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Minutes of May 8, 2017 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. 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. 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, Director, Kent County Office

- 1. Mr. Pasquale called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.
- 2. Mrs. Pugh moved and Mr. Chambers seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016, meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Commissioner Manlove indicated that a detailed update on the current financial status of the Department will be available for review at the next Board 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 May 1, 2017 was 686,443.
- 5. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of upcoming elections and the Department's upcoming outreach activities.

- 6. 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.
- 7. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of legislation under consideration during the current General Assembly session. Bills discussed (by bill number/topic):
 - HB 47: Eliminates notary requirement on absentee affidavits
 - HB 63: Removes reasons required for absentee voting
 - HB 78: Requires candidates to satisfy campaign finance reporting requirements in order to be issued a Certificate of Election
 - HB 79: Authorized automatic voter registration in Delaware
 - HB 89: Moves date of State Primary Election to fourth Tuesday in April
 - HB 90: Authorizes early voting in Delaware
 - HB 133: Creates an end date for the special filing deadline created by school board vacancies that arise after the second Friday in February
 - HB 135: Eliminates 10 Day Hold and permits Department to cancel registrations in this case
 - HB 136: Establishes filing feed fees for write-in candidates for Federal and State and local offices
 - HB 137: Eliminates conflict between Title 15, Sections 2047 and 4941, to clarify that a voter may only vote in the district in which he/she currently resides
 - HB 138: Replaces National Change of Address process with another non-discriminatory process of cancelling persons who are no longer residents of the State and allows Department to cancel registration of persons who have confirmed they have moved out of the State
 - HB 139: Allows the election cycle contributions from political parties and political action committees to reset after the Primary Election, as is the case for individual contributors
 - SB 27: Authorizes an independent redistricting commission
 - SB 28: Requires Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates to provide their federal tax filing information
 - SB 30: Amends campaign finance reporting requirements requiring contributors to disclose their employer
 - No bill numbers assigned:
 - Bill to eliminate outdated Code language regarding mobile voter registration
 - Bill to align voter qualifications for municipal elections with Federal law

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- 8. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of Voter Registration transactions for April 2017 by type and source, including an update on the status of individual Candidate Committees and Political Action Committees not in compliance with filing requirements or that have filed campaign finance reports after reporting deadlines and the corresponding fines assessed.
- 9. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the work of the Voting Machine Task Force. To date, the committee has met with various voting equipment vendors to view products currently available. Next steps will include the drafting of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of the voting equipment, and the review of proposals received.
- 10. OLD BUSINESS:
 - None
- 11. NEW BUSINESS:
 - None
- 12. Mrs. Sandstrom moved and Mrs. Tatman seconded a motion to approve the removals as presented. Motion passed. (8 in favor, 1 opposed)
- 13. Mrs. Tatman moved and Mr. Sterling seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sterling III

Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

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

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