Minutes of July 9, 2018, State Board of Elections Meeting

Members Present:  Mr. Chambers, [R]-Wilmington  
Mr. Pasquale, [D]-New Castle County  
Ms. Sikora, [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. Sholl, Deputy County Director, New Castle County Office

Public Present:  N/A

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

2. Mrs. Whittington moved and Mr. Chambers seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018, meeting, as amended (update to Ms. Sikora’s title). Motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current financial status of the Department per its appropriation in the FY2018 State budget. The Commissioner reviewed updates since the Board’s last meeting.

4. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current statewide voter registration totals. The total number of registered voters in the State as of July 1, 2018, was 692,381.

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 June 30, 2018, by type and source. Mr. Sholl provided additional detail on additional detail recently added regarding types of transactions. The Department will provide to the Board a report of recent trends in party change trends, as requested.

8. Commissioner Manlove reviewed the current status of Campaign Finance violations.

9. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on legislation recently considered during the recently completed General Assembly session. The following legislation was passed by the General Assembly (awaiting Governor’s signature):
   - Time for school elections extended from 10AM-8PM to 7AM-8PM.
   - Removing the notarization requirement for absentee affidavits for municipal elections.

10. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the work of the Voting Machine Task Force:
    - Members of the Voting Machine Task Force unanimously voted on a preferred vendor. Per State contracting rules, the identity of the vendor must remain confidential until a signed contract with the selected vendor is completed.
    - The State’s contracting office intends to finalize the contract by 9/1/2018.

11. OLD BUSINESS:
    - None

12. NEW BUSINESS:
    - Mrs. Williams-Mayo moved and Mr. Chambers seconded a motion to approve a proposed polling place change from Rose Hill Community Center to the new Rt. 9 Library/Community in the New Castle area in New Castle County. Motion passed unanimously.
    - Mrs. Williams-Mayo moved and Mrs. Whittington seconded a motion to approve a proposed polling place change from Elsmere Library to Elsmere Town Hall in Elsmere in New Castle County.

13. Mrs. Williams-Mayo moved and Dr. Warfield seconded a motion to approve the removals as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Mr. Chambers moved and Dr. Warfield seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sterling III
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018
LOCATION: OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 905 S. GOVERNORS AVE; STE. 170, DOVER, DE 19904