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**DORCHESTER COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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**ATTENDEES:** Thomas M. Corkran, President  
Ralph C. Lewis, Vice President  
Emma D. Pinkett, Secretary  
William J. Bishop, Member  
Emory E. Tamplin Jr, Member

Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director  
Jessica Noranbrock, Program Asst.

**ABSENT:** Amanda K. Forester-Cannon, Attorney

**GUESTS:** None

***MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING April 16, 2024***

**Swearing in of the Board of Canvassers:**

Board members were sworn in as the Board of Canvassers for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election by Amy J. Craig, Clerk of the Court.

**Call to Order and Determine Quorum:**

President Corkran called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM; quorum was determined.

**Welcome any Guests:**

None

**Report any Board or Staff Absences:**

Amanda K. Forester-Cannon, Attorney

**Approval of Minutes:**

**February 20, 2024 Minutes** – Mrs. Pinkett motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Mr. Tamplin, approved.

**ACTION:** Make name and spelling correction.

**Additions to Agenda:**

Mr. Tamplin disclosed he attended a Johnny Mautz fundraiser since the last meeting attended.

Mr. Bishop disclosed a \$50 contribution to the Biden Campaign.

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**Election Director's Report:**

- **Budget: FY 2024– February & March 2024 year/date/monthly expenditures.**  
Director Dales distributed the monthly budgets.

**Old Business:**

- **Security System Update**

Ms. Dales informed the Board that the camera monitor has been moved to the office from the warehouse and that the ballot box is under 24/7 surveillance. Mr. Corkran asked if the cameras would record vehicle tag numbers. Ms. Dales said they would if they are in range of the drop box. Ms. Dales informed the Board that there had been a person taking pictures of our cameras and the drop box. He came in and asked if the ballot box was under surveillance.

**New Business:**

- **Sign L&A Certification**

Ms. Dales distributed copies of the L&A Certification form. Mr. Tamplin asked what L&A was. Ms. Dales informed him that it stood for “Logic and Accuracy testing” of the equipment. The certification was signed by the Board.

- **Sign Attorney Contract**

Ms. Dales and President Corkran attended a meeting last week with the new attorney, Amanda Forester-Cannon. Mr. Tamplin asked where she is from and Mr. Corkran said she works with Mike Dodd. Mr. Tamplin asked if she is an attorney for the government. Mr. Corkran said she is a private attorney. Mr. Lewis said he had no problem with how the meetings were set up virtually with the previous attorney. Ms. Dales asked if the Board wanted any changes made to the Attorney Contract. The Board did not request any changes. President Corkran signed the Contract.

**ACTION:** Ms. Dales will email the signed contract to the Attorney.

- **Pick Polling Places for Supply Verification**

The Board randomly picked two (2) polling places for supply verification, 15-001 Hurlock Elementary School, and 18-001 Elliott Island Church Hall.

**FYI:**

- **Protection Elections Officials Act of 2024**

Ms. Dales shared pictures of the Bill Signed with the Governor and informed the Board of a canvass procedure change Bill that will take effect in November.

- **SBE Approved Bylaws**

Ms. Dales distributed the approval memo for the bylaws from the State Administrator.

- **2024 Legislation Passed Summary**

Ms. Dales distributed a summary of election-related legislation that passed the General Assembly.

- **2024 Primary Election Judges List**

Mr. Corkran ask if all spots are filled and do we have alternate judges. Ms. Dales said that all spots are filled and we have 2-3 alternates at the moment. Mrs. Pinkett motioned to approve the list, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the list was approved.

**Confirmation of Next Meeting:**

The next Board Meeting will be held at 1000 Goodwill Ave., Cambridge, MD 21613 at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

Mr. Corkran asked for volunteers to do the two (2) Early Voting Polling Place Evaluations. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Tamplin volunteered. Mr. Corkran explained that the Early Voting Evaluation and Election Day Evaluation were the same. Mr. Corkran would also like two (2) lists generated: one list of five (5) polling places and one list of six (6) polling places, one central list and one on the outskirts. Ms. Dales said that Mr. Corkran had mentioned possibly have the EFS perform the Polling Place Evaluations for the General.

**ACTION:** Staff design Election Day Polling Place Evaluation routes for Board teams, one list of five (5) polling places and one list of six (6) polling places, one central list and one on the outskirts.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Tamplin motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Pinkett. The meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

**APPROVED:**

Rh.C. L'J

Erin Tanglin J

Theresa Cole

Emma D. Pinkett

William Bishop

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