State of Maryland

State Board of Elections – June 28, 2022 Meeting

Attendees (via conference call):

William G. Voelp, Chair Malcolm L. Funn, Vice Chair Severn Miller, Member Justin Williams, Member T. Sky Woodward, Member Linda Lamone, Administrator

Nikki Charlson, Deputy Administrator

Dan Kobrin, Assistant Attorney General

Donna Duncan, Assistant Deputy, Constituent Relations

Tracey Hartman, Director of Special Projects

Jared DeMarinis, Director, Candidacy and Campaign Finance

Melissia Dorsey, Assistant Deputy, Election Policy

Keith Ross, Assistant Deputy, Project Management

Jennifer McLaughlin, Senior Policy Advisor

Shafiq Satterfield, Director of Technical Operations

Also Present: Ruie Lavoie, Director, Baltimore County Board of Elections

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Voelp called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm and declared that a quorum was present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: OPEN MEETINGS ON JUNE 2, 2022 AND CLOSED MEETINGS ON JUNE 2, 2022 AND JUNE 23, 2022

Mr. Funn made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2022, open and closed meetings and the minutes from the closed meeting on June 23, 2022 meeting. Ms. Woodward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Voelp requested that only highlights of the Administrator's Report be presented verbally.

Announcements & Important Meetings

Election Directors' Meetings

We hosted Election Directors' meetings weekly in June. The topics of discussion cover the current election preparation tasks and any specific topics or questions requested by the Election Directors. As the minutes of the meetings are prepared, they will be distributed with the County Bulletin.

2022 Election Preparation Activities

Voter Registration & Updates Deadline

Ms. Charlson stated that today is the deadline to register to vote and update voter information. Individuals can register or update information <u>online</u> or submit a paper <u>application</u>. The online system is available until 11:59 pm on June 28, and paper applications must be dropped off or postmarked on or before June 28. Although individuals can register to vote during early voting and on election day or update their address during early voting and vote the ballot for their new address, we encourage voters to submit their registration or updates on

or before June 28. Registering or updating by June 28 will make the voting process quicker and easier.

On July 2, MDVOTERS will be locked down at 11:30 a.m. so the voter registration team can prepare for the precinct register pull. This task generates the data of eligible voters which is used to populate the electronic poll books.

Call Center

Since the 2010 elections, we have used a call center to assist us in responding to the voters of Maryland. These services began with assisting SBE and then several of the larger local boards. In 2020, the call center answered over 182,600 inquiries for SBE and about 18 local boards. For the 2022 elections, we are utilizing this service to help our voters get answers to their questions. Currently, the call center is handling calls for SBE and thirteen local boards. As of June 24, 2022, a total of 32,024 calls have been handled.

Logic and Accuracy Testing (L&A)

Ms. Charlson reported that Logic and Accuracy testing of the voting equipment for the primary election has begun. The local boards test all equipment that will be used during early voting, on election day, or during the canvassing of mail-in and provisional ballots. L&A testing on voting equipment to be deployed for early voting must be completed by July 5, 2022. The L&A testing of voting equipment to be deployed for election day will be completed by July 9, 2022.

Mail-in Voting

Ms. McLaughlin reported that the deadline to request a mail-in ballot is fast approaching. The specific deadline depends on how the voter wants to receive their ballot. If the voter wants to receive the ballot by mail, the deadline is July 12. If the voter wants to receive the ballot via a link in an email (aka web delivery), the deadline is July 15. Voters can request a mail-in ballot online or by submitting a paper request. These deadlines are "receipt" deadlines, meaning that the local board must receive the application on or before July 12. A request postmarked on July 12 is not timely.

As of June 27, 363,533 ballot packets were mailed to voters. Over 44,000 emails were sent to voters who requested ballots via web delivery. We have been sending various texts and emails about ballot statuses. We updated inserts as needed, provided corrected oaths to a small number of voters who received the incorrect oath via web delivery, and are supporting the local boards with issuing new ballots for voters assigned to incorrect districts.

All ballot boxes are in place, and the local boards are emptying the boxes at least daily.

Election Judge Recruitment

Ms. Dorsey reported that election judge recruitment continues by both SBE and the local boards. The Department of Budget and Management granted up to 16 hours of administrative leave to State employees who serve as election judges. We have also reached out to the Maryland Judiciary, Maryland Department of Transportation, and the University System of Maryland to request that leave be granted to State employees who serve as election judges. We are also working with the Governor's office to promote service as an election judge. Similarly, SBE has contacted several organizations, including Civic Alliance and Democracy Works, that partner with private employers to encourage employees to serve as election workers. Statewide, roughly 25%

of the election judge positions are vacant, with Baltimore City and Baltimore County reporting the biggest need.

Voter Education

Ms. Charlson noted that the voter education campaign is now promoting the voting timeline - early voting and election day - and the traditional media part of the campaign - TV, radio and print - is getting started. Here are some campaign highlights:

- The campaign has driven a total of 49,210 users to the SBE's landing page leading to 92,545 total pageviews across the site. This means that many users visit multiple pages when they visit the landing page.
- Over 90% of users are classified as "new," meaning we are reaching users who have not accessed the site's voter resources in the past 30 days.
- Users spent an average of over 02:00 on-page and views have increased 297.17% since June 1, 2022.
- Google Search traffic has seen the highest overall on-site engagement, and Google Search users are most likely to click-through ads.
- Facebook and Instagram ads have reached over 1.7 million users.

Our 2022 Primary Election toolkit is available <u>here</u>. The toolkit includes sample social media posts, timelines for posting, and images for use. Our :30 ad is available <u>here in English</u> and <u>here in Spanish</u>.

Election Operations Support

Mr. Ross stated that the Project Management Office (PMO) continues its work on the logistics and planning for the primary election operations support that includes the use of an election helpdesk system and the setup of an election operations center on Election day.

Voter Registration

MDVOTERS Audits

Monthly audits of voter registration data continue to verify compliance with federal and State laws governing voter registration. The monthly audits include review of the local boards of elections' processing of Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) reports, Department of Health (DHMH) death records, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) felony records, and the processing of overall voter registration records. Follow up is conducted with the local boards to ensure all corrections are completed and to address any training issues. On a monthly basis, a minimum of 144 audits are conducted.

Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) - Membership

ERIC's membership now has 31 states plus the District of Columbia. For more information on ERIC, please visit https://ericstates.org/.

ERIC Files

We are now receiving ERIC data on a monthly basis. On even months (February, April, etc), we receive the In-State Updates, Cross-State, and NCOA (National Change of Address) reports for processing. Odd months bring us the In-State Duplicate and Social Security Administration Death files for processing. Now that we are within 90 days prior to an election and prohibited from sending list maintenance mailings, we will receive the In-State Duplicate and SSA Death files on a monthly basis.

Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division

<u>Candidacy</u>

Mr. DeMarinis noted that the deadline for Petition and non-principal political party candidates to file a Declaration of Intent for candidacy is July 5, 2022 at 5 pm. Filings are still by appointment.

Campaign Finance

2022 Pre-Primary 1

Mr. DeMarinis reported that the 2022 Pre-Primary 1 was due on June 14, 2022 by 11:59 pm. Almost 81% of the committees filed on time, and as of June 24,90% of the required committees have filed their report. We sent to those committees that have not yet filed a late fee notice. The maximum late fee penalty for a failure to file is \$1,000.

The Pre-Primary 2 Campaign Finance Report is due on July 8, 2022.

State Public Financing Program

In order to qualify for a public contribution, the candidate must raise \$120,000 from 1,500 Maryland residents. The certified gubernatorial ticket has qualified for a total of \$879,418.76 in public funds and received \$76,121.08 in public funds in June. Another gubernatorial ticket filed a notice of intent but failed to qualify by the deadline.

County Public Financing Programs

Montgomery County: As of May 31, there are 19 certified candidates in the program. 8 additional candidates have filed a notice of intent to participate. The certificate deadline to qualify for a public contribution was June 4. The program has disbursed \$147,881 in May with a disbursement total of \$2,256,071.

Howard County: There are five certified candidates in the program. Two candidates filed a notice of intent to participate in the program but failed to meet the requirements. As of June 24, the program has disbursed a total of \$603,696.65.

Website Activity

In May, the MD Campaign Reporting Information System (MD CRIS) website was visited by 309,792 individuals for an average of nearly 10 individuals per day. Additionally, it had 2,114,443 hits. Each viewer looked at an average of approximately 5.5 page views per day. The Business Contribution Disclosure System (BCDS) website had 1,029,799 hits, with 108,346 visitors with an average of nearly 8.5 page views per day.

Enforcement

- 1. Johnson, George Committee to Elect paid \$500.00 on June 16, 2022, for failure to maintain account books.
- 2. Moore, Tom Friends of paid \$250.00 on June 22, 2022, for failure to maintain account books and records.

In the board package, there is a memo and information related to five denials for Title 14 waiver requests. The information on these denials is informational, as no board action is required on denials. There are no waiver requests to grant.

Voting Systems

New Electronic Pollbook

Mr. Satterfield noted that work on implementing the new electronic pollbooks continues. We are simultaneously in the Project Initiation and Planning and the Analysis and Design phases. The project initiation and planning phase is on schedule for completion in the second quarter of 2022, and the analysis and design phase is on schedule for completion in the third quarter of 2022.

<u>Voting System Replacement Project</u>

Mr. Satterfield reported explained that the current voting system lease ends March 2023, and there is one option remaining. If exercised, the final option ends March 2025. We are currently gathering information about current and future voting system solutions and are on schedule to complete this phase by the third quarter of 2022.

Project Management Office (PMO)

Inventory Management

Mr. Ross noted that SBE's FY22 inventory audit of equipment and supplies statewide started on February 1. Currently, between SBE and the local boards, 96.02% of the inventory has been audited. June 30, 2022 is the end date for all the inventory auditing.

Central Warehouse

The Central Warehouse team continues its work on numerous tasks related to the upcoming election with the receiving and shipping out of equipment and supplies.

Document Management

SBE continues its review of the seventeen responses received from the Request for Information (RFI) request for a document management system. The next step will be to generate the requirements for the document management system Request for Proposals (RFP) expected to go out in the next fiscal year.

Baltimore City Relocation

The PMO continued to work with the Baltimore City Board of Elections on their relocation plans.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Mr. Kobrin gave the following updates:

1. WinRed, Inc. v. Ellison, et al., No. 21-cv-1575 (D. Minn.). On July 7, 2021, WinRed, Inc. – a federal PAC created to assist Republican Party candidates – filed a lawsuit against the Attorneys General of Connecticut, New York, Maryland, and Minnesota (the "State AGs"), seeking a declaration that State consumer protection statutes and regulations are preempted by federal law, to the extent that these State laws are being enforced to regulate the use of pre-checked recurring contribution boxes for solicitations for federal offices. WinRed had received letters from the defendants requesting information and documents regarding its use of pre-checked boxes in that context. (It is now public that ActBlue – the PAC formed to assist Democratic Party candidates – has received a similar request from the same State AGs but has not joined this lawsuit.) On July 27, 2021, WinRed filed a motion for preliminary injunction against enforcement of subpoenas served by the State AGs. On July 29, 2021, the State AGs moved to dismiss the complaint. Oral argument on both motions took place on November 2, 2021. On January 26, 2022, the Court issued an order denying Plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction and granting the defendants' motion to dismiss and dismissed the Complaint. WinRed has appealed the dismissal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth

Circuit. On March 25, 2022, WinRed filed its opening brief. The Appellees' response was filed in late April. WinRed filed its reply brief on May 23, 2022. The Court is in the process of scheduling the appeal for oral argument.

2. Conners v. State of Maryland, et al., No. C-02-CV-21-001282 (Cir. Ct. A.A. Cnty.). On September 23, 2021, the Plaintiff filed a lawsuit challenging the SBE's disclosure of personalized voter information on lists of registered voters without obtaining voters' consent. She alleges that SBE's practices of (i) disclosing information beyond just the names of voters on the voter list, (ii) disclosing the voter list to non-Maryland registered voters, (iii) transmitting the voter list to individuals or organizations who do not swear the oath that the list will only be used for electoral purposes, (iv) failing to ensure that the purpose for which the list is intended to be used by the applicant comports with that requirement, and (v) allowing only some voters to participate in the voter confidentiality program, violates various State and federal laws and constitutional provisions. The plaintiff is seeking, among other things, damages in the amount of \$400,000 for each instance her voter information was disclosed on a voter list transmitted to an applicant and seeks injunctive relief in the form of an order forbidding SBE from disclosing voter information without the affirmative consent of the voter and requiring SBE to issue new voter ID numbers to every Maryland registered voter. The State of Maryland, the State Administrator, and the Governor are named as defendants in the case.

On November 8, 2021, the Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Complaint. On November 23, 2021, Plaintiff filed an opposition to the motion to dismiss. The motion to dismiss was heard on February 14, 2022. On March 10, 2022, the Circuit Court issued an opinion and order dismissing the Complaint. Ms. Conners did not appeal.

On June 3, 2022, Plaintiff filed a miscellaneous correspondence with the Circuit Court. The correspondence was docketed that same day but does not revive the claim or affect the disposition of the matter in any way. With the time for an appeal having passed, the matter is now final.

3. Baltimore Cnty. Branch of the NAACP, et al. v. Baltimore Cnty., Md., et al., No. 1:21-cv-03232 (D. Md.). On December 21, 2021, the Baltimore County Branch of the NAACP, the League of Women Voters, Common Cause of Maryland, and several individual plaintiffs filed a lawsuit challenging the Baltimore County redistricting map for county council districts, on the ground that it violated section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Baltimore County, the individual members of the Baltimore County Council, and the Baltimore County Board of Elections were named as defendants. (The individual County Council members have since been dismissed from the case.) On January 19, 2022, the plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary injunction, and the court entered an order setting a hearing for February 15, 2022 on the plaintiffs' motion. On February 22, 2022, the court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, and ordered Baltimore County to produce a compliant map by March 9, 2022. On March 9, 2022, Baltimore County filed its proposed remedial map. The Court has asked the plaintiffs to respond to the filing by 5 pm today and will hold a conference with the parties on March 11, 2022 to discuss further proceedings. On March 25, 2022, the Court approved the remedial map proposed by Baltimore County. On May 9, 2022, after reviewing status reports from the parties, the Court dismissed the matter without prejudice, to allow the plaintiffs to bring a challenge to the county map after the July 19, 2022 election if they determine that a challenge is warranted. and to file a motion to attorneys' fees by June 6, 2022.

On June 6, 2022, the plaintiffs filed a Motion for Attorney's Fees and Litigation Expenses. Plaintiffs in their filing promise a memo detailing their fee requests by July 11, 2022.

- 4. *In the Matter of Seth Wilson*, No. C-02-CV-22-000078 (Cir. Ct. A.A. Cnty.). On January 14, 2022, Seth Wilson, the Chairman of the Washington County Republican Party Central Committee, filed a petition for judicial review of the determination and approval, respectively, by the Washington County Board of Elections and SBE, of the locations for early voting centers in Washington County for the 2022 elections. On January 19, 2022, the agencies were provided notice of the petition for judicial review by the Clerk of the court. On March 22, 2022, the agencies filed administrative records. Mr. Wilson has filed his memorandum of law in support of his petition. The State and Local Boards have filed answering memoranda. Mr. Wilson will likely be filing a reply memorandum within the next two weeks. A hearing on the petition has been scheduled for August 15, 2022.
- 5. Paul Corderman v. Shawn Perry, No. C-21-CV-22-000226 (Cir. Ct. Wash. Cnty.). On March 16, 2022, Senator Paul Corderman sued Shawn Perry, the Maryland State Board of Elections, and the Washington County Board of Elections. Senator Corderman was challenging Mr. Perry's residency and alleged that his name should not appear on the ballot. After a hearing on May 26, 2022, the Court concluded that Mr. Perry established his residency before the deadline to run for office and his name did not need to be removed from the ballot. No appeal has been taken and the matter has been fully resolved.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO COMAR 33.11.05.04 (ABSENTEE BALLOTS-CANVASS OF BALLOTS) and 33.16.06.04 (PROVISIONAL VOTING- CANVASS OF BALLOTS) Ms. Charlson presented proposed amendments to COMAR 33.15.03.03 and 33.15.03.04. The proposed amendments are:

33.11.05.04 (Absentee Ballots — Canvass of Ballots — Rejecting Ballots — Ballot Rejection — Multiple Ballots from the Same Individual) and 33.16.06.04 (Provisional Voting — Canvass of Ballots-Rejecting Ballots — Ballot Rejection-Multiple Ballots from the Same Individual): Under the proposed changes to 33.11.05.04 and 33.16.06.04, the local board of canvassers will count the absentee ballot (mail-in ballot) if a voter returns a mail-in ballot and a provisional ballot. These proposed changes are identical to the changes adopted as emergency changes for the 2020 General Election.

Ms. Charlson stated that these were the same proposed amendments to COMAR 33.11.05.04 and 33.16.06.04 that were presented to the Board at the June 23, 2022 meeting. However, in reviewing the proposed amendments after the Board had approved them, she realized that the verb "canvassed" should actually be "counted." She explained that canvassing of ballots is a process, while counted is an outcome of canvassing. A ballot that is canvassed can either be accepted (and then counted by the voting machine) or rejected. If the verb used in the regulation was "canvassed," it could lead to the following scenario: A voter's provisional ballot is rejected on the 2nd Wednesday after the election, and a mail-in ballot from the voter arrives the next day. The emergency regulations would require that the mail-in ballot would still have to be rejected because the provisional ballot was "canvassed." However, if the verb used in the regulation is "counted," a mail-in ballot that arrives after a provisional ballot has been rejected can still be counted.

In response to a question from Mr. Williams, Mr. Voelp explained that using the word "received" instead of "counted" would result in the subsections of both regulations being in contradiction.

Ms. Charlson explained that the timing of when the provisional or mail-in ballot is counted is more important than when the mail-in ballot being received, because a received ballot can still be rejected.

Ms. Woodward made a motion to accept the word "counted" in lieu of "canvassed" as proposed by Ms. Charlson in the approved amendments to COMAR 33.11.05.04 and 33.16.0.04 in the regular and emergency promulgation process. Mr. Funn seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINAL NEW REGULATIONS- COMAR 33.01.07 (DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS- VOTING IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES)

Mr. Hartman presented proposed new regulations .01 through .06 under COMAR 33.01 under the new Chapter 07- Voting in Correctional Facilities for final adoption. These proposed regulations were approved by the Board at the March 10, 2022 meeting. The proposed changes and new amendments were published in the April 22, 2022, edition of the *Maryland Register* (Vol. 49, Issue 9). The public comment period closed on May 23, 2022. No comments were received.

The proposed new regulations are:

- 1. <u>33.01.07.01</u> (Voting in Correctional Facilities Definitions): The first regulation of the Chapter defines nine terms related to the regulations including election official, election-related materials, and eligible voter, which are key to the regulations.
- 2. <u>33.0107.02</u> (Voting in Correctional Facilities Duties of the State Board): This regulation defines the duties of the State Board, including:
 - a. Providing a ballot drop box for the Baltimore City Central Booking facility, as required by SB 525, and written notification of how to use the drop box; and
 - b. Creating a program to notify eligible voters of how to vote in upcoming elections. Based on the number of eligible voters in each correctional facility, SBE will send each correctional facility voting information packets that contain voter registration applications, mail in ballot applications, instructions for each, and return envelopes.
- 3. <u>33.01.07.03</u> (Voting in Correctional Facilities Duties of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS)): This regulation defines the responsibilities of the DPSCS, which include:
 - a. Installing and 24/7 video monitoring of the ballot drop box(es) at the Baltimore City Centralized Booking Facility and other ballot drop boxes that the Department elects to install;
 - b. Allowing eligible voters to deposit election-related materials in the drop box(es);
 - c. Providing SBE with the number of eligible voters in each State correctional facility by a specific date;
 - d. Distributing the voting information packet to eligible voters and processing all outgoing postal mail both in a timely manner so as to not delay any election processes;
 - e. Storing any excess voting information packets and notifying SBE if there is a shortage of packets; and
 - f. Allowing election officials to empty the drop box(es) at pre-determined times.

- 4. <u>33.01.07.04</u> (Voting in Correctional Facilities Duties of the Local Board of Election for Baltimore City): This regulation defines the duties of the Baltimore City Board of Elections, which include emptying the drop box(es) on a regular basis and distributing an election-related materials and ballots received from the drop box(es) that should go to a different local board.
- 5. <u>33.01.07.05</u> (Voting in Correctional Facilities Duties of the Local Correctional Facilities): This regulation defines the duties of local correctional facilities, which include:
 - a. Distributing the voting information packet to eligible voters and processing all outgoing postal mail both in a timely manner so as to not delay any election processes; and
 - b. Storing any excess voting information packets and notify the SBE if there is a shortage of packets.
- 6. <u>33.01.07.06</u> (Voting in Correctional Facilities Duties of Eligible Voters): This regulation defines the duties of eligible voters in correctional facilities which include completing and returning all election related materials by the appropriate deadlines either by ballot drop box or through the normal outgoing postal mail process.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt the proposed new regulations under COMAR 33.01.07.01 through 33.01.07.06, under the new Chapter 07, as presented by Ms. Hartman. Ms. Woodward seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY CHANGE TO POLLING PLACES FOR BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY

- 1. <u>Baltimore City</u>- Ms. Duncan presented the Board with an update from the Baltimore City Board of Elections for the two requests for emergency polling place changes presented at the June 23, 2022 meeting. An email from Abigail Goldman, Deputy Director for Baltimore City Board of Elections, stated that Baltimore City Board of Elections had approved both requests. In response to a question from Mr. Voelp, Ms. Duncan confirmed that at the previous meeting, the State Board approved the polling place changes on the condition that the Baltimore City Board also authorized the polling place changes. Mr. Voelp explained that no further action from the State Board was required because the conditions of the Motion from June 23 had been met.
- 2. <u>Baltimore County</u>- Ms. Dorsey presented three requests from the Baltimore County Board of Elections to replace polling places. Those requests are:
 - a. Relocate 652 voters assigned to 10-06, Hereford Middle School located at 712 Corbett Road in Monkton, Maryland **TO** 10-02 located at Jacksonville Community Center located at 3605 Sweet Air Road in Phoenix, Maryland. The distance between the locations is 8 miles. Precinct 10-06 will be removed for the 2022 Primary Election.
 - b. Relocate 1,281 voters assigned to 11-20, Seven Oaks Elementary School located at 9220 Seven Courts Drive in Parkville, Maryland **TO** 11-17, Gunpowder Elementary School located at 9540 Holiday Manor Road in Nottingham, Maryland. The distance between the locations is 1.8 miles. Precinct 11-20 will be removed for the 2022 Primary Election.

c. Relocate 699 voters assigned to 15-27, Martin Boulevard Elementary located at 210 Riverton Road in Middle River, Maryland **TO** 15-07, Chase Elementary School located at 11701 Eastern Avenue in Middle River, Maryland. The distance between the locations is 3.4 miles. Precinct 15-27 will be removed for the 2022 Primary Election.

SBE recommended approving these requests. Ms. Dorsey confirmed that these changes are necessary due to redistricting and that all three changes have been approved by the Baltimore County Board of Elections.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the emergency polling place changes as presented in Baltimore County. Ms. Woodward seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL & LEGAL ADVICE

Mr. Voelp requested a motion to close the board meeting under several provisions of §3-305(b)(7) and (8), which permit closing a meeting to receive advice from counsel and consult with staff about pending or potential litigation, respectively, of the General Provisions Article. Ms. Woodward made a motion to convene in closed session under General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(7) and (8), and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion having passed, the Board met in closed session in accordance with exemptions defined in (b)(7) and (8) of Section 3-305 of the Open Meetings Act to receive advice from counsel and consult with staff about pending or potential litigation. The closed session began at 3:13 pm. Mr. Voelp, Mr. Funn, Mr. Miller, Ms. Woodward, and Mr. Williams attended the closed meeting. In addition to the board members, Ms. Lamone, Mr. Kobrin, Ms. Charlson, and Ms. Duncan attended the meeting.

The board received legal advice and consulted with staff about pending or potential litigation. No actions were taken.

Ms. Woodward made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and return to the open meeting, and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The closed meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Mr. Voelp called the open meeting back to order at 4:17 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Changes to Baltimore County Polling Places: Ms. Lavoie clarified that Herford Middle School, Seven Oaks Elementary School, and Martin Boulevard Elementary were all previously combined polling places with a separate voting room for each precinct. She explained that only 10-06, 11-20, and 15-27 were being relocated to the new locations and that Herford Middle School, Seven Oaks Elementary School, and Martin Boulevard Elementary will remain as single-precinct polling places. In response to a question from Mr. Voelp, Ms. Lavoie confirmed that only the voters who are affected by redistricting are being moved to a new polling place.

DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Funn disclosed the following campaign contributions:

- 1) \$20 for Congressman Hoyer's Annual Bull Roast
- 2) \$20 for the Goldstein- Miller Gala, hosted by the Calvert County Democratic Party

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Ms. Duncan reminded the Board that the election results need to be certified by the State Board after all local boards certify their elections. She estimated that this should take place approximately the week of August 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the open meeting. Ms. Woodward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The open meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.