Minutes of August 13, 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  
Ms. Sikora, [R]-Sussex County  
Mr. Sterling, [R]-New Castle County, At Large  
Dr. Warfield-Walker, [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. McDowell, County Director, Sussex County Office  
Mr. Sholl, Deputy County Director, New Castle County Office  
Mrs. Turner, Deputy County Director, Sussex County Office  
Mrs. Young, County Director, Kent County Office

Public Present:  
N/A

1. Mr. Pasquale called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Mrs. Sandstrom moved and Mrs. Williams-Mayo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018, meeting, as revised. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current financial status of the Department per its appropriation in the FY2019 State budget. The Commissioner also noted that, beginning in FY2020, the Department budget will be consolidated into a unified budget for the entire agency.

4. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current statewide voter registration totals. The Commissioner also noted that the voter registration
deadline for the Primary Election recently passed (Saturday, 8/11/2018). The total number of registered voters in the State as of August 1, 2018, was 693,585.

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. The Commissioner noted a spike in activity on 7/31/2018, corresponding with the mailing of polling place cards.

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

8. Commissioner Manlove reviewed the current status of Campaign Finance violations
   
   - The Commissioner requested volunteers to serve on a bi-partisan Campaign Finance appeals subcommittee of the Board, to hear appeals by parties assessed fines by the Commissioner for violations of Campaign Finance regulations. Mr. Chambers [R], Ms. Colon [D], Mrs. Sandstrom [D], and Ms. Sikora [R] volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

9. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the work of the Voting Machine Task Force. The Commissioner mentioned that efforts continue to move forward finalizing the contract award by early September. Public meetings of the Voting Machine Task Force and of the General Assembly's Bond Bill Committee will be held prior to votes being taken by both bodies to award the contract.

10. OLD BUSINESS:
    - Ms. Sikora inquired as to the status of the report detailing the trends on party affiliation and party change trends. Commissioner Manlove mentioned that this report will be prepared and provided to the board as soon as possible.

11. NEW BUSINESS:
    - Commissioner Manlove noted Delaware was ranked #3 in the recently released 2016 Election Performance Index.
    - Ms. Pugh moved and Mr. Sterling seconded a motion to approve the removals as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Mrs. Williams-Mayo moved and Dr. Warfield-Walker seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sterling III
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
LOCATION: OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 905 S. Governors Ave; Ste. 170, Dover, DE 19904