

STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

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Minutes of September 9, 2019 State Board of Elections Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

Members Present:

Mr. Pasquale, [D]-New Castle County

Mr. Sterling, [R]-New Castle County, At Large

Mr. Chambers, [R]-Wilmington

Mrs. Whittington, [R]-New Castle County

Ms. Pugh, [D]-Sussex County

Mrs. Williams-Mayo [D]-New Castle County, At Large

Ms. Philpotts, [D]-Wilmington Ms. Sikora, [R]-Sussex County

Dr. Warfield-Walker, [R]-Kent County Mrs. Sandstrom, [D]-Kent County

Staff Present:

Mr. Albence, State Election Commissioner

Mrs. Young, County Director, Kent County Office

Mr. Greig, Deputy County Director, Kent County Office

Mr. Sholl, Deputy County Director, New Castle County Office Mrs. Turner, Deputy County Director, Sussex County Office Mr. Broujos, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice

Public Present:

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- 1. Mr. Pasquale called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- 2. Mr. Sterling moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2019, and Dr. Warfield-Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Commissioner Albence provided an update on the current financial status of the Department per its appropriation in the FY2020 State Budget. Expenditures for the Department are on track in accordance to the budget as expected.

- Commissioner Albence provided an update on the current statewide voter registration total. The total number of registered voters in the State as of September 1, 2019, was 709,845.
- Commissioner Albence provided a summary of upcoming elections, and the Department's upcoming outreach, demos, and staff activities. The Department will regularly meet with state and federal Homeland Security to discuss best practices.
- 6. Commissioner Albence provided a recap on a pending legislation. Discussion ensued regarding the Universal Postal Union (UPU) withdrawal and its impact.
- 7. Commissioner Albence provided an update on progress regarding move from the State's mainframe system. The original scheduled date of the move was postponed. The current status on progress is about 75% complete.
- 8. Commissioner Albence provided a recap on the U.S. Election Assistance Commissioners' recent visit to Delaware and the positive comments received from them regarding the new voting equipment.
- Commissioner Albence gauged interest of Board members in reconfirming membership to serve on Campaign Finance Report Appeals Subcommittee of the Board. The following Board members reconfirmed their membership:
 - Mr. Chambers, [R]-Wilmington
 - Mrs. Williams-Mayo [D]-New Castle County, At Large
 - Ms. Pugh, [D]-Sussex County
 - Dr. Warfield-Walker, [R]-Kent County
 - Mrs. Sandstrom, [D]-Kent County

Mr. Chambers moved, and Dr. Warfield-Walker seconded the motion to appoint Ms. Sikora [R-Sussex County] as new member to serve on Campaign Finance Report Appeals Subcommittee of the Board to which Ms. Sikora agreed.

- Commissioner Albence provided a summary of the Department's website statistics, including visits to the State Election Commissioner and county office websites, provided via the Google Analytics program.
- 11. Ms. Pugh moved and Ms. Sikora seconded the motion to approve the removals as presented.
- 12. Ms. Pugh moved for the Board to proceed with the new business item in executive session, pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* §§ 10003(l)(1) and (6), to review and discuss applications and resumes received by the Board for the position of Department of Elections, New Castle County Director. Mr. Sterling seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 13. Following a motion by Ms. Pugh to exit executive session, which passed unanimously, Mr. Pasquale called the public meeting back in order.
- 14. Mr. Pasquale moved and Ms. Pugh seconded the motion for the Board to interview candidates #1, #3, #8, #9, #10, and #11 for the position of New Castle County Director. Motion passed unanimously.
- 15. The Board discussed potential dates for the interviews to take place and the Chair requested the members notify him of available dates in order to schedule the interviews.
- 16. Ms. Pugh moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Sandstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sterling, III

Board Member and Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019, 4:00 PM

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

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