



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2025

ATTENDING: Connie Meyers, Board President
Randy Glotfelty, Board Vice President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
James Moore, Board Secretary
Carla Tesar, Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT: None

4:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Connie Meyers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 4, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Jim Moore, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

For the past two months, there were 118 new voter registrations and 155 removals. Most of the removals were due to the confirmation mail process.

The Working Class Party has been certified as an authorized party in Maryland.

The 2024 general election post-election maintenance has been completed, and ES&S has repaired the equipment that did not pass the testing.

Inventory has been completed and submitted to SBE.

Pending Legislation:

- All Board meetings will have to be live streamed starting July 1, 2025
- Requirement to submit election plans for all polling locations, early voting centers and drop boxes to SBE seven months in advance

Warehouse Regulations from SBE are almost complete and will be sent to all counties in the near future.

Thank you letters were sent to all judges in the State from the State Administrator, Jared DeMarinis.

Candidate filings for the upcoming 2026 Gubernatorial Election include Paul Edwards and Larry Tichnell for county commissioner.

Interviews were conducted for the staff vacancy and a candidate was selected with a target start date scheduled for May 14, 2025. The candidate's name was submitted to the State and once accepted, will be released.

OLD BUSINESS:

BIENNIAL/MAEO Conference

Steve informed the Board on dates and details for the upcoming conference scheduled for May 4th through the 8th in Ocean City, Maryland. Discussion was held concerning host county responsibilities and door prizes.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve informed the Board of their salary increase that was approved by the County's Salary Review Committee. The Board will receive a yearly increase of \$500, starting July 1, 2025.

Steve received the Presidential Executive Order and attended an online briefing from the State Board. He informed the Board with some of the highlights of the order but did not go into detail. Because of the newness of this order, he stated that after the State Board of Elections Attorney and the Attorney General reviews it completely, he will bring it to the Board in a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Because of attending the BIENNIAL meeting, the May meeting will be canceled. Future board meeting dates will be posted on the Board of Elections website.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.



Connie Meyers, Board President