

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 21, 2022**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Virtual Board Meeting via Zoom**

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**In Attendance Virtually:**

**Board Members:**

Nahid Khozeimeh, President  
Diane Nash Dillon, Vice President  
David A. Naimon, Secretary  
Amoretta Hoerber  
Alexander Vincent  
Alan Banov

**Board Attorney:**

Kevin Karpinski

**Staff:**

Alysoun McLaughlin, Acting Director  
Janet Ross, Acting Deputy Director  
Boris Brajkovic, Voter Services Manager  
Christine Rzeszut, Operations Manager  
Lisa Merino-Dean, Administrative Specialist

Audio video of the meeting may be found on YouTube at the link below:

[https://youtu.be/J\\_OSGyU8c\\_g](https://youtu.be/J_OSGyU8c_g)

**[0:25] Convene Board Meeting and Declare Quorum Present**

Mrs. Khozeimeh convened the meeting.

**President Remarks**

Mrs. Khozeimeh had no remarks.

**Campaign Contributions**

Ms. Dillon contributed \$45 to Dwight Patel, who is running for County Council at large.

**Public Comments**

No one asked to address the board in advance, but an inquiry was made by Takita Battle.

**[2:35]** Takita Battle noted that she is looking to become a voting judge in the future and wanted to get more involved in the action items of the meeting, she thanked the Board for allowing her to participate.

**[26:54]** Sarah Brown shared how she was offended by an alleged comment made to her at the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Ms. Brown continued to state that the meeting deterred her from wanting to volunteer in the future.

**Election Director Status Report [3:16]**

Ms. McLaughlin, Acting Director, reviewed the Election Director's Report, full report found [here](#). Ms. McLaughlin reported that the Maryland Court of Appeals recently decided to move the Primary

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Election to July 19, 2022. Changes have been updated on the Board of Elections website. The Board and Ms. McLaughlin discussed the law preventing the Board from opening absentee ballots until two days after Election Day. Mr. Naimon noted that there is pending legislation to permit us to open these ballots prior to Election Day.

Ms. McLaughlin added that due to the changes of the Primary Election, she would like to move forward and have the Board vote at the April Board Meeting to approve the final recommendations of precinct changes due to redistricting.

Mr. Brajkovic briefly discussed the nursing home program and noted that the program required a minimum of 50 rooms or more in order to be able to participate in the nursing home program.

Ms. McLaughlin shared the news of Ms. Rzeszut's retirement. The Board thanked Ms. Rzeszut for her dedication to the voters of Montgomery County.

#### **[35:02] Board Attorney's Report**

Mr. Karpinski reported that the trial regarding the congressional redistricting lines was held last week. Mr. Karpinski spoke with Mr. Trento, the Assistant Attorney General for the State Board of Elections, and noted that the trial was held before Judge Battaglia, a retired judge from the Court of Appeals and Judge Battaglia will be rendering a decision by the end of the week. Under the Maryland Rules of Civil Procedure, this issue will get an automatic appeal directly to the Court of Appeals with projected arguments being made the first week of April. This message offered some clarity about where redistricting litigation would stand within the next coming weeks. He noted that Ms. Rzeszut will provide a list of schools to the Board that are starting construction to confirm if there are any conflicts with the election date.

#### **[38:40] New Business**

Ms. McLaughlin clarified that there is confirmation between Marriott and the Board of Elections to retain video from the drop box at the Bethesda North Conference Center. Ms. Rzeszut noted that in three of the locations where we have planned for a drop box, a different organization has placed boxes for COVID testing, which has a potential for conflicts and confusion. She noted that these other boxes will be a potential issue when it comes to returning ballots.

#### **[42:29] Old Business**

Ms. Ross and Mrs. Rzeszut reviewed staff redistricting recommendations.

Maps of precincts in Election District 12 can be found [here](#).

Maps of precincts in Election District 13 can be found [here](#).

**[44:20]** The staff and the Board discussed precinct 12-01

**[45:52]** The staff and the Board discussed precinct 12-02.

**[46:36]** The staff and the Board discussed precinct 12-03.

**[47:56]** The staff and the Board discussed precinct 12-06.

**[49:03]** The staff and the Board discussed precinct 13-20A.

**[50:04]** The staff and the Board discussed precincts 13-40, 13-27 and 13-34.

**[52:18]** The staff and the Board discussed precinct 13-28.

**[54:48]** The staff and the Board discussed precinct 13-29.

**[55:18]** The staff and the Board discussed precinct 13-44.

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[56:13] The staff and the Board discussed precinct 13-45.

[57:06] The staff and the Board discussed precinct 13-61A.

[59:44] The staff and the Board discussed precinct 13-72.

In situations where polling places were not in the newly proposed precincts, Board members asked the staff about possible polling places which were either in the precincts or close to them.

Ms. Laughlin proposed that the Board review the materials and provide their questions to the staff for the maps that have been shown in time for the April meeting when final changes have to be submitted. Mr. Karpinski mentioned that public comments can be implemented in chat about their input of the changes being made to certain precincts. The staff and Board discussed the best way to go back and review the precincts that were not finalized regarding redistricting changes. Ms. McLaughlin decided that the staff would create an agenda stating what precincts were in question and what changes were being proposed to provide to the public. The Board decided to meet on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss further changes.

**[1:14:41] Action Items**

Ms. McLaughlin will provide the following:

- Dates for the municipal elections
- List of facilities that participate in the nursing home program
- Packet with draft polling place recommendations due to precinct boundaries by Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

A further meeting to discuss redistricting will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> .

**[1:15:54] Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The February 28 2022, minutes will be carried over to the April meeting.

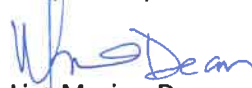
**[1:26:21] Future Meetings**

The Board agreed to meet on the following dates due to conflicting schedules or holidays observed: April 8, 2022, April 18, 2022, May 16, 2022, June 27, 2022, and July 11, 2022.

**[1:29:46] Adjournment**

Ms. Dillon moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoeber and passed unanimously.

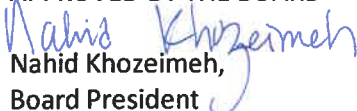
Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Merino-Dean

Administrative Specialist II

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Nahid Khozeimeh,  
Board President