the Board was faced with during the last election and potential remedies to those issues. They determined that in addition to amending the City Charter and Code sections relating to elections, it would be advantageous for the Board to draft and approve detailed Rules of Procedure to help them deal with issues that may arise in future elections.

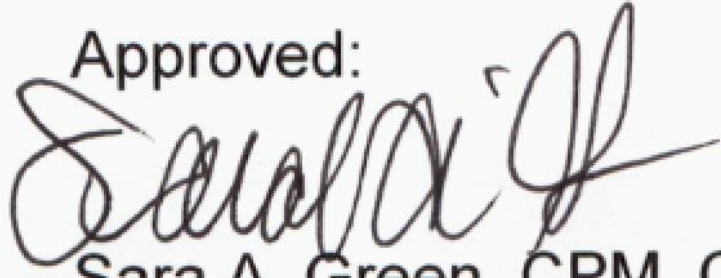
Agenda Item No. 5 was the Presentation of the First Draft of Board of Election Supervisors Rules of Procedure. Mr. Marcus noted that the detailed Rules of Procedure draft would also fall under the attorney-client privilege and the preliminary draft should be presented to the Board in Executive Session. Mr. Marcus outlined some of the basic items that the Rules of Procedure would cover such as more stringent regulations to deal with candidate violations, sign regulations, and campaign finance reports and expenditures.

Ms. Green noted that she would work on her second round of edits and questions on the drafts and send them to Mr. Marcus and Ms. Patterson who would in turn answer

the questions and make edits. Ms. Green would then email the drafts individually to each Board Member and ask for their comments/edits/questions be returned to Ms. Green within two (2) weeks. At which time, Ms. Green would schedule a Board of Election Supervisors meeting to include an Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Election Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Approved:



Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC

Clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors

Date: *December 5, 2024*

Vacant, Chair
William Wellford, 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 4:00 pm on October 16, 2024

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - June 21, 2024 Regular Meeting
4. Presentation of First Draft of Election Charter and Code Amendments to the Board of Election Supervisors
5. Presentation of First Draft of Board of Election Supervisors Rules of Procedure to the Board of Election Supervisors
6. Adjournment