Minutes of June 13, 2016 State Board of Elections Meeting

Members Present:  Mr. Pasquale, [D]-New Castle County
Mrs. Pugh, [D]-Sussex County
Mrs. Sandstrom, [D]-Kent County
Mr. Smith, [D]-Wilmington
Mr. Sterling, [R]-New Castle County, At-Large
Mrs. Tatman, [R]-Sussex County
Dr. Warfield, [R]-Kent County
Mrs. Whittington, [R]-New Castle County
Mrs. Williams-Mayo [D]-New Castle County, At-Large

Staff Present:  Mrs. Manlove, State Election Commissioner
Mr. Greig, Deputy County Director, Kent County Office
Mr. Sholl, Deputy County Director, New Castle County Office
Mr. McDowell, County Director, Sussex County Office
Mrs. Turner, Deputy County Director, Sussex County Office

1. Mr. Pasquale called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

2. Mrs. Tatman moved and Mrs. Williams-Mayo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016, meeting, as presented. Motion passed.

3. Commissioner Manlove presented an update on the status of the Department’s budget for the current fiscal year to date. Expenditures for the Department are on target for the fiscal year. The Department has exhausted federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds, which have funded many past initiatives. The Department is working to maintain initiatives and programs that were funded with HAVA funds with other funding sources.

4. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current statewide voter registration total as of June 1, 2016, as well as historical voter registration data. The total number of registered voters in the State as of June 1, 2016 was 664,397.

5. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of upcoming elections and the Department’s recent and upcoming outreach activities.
6. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of the website statistics of the Department, including visits to the State Election Commissioner and county office websites, provided via the Google Analytics program.

7. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of current State legislation:
   - HB 375: This bill moves the date of the State Primary to the same date as the Presidential Primary Election. It will be effective in 2020. Passed the House. Waiting for committee action in the Senate.
   - HB 377: Change Primary in 2018 to the Thursday following Labor Day due to Rosh Hashanah. Passed the House. Waiting for committee action in the Senate.
   - HB 392: Campaign Finance Appeals Board. Out of committee in the House.
   - HB 395: To mandate that a Municipality’s voter registration deadline is no longer than 30 days before the municipal election. Awaiting committee action in the House.
   - SB 224: Changes to the Campaign Finance Laws. Awaiting committee action in the Senate.
   - SB 242: A bill to remove the payment of fines and restitution as a requirement for those convicted of a felony to be permitted to register to vote. Passed the Senate. Waiting for committee action in the House.

8. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap regarding the Department’s ERIC program, including historical statistics over the last 12 months, as well as statewide voter registration transactions for April, including details on transactions by type. There are now 21 States participating in ERIC.

9. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of the Candidate and Political Action Committees late on filing required Campaign Finance reports, per deadlines established in Delaware Code, and a listing of candidates currently filed for office as of the meeting date.

10. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of official election results of the Brandywine Referendum and School Board Elections.

11. OLD BUSINESS:
   - None

12. NEW BUSINESS:
   - There was a brief discussion regarding holding a State Board Meeting in Sussex County. A decision was deferred until after the General Election.

13. Ms. Pugh moved and Mr. Sterling seconded a motion to approve the removals as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Mr. Sterling moved and Mr. Pasquale seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sterling, III
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016, AT 4PM
LOCATION: DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS-KENT COUNTY OFFICE, 100 ENTERPRISE PL STE 5; DOVER, DE 19904