Minutes of November 19, 2018, State Board of Elections Meeting

Members Present:  
Mr. Chambers, [R]-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. Williams-Mayo [D]-New Castle County, At Large

Staff Present:  
Mrs. Manlove, State Election Commissioner  
Mr. Albence, County Director, New Castle County Office

Public Present:  
None Present

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

2. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Sandstrom seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2018, meeting. 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. Expenditures are tracking in accordance with budgeted amounts. The Commissioner also updated the Board on the Department’s budget hearing with State’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the FY2020 budget, which was held last week. The Department anticipates additional funds may be needed to continue the implementation of the new voting system, and has notified OMB about this.

4. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current statewide voter registration total. The total number of registered voters in the State as of November 1, 2018, was 694,572.

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 October 31, 2018, by type and source.

8. Ms. Sikora provided a recap of observations she made while visiting Sussex County polling places. She discussed her concerns with the Board, and distributed some supporting documentation on the matter. Commissioner Manlove will relay the items discussed to the Sussex County office for follow-up.

9. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of observations from her recent non-partisan speaking engagement with the 20th Representative District Democratic Committee. The Commissioner will provide a copy of the comments collected to the Sussex County office for follow-up, as needed.

10. Commissioner Manlove reviewed the status of Campaign Finance violations.

11. Commissioner Manlove updated the Board on ongoing conversations with State and federal Homeland Security officials regarding potential upgrades and enhancements to elections facilities.

12. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the status of the conversion to the new voting system. Meetings are ongoing with ES&S regarding the conversion. The Department continues to be very happy with the performance of ES&S in the execution of the contract.

13. OLD BUSINESS:
   - NONE

14. NEW BUSINESS:
   - NONE

15. Mr. Sterling moved and Ms. Pugh seconded the motion to approve the removals as presented.

16. Ms. Pugh moved and Mr. Chambers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sterling, III
Secretary
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**NEXT MEETING:** MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018
**LOCATION:** OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 905 S. Governors Ave; Ste. 170, Dover, DE 19904