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December 15, 2014

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

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Mary Ann Keeffe, President
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
Christine Rzeszut, Operations Manager

Guests:

Kate Alexander
Dolly Kildee
Barbara Sanders
Michael Subin

Convene the Board Meeting and Declare a Quorum Present

Ms. Keeffe called the Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 2:30 p.m.

Public Comments (Incorporated as attachments A)

Ms. Kildee, Liaison for the Democratic Central Committee, asked to speak in advance to present experiences at polling places on November 4, 2014. She presented a report on behalf of Alan Banov, Chair of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee is Voter Protection

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Committee. Ms. Kildee briefly reviewed positive experiences and situations needing improvement including a request to reconsider the voting location for Precinct 13-47. Ms. Keffe thanked Ms. Kildee for her specific examples of issues and suggested resolutions. Ms. Keffe asked staff for clarification regarding a candidate who tried to file their finance report and discovered there was no record of their candidacy. Ms. Jurgensen responded that candidate filing is completed electronically by the candidate into the State's Elec-trac database. The information can be entered at any computer or at the local board of elections if assistance is needed. Ms. Jurgensen only saw the letter shortly prior to the Board meeting and has not had the opportunity to review the situation in depth. Ms. Keffe asked that this topic be added to the January Board Meeting Agenda for follow up. Regarding Precinct 13-47, Mr. Naimon stated the Board spent a lot of time and energy to appease the neighborhood association and voters with the Montgomery College location. The suggestion to look for a more convenient place, due to parking, is appreciated and if Mr. Banov, or anyone else, has suggestions they would be welcome. The Board thanked Ms. Kildee.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Ms. Jurgensen requested an Executive Session to discuss the FY16 budget and Executive Session minutes.

Approval of the November 17, 2014, Board Meeting Minutes

The Board was sent the November 17, 2014, Board meeting minutes in advance. Mrs. Khozeimeh made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jeter and passed unanimously.

Election Director Status Report

Personnel

Ms. Jurgensen reported that payments for election judges were mailed. During election judge training, 1,241 pounds of food was donated to the Manna Food Bank.

Ms. Jurgensen stated that the Board of Elections has adopted twelve children from the Linkages to Learning Holiday Giving Tree program. Staff has collected gifts to be provided to them.

Ms. Jurgensen reported that temporary personnel is being released as election related tasks are completed. Temporary IT staff was given several weeks off while the State Board of Elections deliberated the closing procedures for the voting units.

Ms. Jurgensen stated that procedures for preventative maintenance were sent December 8, 2014. Local Boards were ordered to start auditing and testing any units removed from service because of complaints of "vote flipping." IT staff reviewed the one unit (out of the 2,832) that was pulled out of service due to "vote flipping." She stated that SBE and Board of Elections' staff