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Minutes of September 10, 2018, State Board of Elections Meeting

Members Present: Mr. Chambers, [R]-Wilmington

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 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

<u>Public Present</u>: Lisa Goodman, Hamilton-Goodman Partners

- 1. Mr. Sterling, serving as Acting President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Mrs. Williams-Mayo moved and Dr. Warfield-Walker seconded a motion to appoint Ms Pugh as acting Secretary for this meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Mrs. Sandstrom moved and Ms. Pugh seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018, meeting, as revised. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current financial status of the Department per its appropriation in the FY2019 State budget. The Commissioner reiterated that, beginning in FY2020, the Department budget will be consolidated into a single Department-wide budget,

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- 5. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current statewide voter registration totals. The total number of registered voters in the State as of September 1, 2018, was 692,449.
- 6. Commissioner Manlove provided a summary of upcoming elections and the Department's upcoming outreach and staff activities.
- 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.
- 8. Commissioner Manlove provided a summary of Voter Registration transactions through August 31, 2018, by type and source.
- 9. Commissioner Manlove reviewed the current status of Campaign Finance violations, and highlighted recent reporting deadlines for the Primary Election.
- 10. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the work of the Voting Machine Task Force. The Task Force will meet tomorrow (September 11, 2018) at the New Castle County Warehouse/Training Center. The Task Force will vote on their recommendation for a voting system to purchase. Following this meeting, the State's Capital Improvement Committee will meet on September 17, 2018, regarding the approval of funding for the new voting system. If the Bond Bill Committee co-chairs, with the input of the other Committee members, approve the purchase of the recommended system, then the purchase will move forward. The Department intends to initially use the machines for 2019 school elections.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

 Commissioner Manlove commented that she will be following up with Ms. Sikora on questions she raised at an earlier meeting that required additional research.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Manlove mentioned that a FOIA request to "audit the election", and to receive a report of votes cast by party, has been received by the Department. The Department will provide information requested after undertaking the appropriate research.
- Ms. Pugh raised a question regarding electioneering at a polling place (a high school) by a teacher employed in the building housing the polling places. The Department will send to all Board members the Department of Justice's guidance on the recent Supreme Court ruling (i.e., Minnesota case) on the topic and its impact on Delaware elections.
- Commissioner Manlove thanked Board members who provided support in the field during the recent Primary Election.

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- 13. Ms. Pugh moved and Mrs. Williams-Mayo seconded the motion to approve the removals as presented.
- 14. Ms. Pugh moved and Mrs. Sandstrom seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Pugh
Acting Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

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

Governors Ave; Ste. 170, Dover, DE 19904