Minutes of February 12, 2018, State Board of Elections Meeting

Members Present:  
Mr. Chambers, [R]-Wilmington  
Ms. Colon [D]-Wilmington  
Mr. Pasquale, [D]-New Castle County  
Ms. Pugh, [D]-Sussex County  
Mrs. Sandstrom, [D]-Kent County  
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. Albence, County Director, New Castle County Office  
Mr. Greig, Deputy County Director, Kent County Office  
Mr. Sholl, Deputy County Director, New Castle County Office  
Mrs. Turner, Deputy County Director, Sussex County Office

Public Present:  
Julie Fedele, Delaware General Assembly-Division of Research  
Sean L. Goward, Libertarian Party of Delaware  
J. C. Livingston, Libertarian Party of Delaware  
Jess McVay, Libertarian Party of Delaware  
William McVay, Libertarian Party of Delaware  
Bob Wilson, Libertarian Party of Delaware (NCC)

1. Mr. Pasquale called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Ms. Pugh moved and Mrs. Williams-Mayo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017, meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current financial status of the Department per the Department’s appropriation per the FY2018 state budget.
4. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current statewide voter registration totals. The total number of registered voters in the State as of February 1, 2018, was 689,083.

5. Commissioner Manlove provided a summary of upcoming elections and the Department's upcoming outreach and staff activities.

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

7. Commissioner Manlove provided a summary of Voter Registration transactions through January 31, 2018, by type and source.

8. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of the Department’s budget hearing before the Joint Finance Committee of the General Assembly, which immediately preceded the Board meeting.

9. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the work of the Voting Machine Task Force. A total of seven (7) replies to the RFP have been received, including bids for all components open for bidding or for individual components. The components include voting machines, absentee, poll books, and Election Management System (EMS)—replacing the mainframe system. The proposals will be reviewed and ranked shortly by the evaluation team. The Department continues to work closely with the State’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to guide the process.

10. OLD BUSINESS:
   - None

11. NEW BUSINESS:
   - Representatives of the Libertarian Party of Delaware addressed the Board, citing concerns about a group entitled Libertarian Party of Delaware, Inc., which the Libertarian Party alleges is wrongly utilizing the name of the Libertarian Party. The representatives stated concerns about confusion that may be caused by this situation.
   - Representatives from the Libertarian Party of Delaware requested a written statement from the Board on the matter.
   - Commissioner Manlove asked the party representatives to provide a copy of all materials they wished to submit to the Board. Commissioner Manlove will submit the materials to the Department of Justice (DoJ) for review and request that the DoJ provide an opinion on the matter.
   - Mr. Pasquale announced that Mrs. Tatman will be resigning from the Board, as she will be working on a political campaign. Mr. Pasquale,
and all board members, thanked Mrs. Tatman for her service on the Board.

12. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Tatman seconded a motion to approve the removals as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Ms. Pugh moved and Mr. Sterling seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sterling III
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, March 12, 2018
LOCATION: OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 905 S. Governors AVE STE 170 DOVER DE 19904