

APPROVED

October 20, 2014

MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
18753-210 North Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Mary Ann Keeffe, President
Nancy Dacek, Secretary
Donice Jeter, Vice President
Graciela Rivera-Oven
Nahid Khozeimeh
Jacqueline Phillips
David Naimon

Board Attorney:

Kevin Karpinski

Staff:

Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director
Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Election Director
Lisa Merino, Office Services Coordinator
Marjorie Roher, Management and Budget Specialist III

Guests:

Dolly Kildee
Adol Owen-Williams
Barbara Sanders

Convene the Board Meeting and Declare a Quorum Present

Ms. Keeffe called the Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 2:05 p.m.

Prior to convening the meeting, all Board members were sworn in as the Canvass Board by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Ms. Khozeimeh made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Oven and passed unanimously.

Report on Executive Session

The Montgomery County Board of Elections convened in Executive Session at 2:06 p.m., pursuant to State Government Article 10-508(a)(3)(13) to discuss the FY16 operating budget.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections met in closed session on this date. The following members of the Board and staff were in attendance: Mary Ann Keeffe, Nancy Dacek, Donice Jeter, Nahid Khozeimeh, Graciela Rivera-Oven, David Naimon, Jackie Phillips, Margaret Jurgensen, Alysoun McLaughlin, Marjorie Roher, Lisa Merino, and Board Attorney Kevin Karpinski.

The Board discussed the FY16 operating budget.

With no further business, Mrs. Khozeimeh moved to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Oven and carried unanimously. The Board meeting reconvened in regular session at 2:30 p.m.

Public Comments (Incorporated as attachment A)

Dolly Kildee, the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee's Liaison to the Board of Elections, asked to address the Board in advance. She expressed her support for Mr. Naimon's proposal to provide a webcast and/or digital audio of Board meetings to promote more transparency. Mrs. Kildee encouraged the Board to support Mr. Naimon's proposal.

Ms. Keeffe noted that in September the Board directed staff to research information in preparation for discussion of this topic. She added that the Board was in agreement with the proposal. Ms. Keeffe thanked Mrs. Kildee for her thoughts.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Naimon stated that he would like to address Runbeck and election issues that have been brought to his attention. Ms. Jurgensen responded that Runbeck may be discussed under Voter Registration. The Board amended the Agenda to add, D. Runbeck under Item VI, Election Director Status Reports.

Approval of the July 21, 2014, Board Meeting Minutes

The Board was sent the July 21, 2014, Board meeting minutes in advance. Mrs. Khozeimeh made a motion to approve the July 21, 2014, minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jeter and passed unanimously.

Approval of the September 15, 2014, Board Meeting Minutes

The Board was sent the September 15, 2014, Board meeting minutes in advance. Ms. Phillips requested an edit to page 6, first paragraph, line 13, to read "... *outside auditor to investigate/survey the voter registration process from MVA through SBE to the...*" Mrs. Khozeimeh made a motion to approve the September 15, 2014, minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Oven and carried unanimously.

Approval of Absentee I Canvass Minutes for the 2014 Primary Election

The Board Attorney sent the Board the canvass minutes in advance. Mrs. Khozeimeh made a motion to approve the Absentee I Canvass minutes for the 2014 Primary Election. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Oven and carried unanimously.

Approval of Absentee II Canvass Minutes for the 2014 Primary Election

The Board Attorney sent the Board the canvass minutes in advance. Mrs. Dacek made a motion to approve the Absentee II Canvass minutes for the 2014 Primary Election. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jeter and carried unanimously.

Approval of Provisional Canvass Minutes for the 2014 Primary Election

The Board Attorney sent the Board the canvass minutes in advance. Mrs. Khozeimeh made a motion to approve the Provisional Canvass minutes for the 2014 Primary Election. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Oven and carried unanimously.

2014 Gubernatorial General Election

Personnel

Ms. Jurgensen reported that the four vacant trainer positions have been filled. She noted that the Montgomery County Board of Elections has fulfilled the legal requirement for placement of Election Judges. The Board was provided with an Election Judge update. Ms. Jurgensen reported that off-site training classes have ended and walk-in training classes have commenced.

Mrs. Rivera-Oven inquired what the minimum requirement is for Election Judges in each precinct on Election Day. Ms. Jurgensen responded it is 4; however, in an ideal world, 14 would be the standard.

Polling Place Supply Update

Ms. Jurgensen reported that a polling place supply document was provided to the Board in advance.

Verification Plan

Ms. Jurgensen reviewed the Montgomery County Board of Elections voting supplies and verification plan for Early Voting and Election Day with the Board. Ms. Keeffe made a motion to adopt the Montgomery County Board of Elections Verification Plan for the Gubernatorial General Election and submit it to the State Board of Elections. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dacek and carried unanimously.

General Election Calendar

Ms. Roher reviewed the tentative Board Member calendar with the Board. The Board members discussed their availability. Ms. Keeffe suggested they contact Ms. Roher with their availability through email.

Mr. Karpinski stated there should be a minimum of three to four Board members, with at least one member from each political party in attendance throughout the Canvass process. Mr. Karpinski will also be in attendance.

Ms. Jurgensen reported that, to date, there have been 2,800 domestic online absentee ballot delivery requests and 446 UOCAVA ballot requests. These ballots could potentially need to be duplicated during the first few days of Absentee Canvass I and is a significant increase from the number in the Primary Election. In the past, only overseas military personnel could request absentee ballots online; now almost anyone can make this request. Mr. Karpinski noted that the duplication process will be time consuming and that he and Ms. Jurgensen will work on a canvass plan. Ms. Phillips inquired if the Board of Canvassers must be available to begin duplicating. Mr. Karpinski responded yes. The Board must be present; however, there is no rule when duplicating must be done once the canvass begins. Ms. Keeffe suggested that a full complement of staff be available to duplicate. Ms. Jurgensen recommended that the Board consider splitting into two teams (of two) and have canvassing teams duplicate in two separate rooms (due to the size of the room) to accelerate the duplicating process. Ms. Jurgensen and Mr. Karpinski will review the Canvass plan submitted by staff and discuss it further with the Board.

Ms. Jurgensen noted that although the canvass begins at 10:00 a.m. by law, one of the reports (E-40 which indicates duplicate voters) is needed to pull the alleged duplicate voters prior to the start of ABS Canvass I. She recalls that the E-40 report, which comes from the State, has never been provided at the start of the canvassing process. She added that staff typically spends about two hours pulling and verifying the E-40 report. If there is a duplicate voter, the ballot may be rejected by the Board at the end of the canvassing process. Mr. Karpinski inquired with the State if the canvassing could be begin later in the day. The response was no, because by statute, the canvassing must begin at 10:00 a.m. the Thursday after Election Day. The Board agreed to come in at 10:00 a.m. on November 6. Mrs. Khozeimeh requested that the Board meeting on November 4, 2014, begin at 11:30 a.m. and the Board agreed.

Board Member Updates

Ms. Roher reported that no additional visitor requests have been received for Election Day. She stated that the group from IFES is scheduled to meet with previous Board members/staff. Ms. Roher inquired if Mrs. Khozeimeh would like to reschedule her meeting on Election Day in lieu of the change in the Board meeting time to 1:30 p.m. (pending verification of POMED). Ms. Khozeimeh said she would.

Ms. Jurgensen noted that on October 30, during supply bag check, the Board would receive their routes for Election Day visits. The Board requested that phone numbers be made available for each polling place on their route. They would like to be notified whether election judges will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. for their Monday night meeting (as long as staff is notified what time they will meet) so that they can plan their route accordingly.

Election Judge Status Report

Budget (Incorporated as attachment B)

The final FY14 Operating Budget spreadsheet was provided in advance. Ms. Roher reported a slight surplus. She stated that a County Executive transfer occurred among line items, which OMB does at the end of each fiscal year to reconcile the books. Ms. Keeffe inquired how much money was returned to the County; Ms. Roher estimated a little less than \$200,000. Ms. Keeffe stated that being under budget by \$200,000 is equivalent to being over by the same amount. She added that she is not pleased that such a significant amount of money was not used that could have been somewhere else in the budget. Ms. Roher acknowledged Ms. Keeffe displeasure, and offered to provide the Board a detailed outline of where the surpluses occurred. Ms. Roher stated that, due to procurement deadlines, by the time she is aware of a surplus, it is too late to make any purchases to utilize the funds. Ms. Phillips stated that ending the fiscal year with a surplus is a sign of good management, and that should be acknowledged. Mrs. Rivera-Oven inquired if there was a surplus in the past to verify any pattern of over budgeting in specific line items. Ms. Roher will verify if the Board of Elections reported any surplus in the past few years and provide further information to the Board.

The FY15 Operating Budget was provided in advance. Ms. Roher reported that the Chief Administrative Officer approved the lease expansion; however, OMB did not provide additional funds. Their expectation is that we will absorb the costs within the current budget. Ms. Roher stated that staff is working on floor plans with the architect. Once the dollar amount is finalized, staff will be able to request a supplemental, if needed.

Voter Registration

Ms. Jurgensen reported that registration closed on October 14, 2014, at 9:00 p.m. She stated that the State Board of Elections will pull the State wide voter file on Saturday and Sunday in preparation for loading the electronic poll books used for Early Voting.

Ms. Jurgensen stated that as of October 17, 2014, there were 12,350 Absentee ballot requests, 2,821 domestic web delivery, and 446 UOCAVA. She added that the State Board has reported that 136 individuals have requested an online ballot marking wizard.

Ms. Jurgensen reported that the Early Voting touch screen units have been prepared and charged and delivery will begin tomorrow.

State Board of Elections

Ms. Jurgensen noted that the State has provided their comprehensive audit of the Primary Election and staff requested a deferred response until December 5, 2014. Mr. Naimon asked what the original deadline was and if the findings would influence the local board of elections in the General Election. Ms. Jurgensen responded the original deadline was October 17 and recommendations are made for the upcoming election. The Board discussed the absentee/provisional audit process; the audit report finds that employees who process absentee ballots should not be auditing themselves. The Board agreed with the SBE findings regarding auditing. Ms. Jurgensen stated that all employees in the department have access to MDVoters and everyone from Ms. Jurgensen to Ms. McLaughlin processes absentee and/or provisional ballots. Ms. Keeffe and Mr. Naimon expressed their concern that staff should not be auditing themselves, specifically those who are more involved in the process than others. Ms. Jurgensen stated that it has always been the standard practice; however, staff has recommended that Ms. Payne (absentee auditor) and Ms. Dorsey (provisional auditor) audit each other and then be verified by Ms. Jurgensen or Ms. McLaughlin. Ms. Keeffe and Mr. Naimon did not agree with Ms. Jurgensen's recommendation.

Ms. McLaughlin described the process and detail needed to perform the audit. She explained that the audit is pre-certification and occurs during the canvass in the height of the electoral process. She added that if the audit were to occur well after the election process (post certification), they (Ms. McLaughlin and Ms. Jurgensen) would be able to spend more time on it. She noted that Ms. Dorsey and Ms. Payne supervise more staff than some Election Directors supervise in other counties, and Ms. Dorsey and Ms. Payne are auditing work of their staff to the same degree of Directors in smaller counties. Ms. McLaughlin added that it is important to note the delegation of management of the different components of the audit is functionally done by managers and reviewed by the Director and Deputy Director. Mr. Naimon inquired if there was a response given in 2012 as to why the audit was not done according to their recommendation. Ms. Jurgensen stated that staff responded to the audit in 2012; however, no follow-up response was received from the State.

Ms. Rivera-Oven asked if the auditing process that occurs in Montgomery County is the standard in other local boards of elections. Ms. Jurgensen responded that other counties perform the audit as we do - managers perform it and Directors review and submit the audit. Ms. Keeffe stated there should be other supervisory staff that is able to perform the audit that are not heavily involved in the process. Ms. Jurgensen stated that she and/or Ms. McLaughlin will perform the post-election audit for the absentee and provisional ballots.

The Board agreed that Ms. Jurgensen and/or Ms. McLaughlin will perform the audit process for the absentee and provisional ballots. Ms. Jurgensen indicated that it is unrealistic for the Deputy and/or Director to perform the audit simultaneously with their attendance in the canvasses. During the canvass process, if they are needed to do further research on a voter, or if there are questions or problems from the Board or staff, they must be available. Mr. Karpinski stated that this is one of the problems of having one set of standards applied to both Montgomery County and other small counties, who most likely will complete their entire canvass process within a couple of days. To have one set of procedures for all jurisdictions is unrealistic. Ms. Keeffe asked if staff has any other recommendations as to who else could perform the audit, adding that we have to comply with the State's recommendation. It was decided that the Director and/or the Deputy will perform the audit.

Mrs. Rivera-Oven inquired if the election judge manual is current for the General Election. Ms. Jurgensen stated everything in the Quick Start Guide is in the manual in a usable format. She noted that, in the Primary, SBE was notified when Montgomery County would begin training and that the election judge manuals would need to be printed in February. In April, an SBE representative came to observe training and five days later SBE changed the EPB instructions and Challenger and Watcher paper work. The Board of Elections was already six weeks into training, nothing could be done at the time to update manuals, but updates were included in the EPB case and the Quick Start Guide. The Election Judge manuals are currently up to date and will be available in the blue bags for the General Election.

Runbeck

Ms. McLaughlin reported that 41 Baltimore County absentee ballots were received by Montgomery County in Montgomery County envelopes Friday. Today, an additional 29 were received. A Baltimore County voter contacted the Governor's Office with their complaint and that is when Montgomery County was notified. After further discussion and research with the State and vendor, it was identified that batches were switched, and approximately 700 ballots were affected. Ms. Keeffe inquired if it is presumed that Montgomery County ballots are being received in other parts of the State. Ms. McLaughlin responded there have been no reports of that. The Board briefly discussed the Runbeck issue and contract. Ms. Phillips suggested to Ms. Keeffe that the Board consider writing a strong letter to the State and Legislature to investigate the issue and Ms. Keeffe agreed. Mr. Naimon added that the cost of mailing ballots from Montgomery County to Baltimore County should be added to the letter. Ms. Jurgensen stated that Runbeck has agreed to credit the invoice to the State, but it is undetermined how the State will pass along the refund to Montgomery County. The Board agreed the bigger issue is if Montgomery County ballots are being received in other counties. Ms. Phillips expressed her concern on how the perception of the election process reflects to the public; the Board should respond very strongly and rapidly to issues as they occur to keep the integrity of the voting system. Mr. Naimon agreed.

Ms. Khozeimeh announced that an email was received from the GOP, stating they were receiving dozens of phone calls reporting that sample ballots are being received in homes of longtime residents and registered voters addressed to unknown people. Ms. Jurgensen stated that Montgomery County is required by law to mail a sample ballot to every active and inactive voter prior to a Federal Election to confirm their address. She added that it is imperative that individuals who receive a sample ballot for someone who does not live at the address, return the sample ballot to the Board of Elections. Ms. McLaughlin stated that it is much easier to follow up on an issue, when a specific name is given so that she can look into voter history and resolve any issues/complaints.

The Board agreed that future sample ballots must highlight the return process and the directions should be made clearer. Ms. Jurgensen reminded the Board that all overseas military personnel who are stationed out of the country are allowed to use their last known address in Maryland for as long as they are out of the country; this could have attributed to some sample ballots being received. Ms. McLaughlin added that this General Election was the first time that sample ballots were sent to those individuals who requested an Absentee ballot, which also could have attributed to ballots being received. The Board stated that, in the future, a media release be sent indicating directions for the sample ballot return process.

Mr. Naimon reported he received communication that incorrect information was provided by personnel in the call center regarding absentee ballot delivery dates and the inability to vote at the Board of Elections. He previously discussed the issue with Ms. McLaughlin through email. Mr. Naimon asked staff to ensure that correct information is provided, and suggested that the website clearly identify that voting an absentee ballot is available at the Board of Elections. Ms. McLaughlin reported that personnel had been identified and earnestly thought the information was accurate. She added that training has been reviewed with the individual and all call center staff. Ms. McLaughlin briefly described the call center training process and added that an electronic call log has been established. The Board inquired if there is a manual for the call center and bilingual personnel. Staff responded a script is available as well as FAQs. The call center is staffed with one permanent employee (supervisor) and four temporary personnel, one of which is bilingual. Mrs. Rivera-Oven asked about the call volume and Ms. Jurgensen responded approximately 150 to 250 calls are received a day. Ms. McLaughlin added that since September 29, approximately 1,375 calls have been received into the call center. Ms. Keefe inquired if the website provides the "3 Voting Options." Ms. Jurgensen responded yes; however, Wednesday the dashboard (wait times for Early Voting sites) will be placed on the website. The Board agreed that on the website, under Absentee Voting, in a prominent place, it should state that voters have the option to vote a paper Absentee ballot at the Board of Elections.

Board Attorney Report

Mr. Karpinski updated the Board on a request regarding the external audit process. According to the County Attorney, if the expectation is \$10,000 or more will be spent, it must go through an RFP process. Mr. Karpinski contacted companies who identify themselves as election auditors, who could potentially bid on the RFP. He added that this process would be long, tedious, and expensive and he does not recommend this option to the Board.

Mr. Karpinski reported that the Legislature has its own auditing department and recommended that the Board consider this option. The Governor and Montgomery County Delegation would need to be contacted by letter identifying Montgomery County's need and cause for an audit, with specific examples of issues at MVA, and ask for a review of the MVA processes. After further discussion, Ms. Keeffe directed Mr. Karpinski to investigate how to begin the process to request an audit. Mr. Karpinski stated that a letter would be available by the end of Canvassing.

Old Business

Right to Vote Task Force

Ms. McLaughlin briefed the Board on the public hearing that was attended by herself, Ms. Jurgensen, and several Board members. She stated that Ms. Keeffe was present and addressed the committee; her remarks were made available to the Board (see attachment C). Ms. McLaughlin stated that the Right to Vote Task Force to the County Council agree that there is a need for outreach, outreach, and outreach. In response to a comment made at the hearing, Ms. Phillips suggested that the Board look into the use of more High Schools to combine precincts. Ms. McLaughlin reported that the Right to Vote Task Force will meet again in November.

Webcast/Audio Recording

Ms. Roher reported that staff is experimenting with a new digital device to provide a clearer audio for website/public if the Board decides. Ms. Roher noted that if the Board decides to make the audio available to the public, the Board will need to ensure caution when moving from a Regular Session to an Executive Session and allow time to make transitions.

Ms. Roher stated that County Cable office personnel were to attend today's meeting to evaluate and provide an estimate for recording the meetings. Due to scheduling they could not be here. She reported that County Cable provides live recordings for the County Council meetings, who pay for the service. County Cable provided Ms. Roher with an estimate for the cost for recording - a videographer and editor would cost \$500 to \$600 a month (not to include uploading.) Ms. Phillips inquired if comments could be edited; Ms. Roher responded no video or audio recording edits would be done. As a less expensive option to provide information to the public, Ms. Roher suggested that audio be made available, beginning with the November Board meeting, and it could be made available within days of the meeting. In the interim, a link on the website would be available; Ms. Roher is looking into creating a "youtube" channel in the upcoming year where training videos and recordings would be available.

*** Mrs. Dacek left the meeting at 4:50 p.m. ***

Mr. Naimon inquired if there is video option that does not require the level of resources that the Council requires. Ms. Roher noted that the estimate provided does not include the sophisticated set up of the County Council meetings, but instead one person and one camera. Mr. Naimon thanked Ms. Roher for the information provided. Mr. Naimon made a motion to provide the audio recording of the Montgomery County Board of Elections Public Board meetings to be made available on our website starting with the November 4 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Oven and carried unanimously.

Election Judge Performance (Incorporated as attachment D)

Ms. Jurgensen provided an age breakdown of Election Judges and Spanish speaking Election Judges who served in the Primary Election, as requested by the Board.

Ms. Keeffe stated that several problems occurred during the Primary Election due to the use of new judges who served. Ms. Jurgensen noted that staff has added an Election Judge training video and the quick step guide as additional information to assist them. As required by the state all judges who served in the Primary return for training to serve in the General Election.

Spanish Speaking Election Judge Summary

Mrs. Rivera-Oven asked for clarification on the number and breakdown of Spanish speaking Election Judge in the Primary Election. She also requested that a breakdown be made available for the General Election. Ms. Jurgensen reported there are currently 241 full time bilingual judges and 15 standing by for training.

New Business

Standard Operating Procedures for Outreach Events

Ms. Jurgensen stated that at some point the Board will need to review procedures for outreach events.

Political Material

Ms. Jurgensen reported that the City of Gaithersburg has notified the Board of Elections that they will not allow candidates to store political material in the Activity Center at Bohrer Park during Early Voting. Ms. Jurgensen stated that due to issues with behavior, aggressiveness, and disorder with candidate representatives, the Activity Center at Bohrer Park will no longer provide storage to candidates. Mr. Naimon inquired how other Early Voting sites are handling materials. Ms. Jurgensen responded that the County Executive has control over what is done, as the other Early Voting sites are held in County owned buildings. Mr. Subin stated that a letter will go out today to government services (buildings) requesting them to make accommodations for storage to candidate representatives. Ms. Keeffe requested that the letter to candidate's state that parking close to the building be priority parking for voters.

Board Communication

Ms. Jeter asked what processes need to be considered when the Board discusses issues through email and if the Open Meetings Act applies to those discussions. Mr. Karpinski responded that emails do not apply to the Open Meetings Act. Conversations may be held back and forth; however, if there is a discussion of items of a substantive nature like decisions potentially made by the Board, they should be mentioned during a meeting. Mr. Karpinski agreed with Mr. Naimon that all Board communication through email would and could be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act. Communication to Mr. Karpinski would fall under Attorney Client Privilege; however, if Mr. Karpinski is copied on an email for informational purposes, it would not be privileged information.

Mr. Naimon provided a draft letter in response to the Gazette article. The Board discussed changes and edits to the letter. Ms. Keeffe will provide the final letter to Ms. Roher so she may place it on letterhead and send it to the *Gazette*. Ms. Keeffe agreed that the letter will be signed by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

Future Meetings

- A. November 17, 2014
- B. November 25, 2014 – Certification/Audit (TBD)
- C. December 15, 2014 – 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mrs. Rivera-Oven moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Khozeimeh and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Merino
Office Services Coordinator

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:



Mary Ann Keeffe
President

My name is Dolly Kildee. I'm the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee's Liaison to the Board of Elections.

I'm here to support Board Member Naimon's proposal for webcasting your meetings and/or making the audio digital of Board meetings available to all. This would provide for transparent and easily accessible information which is already public information, but would be more readily available.

The White House and the Ford Foundation are among those entities that promote more transparency in government. The White House initiative is to "ensure the public trust and establish a system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration. Openness will strengthen our democracy and promote efficiency and effectiveness in Government." The Ford Foundation mission includes that citizens have access to crucial information about how government operates, establishes priorities and makes decisions.

Currently, the only timely access to the Board's deliberations is by attending meetings. We are all impacted by the deliberations of the board but many of your constituencies are unable or have a difficult time attending your meetings. These include the military who are otherwise occupied; the handicapped who may have to arrange special transportation; those who are unable to afford their own transportation and rely on bus service, would have a difficult time getting here; and those who have day jobs.

You all have had some discussions in past meetings where you couldn't recall what had been said or not said at a meeting. You have the tapes readily available to you to check. Those of us who attend the meetings representing organizations to whom we report do not have that convenience. We're not participants and can't ask for something to be repeated that we couldn't hear or understand. You already have the digital audio, it just needs to be made available to the public.

In addition, according to my research on line, the ability to webcast is a cheap/accessible technology. Webcasts are often produced by average citizens in their homes covering many interests and topics, so should be easily accomplished by the Board.

We encourage you to support Board Member Naimon's proposal to be a more transparent, inclusive, open body.

Thank you.

FY14 OPERATING BUDGET SPREADSHEET
Through June 30, 2014 (As of October 15, 2014) - FINAL

6A014 - Outside Printing	80,550	86,762
63100 - Outside Printing/Copying	550	0
63104 - Sample Ballot Printing	80,000	86,762
6A015 - Mail	138,361	128,687
63200 - Central Dup - Postage - Bulk (services, NO postage)	36,530	29,823
63202 - Central Dup - Postage - Individual (PO Box rental)	21,081	21,372
63206 - Inter-Office Mail/Pony Charge	750	2,292
63208 - Other - Mail (Sample Ballot Postage)	80,000	75,200
6A016 - Outside Postage and Mail	38,000	87,874
63300 - Outside Mail Services (VNCs and all other postage)	37,500	87,507
63304 - Other Outside Mail Services	500	368
6A017 - Motor Pool	29,002	6,182
63500 - Assigned Motor Pool Vehicles	25,502	5,809
63504 - Daily Rental Motor Pool	3,500	277
63506 - Other Motor Pool Charges	0	45
63508 - MP EZPASS Charges	0	50
6A018 - Communications Services	127,756	92,189
63600 - Local Telephone Service Charges	25,000	67,998
63604 - Cellular Phone Line Charges	6,800	1,710
63618 - Blackberry Charges (smart phones)	9,000	8,436
63624 - Communication Circuits	27,729	7,073
63626 - Communication Modems (SBE)	2,227	1,421
63634 - Other Communication Services (PP Phone Lines)	57,000	5,550
6A020 - Charges from Others	26,148	0
63810 - Charges for Facility Maintenance	26,148	0
6A021 - Travel	13,996	16,045
64010 - Metropolitan Area Travel	7,996	10,025
64012 - Non-Metropolitan Area Travel	6,000	6,020
6A022 - Education, Tuition, and Training	10,125	3,851
64100 - Local Conference Related	2,000	2,475
64120 - Other Education, Tuition, & Training	8,125	1,376
6A023 - Dues/Memberships	2,000	2,790
64200 - Professional Memberships (Individual)	2,000	2,790
6A024 - Advertising	20,036	16,924
64300 - Advertising - Jobs	0	0
64304 - Advertising - Marketing/Sales	20,036	16,924
6A099 - Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	3,968	2,446
69999 - Other Misc Operating Expenses	3,968	2,446
CET TRANSFER TO PERSONNEL	-40,550	0
DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL	6,520,152	6,334,608
+ Includes office supplies, polling place supplies, and office furniture		
Mandated Legal Requiements		
Charges from SBE		
Election Specific Costs		
Personnel Charges		
Temporary Personnel Charges		
Overtime Costs		
Benefits		

**Remarks of Mary Ann Keeffe, President
Montgomery County Board of Elections**

**Public Hearing on the Report and Recommendations of the
Right to Vote Task Force
September 23, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

Good evening, Council President Rice and members of the Montgomery County Council.

I am Mary Ann Keeffe, President of the Montgomery County Board of Elections. I am delighted to be here this evening to discuss the report of the Council's Right to Vote Task Force.

I would like to commend the members of the Task Force for committing so much time to discussing these important issues. It was clearly not an easy task to structure and lead those discussions, so I especially want to commend the chairman of the Task Force, Takoma Park City Councilmember Tim Male, for bringing the questions to a vote and getting 14 people with different views to work together in writing a 200-page report.

I would also like to applaud the Council for selecting such a thoughtful and dedicated group of people to serve on this Task Force and for including our staff in the discussions.

Of course, any idea to reform the voting process has got to work. While many of the Task Force's most sweeping recommendations would be very expensive and require changes in the law and funding for implementation, I think the Task Force benefitted from having our staff at the table, to bounce their ideas off of and to gain insight on our current laws, norms and business practices.

The majority of the Task Force's recommendations seek changes in state law, and it is up to the Council to decide whether to endorse those ideas and recommend them to the General Assembly and the Governor. I pledge our cooperation to you in exploring these ideas and look forward to participating in the Government Operations Committee's worksession next month.

I also urge the Council to consider how the Task Force's recommendations interrelate with recent changes that have been enacted in state law, and what they will mean for Montgomery County.

Most importantly, I want to draw your attention to the emphasis in the Task Force's report on voter education.

We will need a strong voter education effort to prepare for the 2016 presidential election because we will be replacing our voting equipment with paper ballots and, at the same time, will be implementing "one stop" registration and early voting.

I also want to draw your attention to the State of Maryland's work to improve the voter registration rolls through a partnership with other states referred to as the Electronic Registration Information Center, or ERIC. Through ERIC, we are building better data about voters and improving the accuracy of our voter registration lists. In particular, we are better able to identify and reach out to those who have moved and to county residents who are not registered to vote.

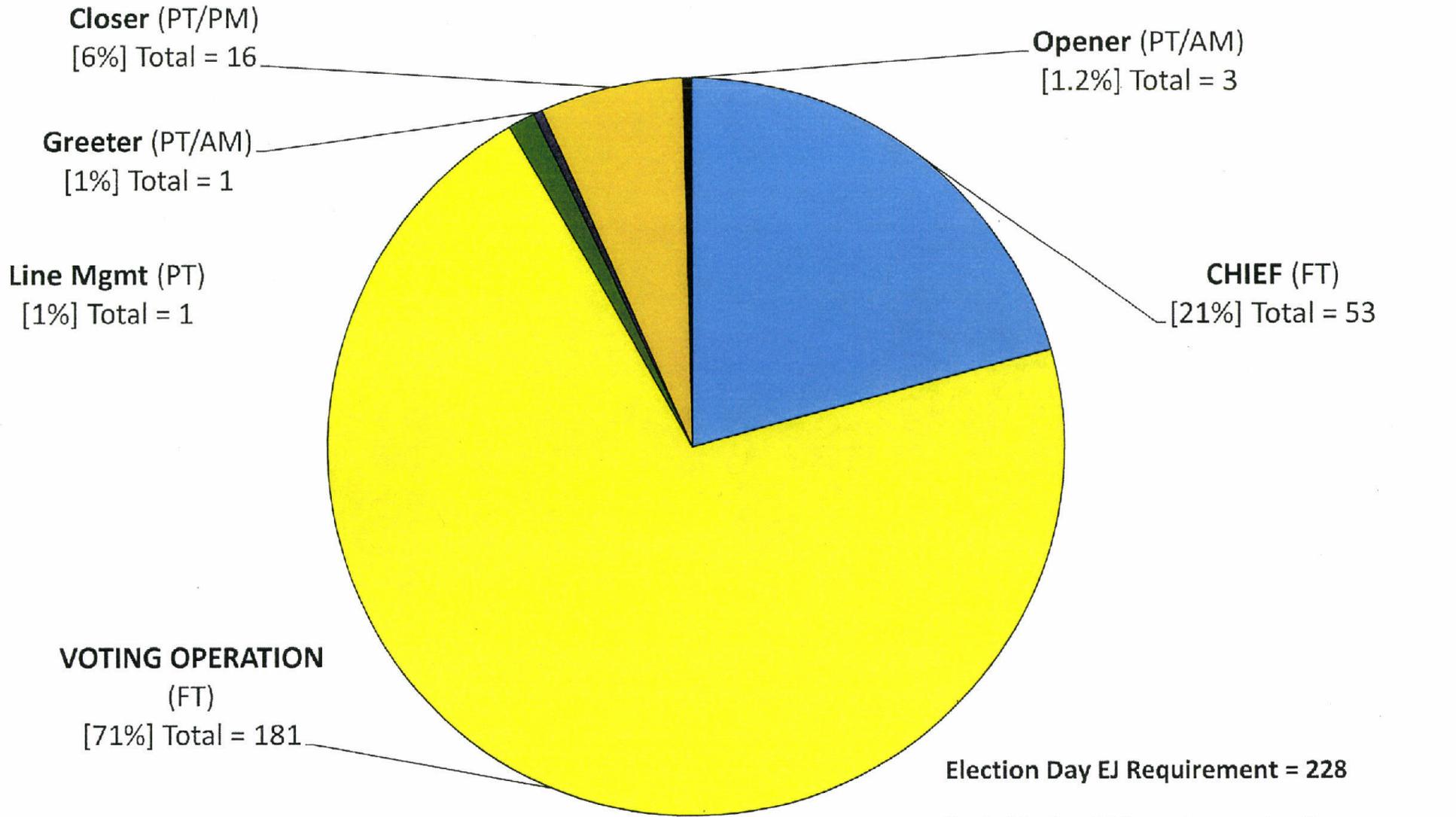
While I am on the subject of voter registration, I do want to take a moment to recognize that today is National Voter Registration Day. You may have seen our staff and volunteers from our Future Vote Program at Metro stations today distributing literature or heard us on the radio or TV today discussing the importance of registering to vote and keeping your voter record up to date. I want to thank the Council for its proclamation, which helps us get the word out that voters have just three weeks before the deadline to register or change their address for the general election.

On behalf of the Board of Elections for Montgomery County, I want to again commend the Task Force on its thoughtful report. I think the overall focus of the report on improving access to voter registration and making the election process easier for voters to understand is very much in line with the priorities of the Board of Elections.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

2014 Primary Election Spanish Speaking Election Judge Breakdown

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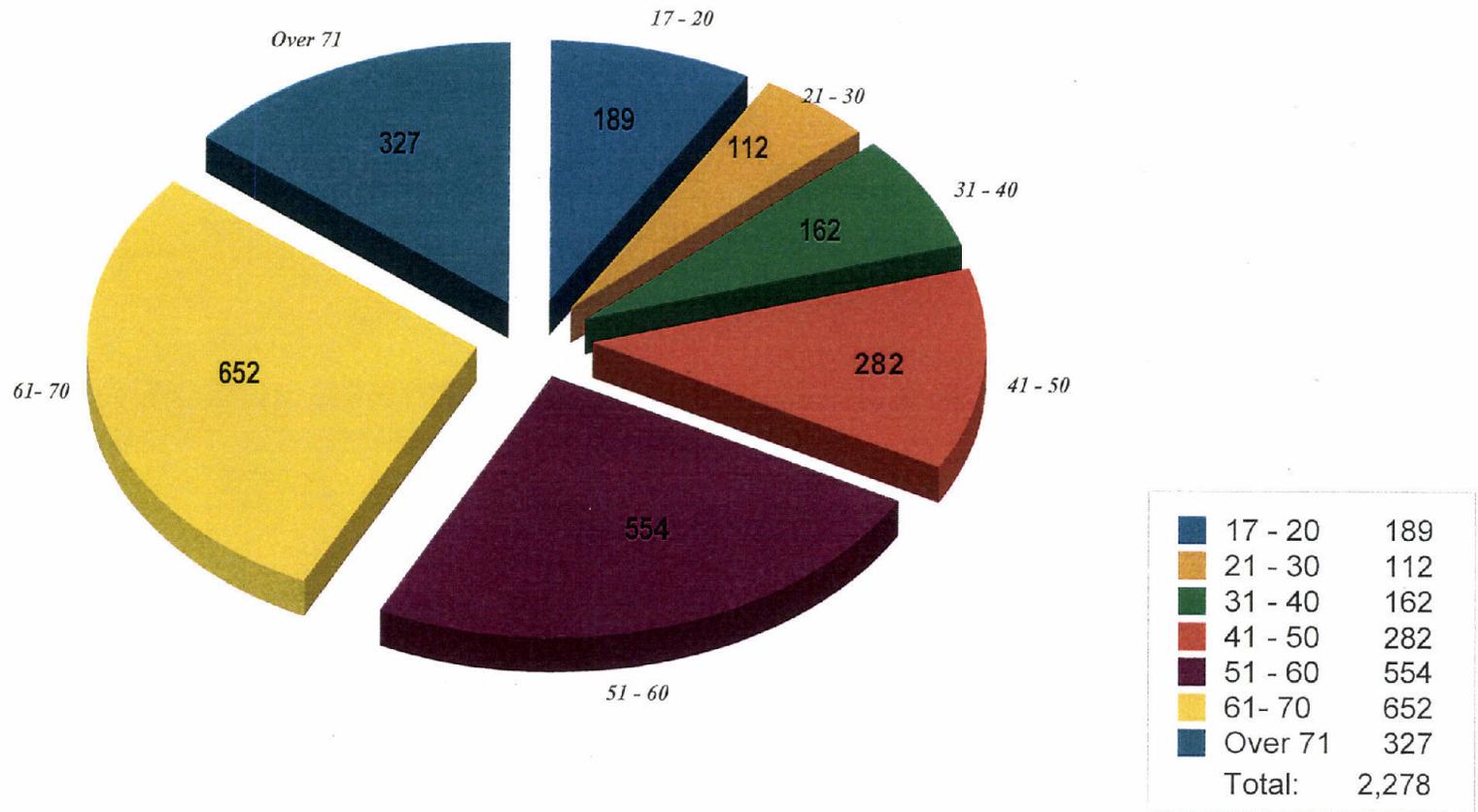
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Early Voting EJ Requirement = 9

Total EJ's served = 255 (FT = 234 & PT = 21)



Montgomery County Board of Elections Assigned Election Judges by Age Range 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election





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