



BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES
October 9, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice of the Board meeting was provided by posting the meeting information and agenda on the bulletin board in the entrance lobby of the Baltimore County Board of Elections office located at 5 Crossing Way in Owings Mills, Maryland. The meeting information was also posted on the Election agency website and social media platforms.

MINUTES of the Baltimore County Board of Elections' meeting held on the 9th day of October 2024.

ATTENDEES:

Gloria Mason	President (Virtual)
William Feuer	Vice President (Virtual)
LaVerne Gaither	Secretary
Derick Johnson	Member (Virtual)
Albert Nalley	Member
Ruie Marie Lavoie	Director
Joshua Insley	Board Counsel
Rena Waggoner	Acting Deputy Director (Virtual)
Amanda White	Election Equipment and Warehouse Manager
Cynthia Remmey	Election Program Manager

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Meeting of the Board of Elections was called to order by President Mason at 3:05 pm on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 in the Director's Conference room in the Baltimore County Board of Elections office. Quorum was established with five (5) members present in person or by virtual livestream.

AGENDA

There were no additions or changes. This Special Meeting of the Baltimore County Board of Elections is being held for the specific purpose to elect the Chair and Secretary of the 2024 Presidential General Election Board of Canvassers. The Board will enter into Closed Session during the meeting to discuss personnel.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

After calling the meeting to order, President Mason inquired about the stopping point of the last meeting to clarify the starting point of this meeting. Director Lavoie provided information from the meeting notes outlining that the Board requested Director Lavoie to obtain confirmation from the Attorney Generals' office regarding quorum requirements for the Board and the Board of Canvassers. Further confirmation pertaining to party affiliation requirements for the Board President and Board of Canvassers Chair and Secretary was also requested. After the meeting, President Mason instructed Director Lavoie to add the question of "precedence" for clarification from the Attorney General's office.

Director Lavoie reported that the information she provided at the September 25, 2024 Board meeting was correct and provided details. This information Confirmation was provided to the board by email a few days after the meeting by email and included the following:

1. Maryland law, Regulations (COMAR) and the Bylaws state the exact requirements for quorum and party affiliations.
2. Quorum requirement for board meetings and canvass is a minimum of 3 members, with at least one member being of the minority party affiliation.
3. There is no party affiliation requirement for quorum except that there must a minimum of 3 with at least one member of the minority party.
4. There is no precedent to dictate the party affiliations for quorum, other than at least one must be of the minority party). There is no "precedent" to mandate the party affiliation of the Board President or Canvass Chair. Party affiliation requirements cannot be mandated or required, except for the at least one member being of the minority party. For example, the requirement for quorum to be 2 members of the majority party is not permitted. The Board and Board of Canvasser officers are elected by a majority vote of the Board.
5. There is no party affiliation requirement for the officer positions (President, Chair, Vice President and Secretary) on the Board and the Board of Canvassers, except the Vice President must be of the opposite party of the President. For bipartisan purposes, it is recommended for the Secretary of the Board of Canvassers to be the opposite party of the Chair. The Chair and Secretary sign the official certified results.
6. There is no requirement for the Chair of the Board of Canvassers to be the President of the Board. There is no requirement for the Canvass Secretary to be the Secretary of the Board. The Board of Canvassers Chair and Secretary are elected by a majority vote of the Board.
7. The entire Board votes to certify the election results.
8. All Board members have equal voting authority.

ELECTION - BOARD OF CANVASSERS, CHAIR AND SECRETARY

After discussion, President Mason opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of canvassers.

NOMINATION: Vice President Feuer nominated William Feuer for Chair of the Board of Canvassers.

SECOND: Member Nalley

Mr. Feuer accepted the nomination and President Mason called for a vote.

VOTE:	Gloria Mason	No
	William Feuer	Yes
	LaVerne Gaither	Yes
	Derick Johnson	Yes
	Albert Nalley	Yes

ACTION: William Feuer elected Chair of the Board of Canvassers.

President Mason opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Board of canvassers.

NOMINATION: Secretary Gaither nominated Derick Johnson for the position of Secretary of the Board of Canvassers.

SECOND: Vice President Feuer

Mr. Johnson accepted the nomination and President Mason called for a vote.

VOTE:	\Gloria Mason	No
	William Feuer	Yes
	LaVerne Gaither	Yes
	Derick Johnson	Yes
	Albert Nalley	Yes

ACTION: Derick Johnson elected Secretary of the Board of Canvassers.

President Mason noted that she is making adjustments or changes to her availability on the canvass schedule that she developed. She stated that she would provide the information to the Chair and Secretary.

Vice President Feuer, as Chair of the Board of Canvassers explained that a schedule will be set over the next week. Each member will be asked to provide availability to Director Lavoie.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no announcements or disclosures to report.

CLOSED SESSION

President Mason recessed the open meeting at 3:14 pm. All staff and guests exited the room and the livestream to the public was disabled.

MOTION: Member Nalley motioned to enter into Closed Session for the specific purpose of discussing personnel.

SECOND: Secretary Gaither

VOTE: Unanimous

ACTION: The Board entered into Closed Session at 3:17 pm.

The Closed Session was adjourned at 3:25 pm, and the Open meeting was reconvened at 3:25 pm.

Meeting and Important Dates Information

The next Board meeting will be on October 16, 2024 at 8:30 am in the multipurpose room of the Board of Elections office located at 5 Crossing Way in Owings Mills, Maryland.

Other important dates include:

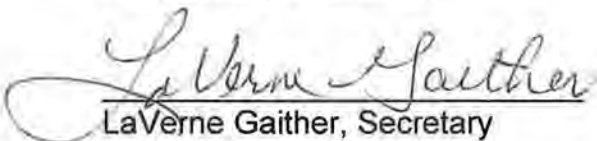
- October 16, 2024 Public Demonstration of Voting Equipment at 10:00 am
- October 16, 2024 Mail in Ballot 1 Canvass, Day 1 at 10:30 am
- October 17, 2024 Mail in Ballot 1 Canvass at 8:30 am
- October 24, 2024 Early Voting Begins
- October 31, 2024 Early Voting Ends
- November 2, 2024 Mail in Ballot 1 Canvass at 8:30 am
- November 5, 2024 Election Day
- November 5, 2024 Early Voting Results Canvass at 2:30 pm
- November 5, 2024 Board Meeting at 8:30 pm
- November 7, 2024 Mail in Ballot 1 Canvass at 8:30 am
- November 13, 2024 Mail in Ballot Canvass at 12:00 pm

Note that additional Mail in ballot Canvass days may be necessary. Note that the above listed dates and times are subject to change.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a Motion by Member Johnson and a Second by Member Nalley; the Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


LaVerne Gaither, Secretary


Derick Johnson, Member

Approved this 16th day of October, 2024