

St. Mary's County Board of Elections

23250 Leonardtown Hollywood Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Board Meeting Minutes of 04 September 2024

Present:

Board Members:

Rebecca Wathen, Board President (D)
Mary Coombs, Board Secretary (R)
Jack Payne, Member (R)
Darlene Johnson, Member (D)
Ann Raley, Member (D)

Staff Members:

Wendy Adkins, Director
Susan Julian, Deputy Director

Cynthia Panos, Board Attorney

Absent: None

At 09:22 AM, Ms. Rebecca Wathen, Board President, determined that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order. President Wathen announced that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes.

Guests Present: Ann Marie Abell
Miriam Klapka

Documents Distributed:

- Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2024
- Voter Registration as of September 3, 2024
- 2024 Presidential General Election Board Member Important Dates
- 2024 Presidential General Election Polling Place Assignments

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the meeting held on August 7, 2024 were presented. Mr. Jack Payne made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections from the floor, seconded by Ms. Ann Raley. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.

Director's Report: Ms. Adkins reported the following:

- **MAEO Meeting:** Ms. Adkins advised that there is a new MAEO Board: President Ering Perron; Vice President Stephanie Taylor; Secretary Abigail Goldman; Treasurer Tae Frere; Board Members Berry Jackson, Kimberly Phillips; Teresa Womble; Jessica Reider.
- **2024 Presidential General Ballot:** Ms. Adkins advised that the State Board of Elections (SBE) has certified the ballot.
- **Mail-In Ballots:** Ms. Adkins advised that as of September 3, 2024 there have been 9509 requests with 7480 of them being permanent.
- **Voter Registration:** Ms. Adkins provided the latest voter registration numbers for St. Mary's County.
- **Petitions:** Both petitions have been completed. The Green Party is now recognized as a party in Maryland. The RFK petition candidate has dropped out.

- **Maryland's Mandatory Teleworking Agreement:** Ms. Adkins advised that the office has completed their teleworking and are all back in the office full time until the Election Season and wrap up has been completed.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **2024 Presidential General Election Schedule for the Board:** Ms. Adkins provided the important dates for the Board Members to mark their calendar's for the upcoming General Election. Board Member's were requested to ensure they mark their calendar's and plan on attending accordingly.
- **2024 Presidential General Election Polling Place Assignments:** Ms. Adkins provided the polling place assignments for Board Members on Election Day.
- **MAEO 2025:** MAEO has announced that the 2025 MAEO Conference will be May 4th through the 9th at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, MD.
- **Ballot Drop Box Pick-Up:** Ms. Adkins asked the Board members to volunteer for the Ballot Drop Box Pick Up Duties on October 26. Mr. Jack Payne and Ms. Darlene Johnson volunteered.

Next Meeting:

There will be no meetings in October and November due to planned Election Activities. The next monthly Board meeting will be December 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

A motion was made by Ms. Coombs to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Payne. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 09:37 AM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Coombs
Board Secretary