



## MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
May 10, 2022  
17718 Virginia Avenue  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
240-313-2050

### **Present:**

#### **Board:**

Martin Lumm, Board President  
Tammy Downin, Board Vice President  
Bill Blazes, Board Secretary  
Connie Mozingo, Assistant Board Secretary  
Jim Schultheis, Member  
Brian Kane, Board Attorney

#### **Staff:**

Barry Jackson, Election Deputy Director II  
Cory Green, Election Program Assistant I  
Teresa Morningstar, Election Supervisor I

#### **Absent:**

#### **Guest:**

Steve Shields  
Peter Perini, Democratic Central Committee  
Paul Pittman  
Seth Wilson, Republican Central Committee (Virtual)

President Martin Lumm called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. at the Washington County Election Center, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740. There was a quorum present.

### **Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2022 and April 19, 2022**

Bill Blazes moved to accept the minutes, for April 12, 2022, Connie Mozingo seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Bill Blazes moved to accept the minutes, for April 19, 2022, Jim Schultheis seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

### **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:**

- III. MAEO September 22, 2022 under new business
- IV. Proposed Canvas Dates under new business

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Correspondence:

- I. Comprehensive Audit Guidelines

Reports:

- I. Election Director
- A. Personnel – N/A
  - B. Meetings:
    - 1. Director's Meetings: Recap:
      - a) April 7, 2022
        - (1) BMD deployment: Washington County will deploy 2 BMD's to each precinct.
        - (2) Cradlepoint Routers: we received our additional router.
        - (3) SB163 allows canvassing 8 days prior to the start of early voting on July 7.
      - b) April 14, 2022:
        - (1) Proposed postage increased (effective date 7/10/22). Will include increase to first class postage rates and forever stamps.
        - (2) LanguageLine Translation Services – more information during New Business.
        - (3) SBE will mail VNC's due to redistricting.
        - (4) Redistricting: SBE deadline was May 3.
      - c) Next Meeting, May 12, 2022
    - 2. Transportation meeting with Signature Space.
      - a) Early Voting delivery to Library: July 6, 2022
      - b) Election Day delivery: July 13, July 14 and July 18.
      - c) Pickup of Election Day equipment and Drop Boxes: July 20 & July 21.
  - C. Correspondence: N/A
  - D. Trainings: N/A
  - E. Legislative Update: N/A
  - F. Voter Registration Activities and Statistics:
    - 1. Registration Statistics for April 2022
  - G. Candidate Filings:
    - 1. Filing closed on Friday, April 15, 2022.
    - 2. 65 Candidates filed.
  - H. Voting System Activities:
    - 1. A40 Printers: "Acceptance Testing on the printers identified some issues that SBE is working with the manufacturer to resolve"
  - I. Projects:

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1. Staffing of Drop Box pickups, Canvasses and Early Voting, using SignUpGenius
2. Process Mail-in Ballot Applications. Accepted to date: >7,000
3. Continue to recruit Election Workers: 495 or 70% (need 690)
4. Candidate filing is complete: deadline was April 15, 2022. 65 filed in Washington County

Jim Schultheis asked how many hours is the training for a Chief Judge? Barry Jackson responded they go through 4 hours and receive a general training on everything.

Marty Lumm asked by how much the postage increased, and Barry Jackson responded it will increase 2 cents to .60 (first class mail) on July 10, 2022

### II. Attorney

- Case C-02-CV-22-000078: Litigation is pending in Anne Arundel County. Case is proceeding and it is in the briefing stage. Hearing is scheduled at 9:00 AM on August 15, 2022
- Conference calls with SBE's attorney general and other local board attorneys will begin June 14, 2022.

### Old Business:

- I. 2020 Census and Redistricting – update  
All redistricting has been completed. The Board is waiting on GIS to finish the Maps.
- II. FY23 Draft Budget  
Our FY23 Budget will be on the May 17, 2022 County Commissioner's Agenda. The additional staff member was denied. \$455,000 was added to the FY23 budget due to the primary election moving from FY22 to FY23
- III. Election Worker Training  
495 current Election Workers  
Chief Judge training begins on Friday May 13, 2022  
Most of the check in, voting, greeter, and ballot marking device judges have been trained.  
Additional substitute classes will need to be held for additional trainings  
Marty Lumm asked how the shortage of 200 election workers would affect the election? Barry responded that the shortage would be dispersed between the 49 polling places so that all polling places can be adequately staffed.  
Peter Perini asked if there was any inquiry to Teachers being recruited? Barry Jackson responded it is an idea, and since the election is in July the teachers are already off.  
Connie Mozingo asked about HCC and recruiting students? Teresa Morningstar has reached out to HCC.  
635 underage voter letters were mailed and included verbiage letting them know that they could work in the upcoming election.

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### New Business:

- I. Translation Service  
Language Line Service is being offered by SBE for translation services .50 to .70 per minute depending on the language selection. We would only be invoiced for the minutes that are used.

Motion to accept the Translation services as recommend by SBE made by Tammy Downin and Bill Blazes seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

- II. Discuss Police Service in the office during Election and Canvasses  
SBE sent out an email about potential threats/disturbances regarding the upcoming election.  
Canvassing is open to the public.  
Currently the Board is not in any danger, but there was the sign placed on the door that said, "We are watching," and the video footage was given to the Washington County Sheriff's Department.  
Hagerstown Library has their own security during the day and after-hours police would be there.  
Brian Kane suggested that it be looked at in two separate entities. The first being police presence at the polling locations during voting hours and the second being a police presence for canvassing to ensure that the local board can conduct and carry out the election in the manner that it should with limited interruption to complete their work.  
Brian said that nationally, both political parties are pushing to have more challengers and watchers present during the election.  
Barry Jackson and Kaye Robucci will look into the numbers to have deputies present at the election board for canvassing.
- III. MAEO September 22, 2022  
Barry Jackson asked the Board if any members would like to attend in person or they could attend virtually. Marty Lumm and Board all agreed to attend virtually at the local board. MAEO conference would be displayed on one of the televisions.
- IV. Proposed Canvas Dates  
Kaye Robucci and Barry Jackson are suggesting two canvassing days. The first one being June 24, 2022 and the second one being July 1, 2022. Marty Lumm will not be available on June 24, 2022.  
Brian suggested there be a dedicated time set up for when ballot reviews are made.  
The Board will be sworn in as Board of Canvassers by Kevin Tucker, Clerk of the Circuit Court, at the next regular meeting on June 14, 2022.

### Members Remarks:

Tammy Downin noticed another chief judge obituary and would give Barry Jackson the information once the meeting concluded.

Peter Perini stated all the work that has been completed up until now by the Board and staff has been exemplary. Peter stated that for security concerns that it is better to be safe than sorry and Peter thinks Early Voting should have maybe not a direct presence

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but a close presence of police. Peter stated it would be two separate agencies. One county sheriff and one city officer due to the locations of the Early Voting centers.

**Distributed Information:**

Board Packet

**Future Events:**

Proposed canvassing Dates June 24, 2022 and July 1, 2022.

MAEO September 22, 2022 meeting Virtual/In Person

2023 MAEO: May 15 through May 19, 2023

**Scheduling of Next Meeting:**

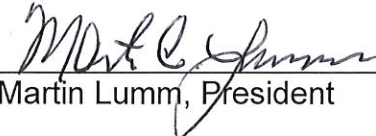
The next regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM. The location is Washington County Election Center, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD; as pursuant to the Bylaws of the Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.3(A) 8.

**Adjournment:**

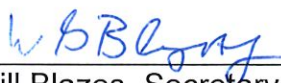
There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, President Marty Lumm called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. At 4:02 P.M. Bill Blazes made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting and Tammy Downin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. All guests left.

Compiled by Cory Green  
Election Program Assistant I

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Martin Lumm, President

6/14/2022  
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Date

  
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Bill Blazes, Secretary

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