

State of Maryland 

State Board of Elections' Meeting – July 28, 2016

Attendees: David McManus, Chair
Patrick J. Hogan, Vice Chair
Michael R. Cogan, Member
Kelley A. Howells, Member
Bobbie S. Mack, Member
Linda H. Lamone, State Administrator
Jeff Darsie, Assistant Attorney General
Nikki Charlson, Deputy Administrator
Donna Duncan, Assistant Deputy for Election Policy
Keith Ross, Assistant Deputy for Project Management
Paul Aumayr, Director, Voting Systems
Jared DeMarinis, Director, Candidacy and Campaign Finance Division
Erin Perrone, Director, Election Reform and Management
Mary Cramer Wagner, Director, Voter Registration and Petitions

Also Present: Gloria Lawlah, Nominee, State Board of Elections
Mary Ann Keefe, Member, Montgomery County Board of Elections
Christina Jones, Deputy Director, Queen Anne's County Board of Elections
Mary Kiraly, Montgomery County citizen
Ralph Watkins, League of Women Voters
Holly Joseph, Montgomery County citizen

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. McManus called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm and confirmed that a quorum was present. He stated that the meeting was being recorded.

RATIFICATION OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 30, 2016, MEETING

Ms. Howells made a motion to ratify the approval of minutes from the June 30, 2016, meeting, and Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Announcements & Important Meetings

New SBE Employee

At last month's meeting, Ms. Perrone announced that Cortnee Bryant accepted the Deputy Director for Election Reform and Management position. Ms. Bryant started at SBE on July 20th and has been quickly immersed in election judges' materials. Cortnee previously worked for the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections' office and was able to "hit the ground running."

National Association of State Election Directors' (NASED) Summer Meeting

From July 14th through July 17th, Ms. Lamone attended NASED's summer meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Representatives of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program, U.S. Department of Justice, and the United States Postal Service provided updates on their election-related work and preparations for the 2016 General Election. Other topics included list maintenance, disability access, and the latest on the Pew Charitable Trusts' Voting Information Project and Election Performance Index. Ms. Lamone stated that Pew's latest Election Performance Index will be released to the public on August 9, 2016.

Maryland Association of Counties (MACo)

Ms. Lamone was invited to attend MACo's Legislative Committee meeting on July 13th to discuss the primary election, additional equipment needs, and preparation for the general election. Approximately 50 county officials attended this meeting. Ms. Lamone congratulated Steve Shuh, Anne Arundel County's County Executive, on allowing the Anne Arundel County Board of Election to combine its office space and warehouse into one location and encouraged a representative from Baltimore City to consider the same approach for the Baltimore City Board of Elections.

2. Election Reform and Management

Provisional Committee

The Provisional Committee met on July 12th to discuss ideas to ensure provisional ballots are not scanned at voting locations. Ideas discussed included:

- Put the provisional judge at an extension of the check-in tables. This ensures that a provisional voter never enters the regular ballot area.
- Stamp the word "PROVISIONAL" in the header of the provisional ballot
- Use an orange tablecloth for the provisional judge table
- Circle on the provisional voter authority card the word "PROVISIONAL" as another check that the voter does not enter the regular voting area

The instructions on the privacy sleeve for provisional voters were revised and now include the message, "DO NOT PUT THIS BALLOT IN A SCANNING UNIT." Final recommendations will be submitted to Ms. Lamone early next month. In response to a question, Ms. Perrone stated that she would ask the Baltimore City Board of Elections to provide feedback on the draft recommendations.

Election Judge Workgroup

The Election Judge Workgroup met on July 21st to discuss a number of topics, including the manual, checklists, forms and training. The provisional process, the privacy of the ballot at the scanner, and the usage of the ballot marking device will be emphasized during training classes for the general election. In regards to the provisional voting process, keeping the provisional ballot judge close to the check-in judges will help prevent the provisional voter getting to the scanner. Also, emphasizing the provisional process to each type of judge will help ensure the provisional voter does not put the ballot into the scanner.

The workgroup also discussed ideas on how to ensure privacy at the scanning unit. One suggestion is to develop a script for the scanning unit judge notifying each voter that the judge is there to make sure the scanner accepts the ballot without an error. Another suggestion is to stand far away enough from the scanner to not see the ballot, but close enough that if a voter needs assistance, the scanning unit judge can be called. Another suggestion is to allow the voter to use the privacy sleeve as a shield when the ballot is inserted.

Mr. Cogan thanked Ms. Perrone and the members of the Election Judge Workgroup for looking into privacy concerns when scanning the ballot and finding simple solutions.

Voter Authority Card (VAC) Pouch

To help make the voting process easier for voters and election judges, SBE will order clear pouches for the regular privacy sleeves. The clear pouch holds the Voter Authority Card (VAC) throughout the entire voting process and prevents the VAC from being lost or misplaced. Some of the counties used this process in the primary election, and it was beneficial.

3. Voter Registration

MDVOTERS

Release 6.2 is in user testing and includes an interface for reports from the Electronic Registration Center (ERIC) and corrections to issues identified in during the primary election. The release will automatically generate reports once the data from ERIC is loaded and will be placed into production the weekend of August 27th. This will be the final release prior to November's general election.

Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

The July ERIC reports were sent to the local boards of elections for processing. The deadline to complete processing is August 10th, which is the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) list maintenance deadline. Under NVRA, election officials are prohibited from inactivating voter registration records after this deadline. Other list maintenance activities, such as cancelling records due to death, criminal conviction or moving out of state, may be performed.

Welcome New Mexico, the latest member to join ERIC. This brings the number of participating jurisdictions up to 21. ERIC's membership now includes:

Alaska	Alabama	Colorado	Connecticut
Delaware	Illinois	Louisiana	Maryland
Minnesota	Nevada	New Mexico	Ohio
Oregon	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	Utah
Virginia	Washington	Washington D.C.	West Virginia
Wisconsin			

Petitions

The deadline for candidate or new party petitions to be submitted for verification is Monday, August 1st. It is unclear at this time as to how many petition efforts will submit signatures for verification.

MVA Statistics - June

The number of voter registrations received from the MVA for the month of June 2016 were:

- New Registrations - 27,641
- Last Name Changes - 5,353
- Address Changes - 60,534
- Political Party Changes - 13,044

4. Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division

Candidacy

The deadline to file a certificate of candidacy for a non-principal political party and petition candidate is Monday, August 1, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Based on advice from the Office of the Attorney General, the deadline for filing a declaration of intent is also August 1, 2016, not February 3, 2016. This change allows more candidates to file for office. The CCF Division has informed the non-principal political parties of the deadline change.

Mr. DeMarinis explained that there is no law preventing a candidate for judicial office from being a third party candidate in a general election after failing to be nominated in a primary election. Since the statutory deadline (February 3, 2016) was before the primary election, this candidate would not have known whether to file as a third party candidate until after the deadline. To avoid an unconstitutional construction, the Office of the Attorney General advised that the filing deadline should be August 1, 2016. This candidate filed for office, and his name will be on the 2016 General Election ballot.

Enforcement

On July 6th, the Friends of (Frank) Conaway paid \$850.00 in civil penalties for failure to maintain treasurer's account books and records, failure to record expenditures on the campaign finance report, and failure to include an authority line on campaign material.

On July 15th, the Friends of Blair Pettrey failed to appear at court on a failure to file matter. Judgment on the affidavit was issued. The total late fees due are \$1,920.00

5. Project Management Office (PMO)

Inventory

The scanning of inventory and counting of supplies in each of the local boards of elections is now complete. The next task is to reconcile this year's annual inventory. The annual reports to the Department of General Services (DGS) are due on August 15th and September 15th.

Election Staffing for the General Election

Process improvement tasks for the 2016 General Election continue to be worked on and refined. SBE is working closely with the staffing contractor and its subcontractors to address issues from the primary election. One effort includes deploying a sign-in/sign-out application for temporary staffing support. Other tasks include streamlining the recruitment and onboarding process and ensuring that all the election support contract resources have the information they need to perform their assigned work.

SBE Central Warehouse

The downsizing of SBE's Central Warehouse was completed on time. This process included working with DGS and the landlord to negotiate the reduced space and apply other credits that were due to SBE. SBE now has approximately 45,000 sq. ft. of space, as compared to approximately 70,000 sq. ft. that SBE had up until June 30, 2016.

New Voting System Replacement (NVSR) Project

The NVSR team is working with ES&S on the first round of changes to the Statewide Election Management (SWEM) network prior to the 2016 General Election.

At the request of several local boards of elections, SBE is ordering additional carts from the Maryland Correctional Enterprises. To save on costs and production time, the shelf slides from approximately 150 existing carts will be removed and installed in the new carts being ordered.

The Voter Outreach Team continue to conduct events at different venues in the counties. The Training team continues to work with the local boards to plan for the 2016 General Election.

Baltimore City Warehouse Assistance

SBE and the Baltimore City Board of Elections have started working together to improve the management of the City's warehouse facility especially during the election period. Several members of the NVSR team have been assigned to this effort.

6. Voting Systems

Post-Election Maintenance

Following the release of the voting equipment, the local boards of elections began the post-election maintenance process. This includes checking and performing maintenance on all equipment (including the ballot scanners, ballot marking devices, pollbooks and printers) and clearing all memory cards used during the election.

As this is the first time post-election maintenance has been performed on the new system, it is important that the process is tracked. SBE's Regional Managers are monitoring, recording, and sharing the post-election maintenance progress. Post-election maintenance should be finished next month.

Equipment Repair

ES&S is currently repairing any ballot scanners and ballot marking devices at the local boards of elections and will continue until all required repairs are complete. This includes repairing any equipment identified as part of the post-election maintenance.

Repairs of electronic pollbooks are performed at ES&S' Bowie facility, and repairs of pollbook printers, which are off-the-shelf components, are performed by a third party vendor in Mt. Airy.

Electronic Pollbook Software

Having test beta versions for the last two months, the production version is scheduled for delivery by Monday. Final testing will take place by SBE and some local boards of elections. The updated version will only be required for pollbooks used for early voting, which is less than 10% of the total inventory.

Updated Training Databases.

Several local boards of elections have requested an updated database for training election judges, election day support technicians, and other personnel. The team is currently putting together a new database for the local boards of elections to use in preparation for the November election.

7. Information Technology

New Computer Desktops at SBE

SBE recently purchased 10 computer desktops to refresh old desktops for 10 SBE staff members. These new desktops (without monitors) replace old desktops that are at least 6 years old. The new desktops have more modern and faster processors, memory and hard disk drives that should provide a better experience for users and hence improve productivity. All ten desktops will be deployed to their respective users by the end of July 2016.

Vulnerability Management

SBE recently purchased and is currently deploying a vulnerability management software application known as Nexpose. The software application or tool should enable IT to minimize risk and ensure optimal performance with SBE's IT systems. The tool operates by executing vulnerability scans on the network and creates reports once the scan is complete. The reports contain actionable insight and identifies the most important steps to take to enable IT to prioritize and remediate issues in a timely and more efficient manner thereby improving SBE's security posture.

8. 2016 Primary Election – Baltimore City Follow Up

Ms. Charlson stated that two documents in the meeting folder were provided in response to discussions at the June meeting. The Baltimore City Board of Elections submitted a table showing the number of election judges needed for the 2016 General Election (2,931) and recruited to date (1,988). The second document is a table summarizing the post-election survey of election judges.

In response to questions, Ms. Charlson will follow up with the Baltimore City Board of Elections and ask whether the number of "needed" election judges accounts for the fact that some election judges will not appear when scheduled to work and whether all election judges were asked to complete this post-election survey.

Mr. McManus stated that he asked to send to the Baltimore City Board of Elections a letter requesting more information about the individuals who served as election judges in the precincts where a majority of provisional ballots were scanned. Ms. Charlson stated that she will add to this letter the information requested after the review of the two documents in the meeting folder and will distribute a draft for the members' review.

9. CORRESPONDENCE IN MEETING FOLDER

Ms. Duncan highlighted two additional letter in the meeting folder. One letter is from Michael Sanderson, Executive Director for the Maryland Association of Counties, to Governor Hogan requesting that costs associated with the rental of additional voting equipment for the 2016 General Election be shared equally between the State and requesting counties. The second letter is from Secretary of State John C. Wobensmith certifying the ballot language for the constitutional amendment on the 2016 General Election ballot.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Mr. Darsie provided the following report.

1. The Attorney General's Office has advised the State Board that, in order to conform to the requirements of the First and Fourteenth Amendments, the State Board should regard as sufficient a nominating petition filed on behalf of an unaffiliated candidate running for a statewide office that contains at least 10,000 valid signatures of registered voters. This issue was raised in *Dorsey v. Lamone*, No. 1:15-cv-02170-GLR (U.S.D.C., D. Md.), where the plaintiff, Greg Dorsey, challenged as unconstitutional, the disparity in the number of petition signatures required to appear on the general election ballot for a statewide office as between independent (40,000) and minor party (10,000) candidates. In denying the State's motion to dismiss, the district court observed that any burden imposed on unaffiliated candidates must be "reasonable" and "similar in degree" to those imposed on party candidates. *Dorsey*, Memorandum Order at 4 (June 10, 2016) (citing *Wood v. Meadows*, 207 F.3d 708, 712 (4th Cir. 2000)). The parties in *Dorsey* have agreed to settle the case in light of the State Board's change of policy for the 2016 general election and recommendation of appropriate legislative action to remove the disparity in ballot access requirements.
2. Several voters, candidates, and an association of Baltimore City residents have filed suit in federal court seeking an injunction to force new primary elections in Baltimore City and appointment of federal observers to oversee the elections process. *Voters Organized for the Integrity of City Elections ("VOICE"), et al. v. Baltimore City Bd. of Elections, et al.*, No. 1:16-CV-01788-JKB (U.S.D.C., D. Md.). The plaintiffs allege that the local board of elections and State Board of Elections administered the primary in a way that violates the First, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. A summons was issued June 8, 2016, but was not mailed to the State Board or Baltimore City Board of Elections until July 15 and July 18, respectively.

APPROVAL OF EARLY VOTING AND POLLING PLACE CHANGES

Ms. Duncan presented the Baltimore County Board of Elections' requests to move three polling places for the 2016 General Election.

1. Move 3-5 from Pikesville Armory to the Pikesville Middle School Gym because the armory is closing August 1, 2016.

2. Move 8-9 from Padonia International Elementary School Gym to the Cockeysville Community Center Gym because the gym is now a classroom and cannot serve as a voting location. The community center's gym is adjacent to the school.
3. Move 12-1 from North Point Recreation Center to Berkshire Elementary School. The school is in the same building as the recreation center and offers easier access.

Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the new voting locations in Baltimore County, and Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. The passed unanimously.

Ms. Duncan presented the Harford County Board of Elections' requests to move the voting location for precinct 3-2 from the former Churchville Recreation Center facility to the new facility on the same complex. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the new voting location in Harford County, and Ms. Howells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Duncan presented Wicomico County Board of Elections' requests to move three polling places for the 2016 General Election.

1. Move 9-6 from the Community Christian Church to the Cross Pointe Church. The current location is not large enough to handle the expected turnout in the upcoming election.
2. Move 5-1 from the Wicomico County High School auditorium lobby to the Wicomico County Youth and Civic Center. Because the other facility was not available when the primary date changed, the high school facility was used. The Wicomico County Youth and Civic Center is available for the 2016 General Election.
3. Move 8-4 from the Parkside High School cafeteria to the Ward Museum. Because the museum was not available when primary day changed, the high school was used. The museum is available for the 2016 General Election.

Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the new voting locations in Wicomico County, and Ms. Howells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Duncan noted that the three local boards of elections will send new voter notification cards to affected voters and will post signs at the prior and new locations.

Ms. Charlson presented an additional early voting center for Frederick County for the 2016 General Election and a change to the location of an early voting center in Queen Anne's County.

The Frederick County Board of Elections is proposing to use a fourth early voting center at the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department's Activities Center. Ms. Charlson noted that the proposed center does not meet the requirement that 80% of Frederick County voters live within 5 miles of one center, because of the geography of the county and where the voters live. The proposed location meets all other requirements. Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the location of the fourth early voting center in Frederick County, and Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Queen Anne's County Board of Elections is proposing to move the early voting center at the Kramer Center to a conference room at the County Office Building in Centerville. The proposed early voting center meets all of the requirements for an early voting center. Mr. Hogan made a motion to move the location of one of the early voting centers in Queen Anne's County, and Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATION

Mr. DeMarinis proposed changes to the Election Law Article and the General Provisions Article (GP) for introduction in the 2017 Legislative Session and explained the process of departmental legislation. The proposed changes:

1. Remove from the definition of “independent expenditure” “expenditure” and replace with “disbursement” (§1-101)
2. Remove an election director’s obsolete duty to issue voter acknowledgment notices. (§2-206)
3. Replace the requirement that a political party nominate candidates by petition with nomination by convention. Non-principal political parties do not nominate candidates by petition. (§4-204)
4. Align with recent advice from the Office of Attorney General the Declaration of Intent deadline in §§ 5-703 and 5-703.1.
5. Decrease the petition signature requirement for statewide candidates. Per recent advice from the Office of the Attorney General, the signature requirement for a statewide candidate is unconstitutionally burdensome. (§5-703)
6. Change the requirement that SBE print sample petition forms to making sample forms available to the public. (§6-103)
7. Remove the reference to “form prescribed by the State Board” for Presidential electors nominated by a petition candidate and add the requirement for addresses for presidential electors. (§8-503)
8. Remove the state of residence requirement on the ballot for Presidential candidates. (§9-210)
9. Reconcile recount deadlines for ballot questions to elective offices. (§12-103)
10. Require persons doing public business to certify with the awarding government agency that they filed the initial or semi-annual statement of contributions and removes the eMaryland Marketplace exemption for certification to a governmental entity. (§14-107)
11. Remove the reference to “a form prescribed by the State Board” and replace with “a campaign finance report” for gubernatorial ticket qualifying for a public contribution. (§15-104)
12. Shorten the time period for overdue financial disclosure statements to 5 days before considered withdrawn. (GP §5-605)

There was a discussion about whether the minimum number of signatures for a statewide candidate petition could be increased. Mr. Darsie explained that an increase could be justified based on prior history of long ballots, but it would likely be difficult to justify at this time and increasing the number during an election cycle would be challengeable.

Ms. Howells made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Election Law Article and the General Provisions Article as departmental legislation for the 2017 Legislative Session, and Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINAL ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

Mr. DeMarinis presented for final adoption proposed changes to the following Code of Maryland Regulation provisions:

1. 33.14.02.04 (Eligibility Requirements and Procedures)
2. 33.20.01 (Definitions)
3. 33.20.02 (Statement of Contributions Requirements)
4. 33.20.04 (Affidavit of Limited Applicable Contribution)

5. 33.20.06 (Contributions)
6. 33.20.07 (Waivers)
7. 33.20.08 (Penalties)
8. 33.20.09 (Retention)
9. 33.22.01 (Statement of Contributions)
10. 33.22.02 (Penalties)
11. 33.22.03 (Electronic Signature Requirements)

The proposed changes were adopted for publication at the January 21, 2016, meeting. They were published in the April 1, 2016, and April 29, 2016, editions of the *Maryland Register* (Vol. 43, Issue 7 and Vol. 43, Issue 9), and the public comment periods closed on May 1st and May 29th.

No public comments were received on the proposed changes to Subtitle 14. Two comments – one from the Maryland Bankers Association and one from the Card Coalition – were received on the proposed changes to Subtitle 20. Two comments – one from Schwartz, Metz & Wise and one from Rifkin Weiner Livingston Levitan & Silver – were received on the proposed changes to Subtitle 22. Copies of the public comments were distributed in the meeting folder.

In response to a question about how changes to registration requirements for a person doing public business are implemented, Mr. DeMarinis explained the current process and that any changes would require a legislative change. There was a discussion about how the “reporting period” and “election cycle” are reconciled in the proposed regulations. In summary, the proposed regulations require reporting aggregated contribution data for the election cycle but does not change the triggering event, which is based on the reporting period.

Mr. Hogan made a motion to adopt as final the above regulations, and Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Darsie will review 33.22.013.02E and H, two provisions with references to “election cycle,” and confirm these references are consistent.

APPROVAL OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE WAIVER REQUESTS

Mr. DeMarinis presented requests from 11 committees to waive late fees incurred by the committees. The requesting committees are:

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| 1. Armstrong, Douglas Citizens for | 7. Hughes, Mark E. Friends of |
| 2. D’Camera, Dean Citizens to Elect | 8. Neumwn (Volkman) Laura Friends of |
| 3. Eckardt, Addie Friends to Re-Elect | 9. Printing Industries of Maryland PAC |
| 4. Fitzgerald, Jim Re-Elect Sheriff | 10. Purnell, (Tamara) for 7 th District |
| 5. Fox, Kelly N. Friends of | 11. Smith, Pete Friends of |
| 6. Hamilton, (Anthony) for City Council | |

Mr. Hogan made a motion to grant the requests for waivers of late fees, and Ms. Howells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TITLE 14 WAIVER REQUESTS

Mr. DeMarinis presented requests from five entities requesting a waiver of the requirement to provide certain information about these entities’ contracts with public entities that exceed \$200,000. The five entities requesting this waiver are: (1) Roark Capital Management, LLC; (2) The Maryland Zoo; (3) KPMG LLP; (4) KKR FI Advisors LLC; and (5) WGL Holdings.

Mr. DeMarinis recommended approving the requests from Roark Capital Management LLC and The Maryland Zoo and denying the requests from KPMG LLP, KKR FI Advisors LLC, and WGL

Holdings based upon the criteria established by the State Board. Mr. Hogan made a motion to accept Mr. DeMarinis' recommendations, and Ms. Howells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeMarinis presented requests from eleven entities requesting a waiver of fees incurred because of late filing of required reports. The requesting entities are:

1. Painters Mill Executive Office Park
2. Metro Centre garage II, LTD
3. Owings Mills transit, LLC
4. 901, LLC
5. Opportunity Builders
6. General Electric Company
7. RBC Capital Markets, LLC
8. Systems Application and Technologies, Inc.
9. Group Benefits Services, Inc.
10. Isaacson, Miller, Inc.
11. Kennedy Institute, Inc. and Affiliation

Mr. DeMarinis recommended approving the request from Painters Mill Executive Office Park Partnership LLC and denying the requests from the other ten entities. Mr. Cogan made a motion to accept Mr. DeMarinis' recommendations, and Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE REQUESTS

Mr. DeMarinis presented the Citizens for Sandy J. Vaughns Committee and Leadership 2000 Slate for administrative closure. In response to a question, Mr. DeMarinis explained that any outstanding cash on hand balances after bank fees are withdrawn is considered unclaimed property.

Ms. Mack made a motion to close administratively the two committees, and Ms. Howells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTS

Mr. DeMarinis presented two requests from sitting judges to have certain voter registration and candidate information designated as confidential.

Mr. Hogan made a motion to designate certain information confidential for the two sitting judges, and Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hogan thanked Ms. Mack for her service on the State Board of Elections and for welcoming him to the State Board when he joined. Mr. Hogan also recognized Senator Gloria Lawlah as the individual nominated as a member of the State Board of Elections.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Charlson provided a summary of a meeting with representatives from the National Federation of the Blind and Disability Rights Maryland (formerly the Maryland Disability Law Center). The organizations' primary concerns about the use of the ballot marking device in the 2016 Primary Election were that ballot marking devices were not set up and ready for voters, voters who asked to use the device were asked what their disability was, and a blind voter was not offered the ballot marking device.

Ms. Charlson explained that there will be contests (specifically the President/Vice President contest) where the candidate names or "write in" lines will continue onto a second screen. The

final list of contests that will have two screens is not complete as not all of the candidate filing deadlines have passed.

While development of content for the election judges' manual is a staff function, Ms. Charlson asked whether the board would consider expanding the use of the ballot marking device for the 2016 General Election. Election judges' training is expected to begin in several local boards in mid-August and any changes to election judges' instructions should be made before training begins to ensure all judges receive the same instruction. Mr. Darsie stated that the State Board established the absolute minimum usage to avoid issues of segregated ballots and explained the difficulty of writing instructions that require an election judge to offer to certain voters the ballot marking device.

Mr. McManus asked Ms. Charlson to propose language and the contests for which two page screens are expected and circulate it by email.

DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Cogan stated that he incorrectly reported at the June meeting the amount of a contribution. He gave \$400, not \$300, to the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 2 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McManus adjourned the meeting at 4:02 pm.