

# STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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### Minutes of September 19, 2016 State Board of Elections Meeting

**Members Present:** 

Mr. Chambers, [R]-Wilmington

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. 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

- 1. Mr. Pasquale called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.
- 2. Mrs. Pugh moved and Mr. Chambers seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016, meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Sandstrom seconded a motion to change the date of the October meeting to Thursday, October 6, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. 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 current 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.
- 5. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current statewide voter registration total as of September 1, 2016, as well as historical voter registration data. The total number of registered voters in the State as of September 1, 2016, was 671,043.

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- 6. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of upcoming elections and the Department's recent and upcoming outreach activities.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of anticipated legislation for the January legislative session, including:
  - SB 290: Concerns campaign finance reporting period "resets" during the election season
  - Elimination of 10 Day Hold program for newly-registered voters
  - Correction regarding conflict in two sections of Title 15 (Section 2047 and 4941) regarding the update process permissible on Election Day at a polling place
- 9. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of Voter Registration transactions for the month of July 2016 by type and source. The Commissioner commented that the State's Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) totals are increasing as a result of their use of the iVote system to provide a more convenient option for clients to register to vote.
- 10.Mr. Sterling provided a recap of his escorting of representatives of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on Primary Election Day. The representatives used this exercise as a preparation for compiling standards on polling place accessibility to be implemented in the future nationwide.
- 11. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of the official results of the September 13, 2016, Primary Election and a list of candidates for the November 8, 2016, General Election.

### 12. OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### 13. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Smith complemented Commissioner Manlove on her resolution of issues he brought to her attention on Primary Election Day.
- 14. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Tatman seconded a motion to approve the removals as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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15. Mrs. Williams-Mayo moved and Mrs. Pugh seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sterling III

Secretary

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016, AT 4PM

**LOCATION: OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 905 S. GO** 

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