



Cecil County Board of Elections

March 16, 2022

MINUTES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING

Public notice of the Board meeting was provided by displaying the meeting information and agenda on the bulletin board (wall) outside of the Cecil County Board of Elections office located in Suite 1900 of the Cecil County Administration Building, and by posting on the Election agency website and Election agency social media platforms. A copy of the agenda was made available.

Minutes of the Cecil County Board of Elections meeting held on the 16th day of March 2022 in the Perryville Room on the 2nd Floor of the Cecil County Administration Building located at 200 Chesapeake Boulevard in Elkton, Maryland. Public viewing of this meeting was available in person and by livestream. Board member attendance was in person and by livestream, as noted below.

ATTENDEES:	Kelly Sengstock	President
	Nancy Simperts	Vice President
	Diane Letts	Secretary
	Jennifer Castellanos-Graham	Board Member
	Stephen Stiles	Board Member
	Cameron Brown	Board Counsel (by Livestream)
	Karen Perry	Acting Director
	Nathan Reynolds	Election IT Program Manager
	Cindy Remmey	Election Program Supervisor
	Mary Nelson	Guest
	Nancy Schwerzler	Cecil Times (4:04)

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Sengstock at 3:05 pm. Quorum was established with five (5) Board Members present in person and one (1) by livestream.

AGENDA

The Board reviewed the agenda, no additions were needed at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Kelly Sengstock welcomed everyone and made everyone aware of possible changes to the required attendance dates due to the change of the candidate filing deadline.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 16, 2022 Board meeting were provided to the Board by electronic mail prior to this meeting and copy was included in the Board folders.

MOTION:	Nancy Simperts motioned to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2022 Board meeting, as written.
SECOND:	Diane Letts
ACTION:	Favorable and unanimous, Motion carried

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Prior to the meeting, an electronic version of the Director's Report was delivered to the Board and Board Counsel. An updated copy was provided at this meeting in the Board folders.

Board Folders: Agenda, March 16, 2022 Board Meeting
Board Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2022
Directors' Report, March 2022
Monthly Statistics Report, February 2022
County Bulletins and Registrars – Sent Electronically
Redistricting Packet
Court of Appeals Order 3/15/2022

Meetings, Trainings, and Important Dates:

February 18, 2022	MAEO Redistricting Meeting: Karen Perry, Cindy Remy, and Nathan Reynolds attended virtually.
February 18, 2022	Redistricting Help Meeting with Guy Mickley, Director Howard County, Karen Perry, Cindy Remy, and Nathan Reynolds attended virtually.
February 21, 2022	Office Closed, President's Day
February 24, 2022	Election Director Interviews
March 1, 2022	Charlestown Election
March 1, 2022	MAEO Legislative Committee, Karen Perry attended virtually.
March 8, 2022	Cecil County Work Session, Karen Perry and Kelly Sengstock attended.
March 10, 2022	Directors Meeting by SBE
March 10, 2022	Maryland State Board of Elections Monthly Board Meeting: Karen Perry, Cindy Remy, and Nathan Reynolds attended virtually.
March 11, 2022	MAEO Meeting
March 15, 2022	ES&S Training, Karen Perry and Nathan Reynolds attended.
March 16, 2022	Monthly Election Board Meeting

Scheduled/Upcoming:

March 17, 2022	Directors Meeting by SBE
March 21, 2022	MAEO Legislative Meeting
March 24, 2022	Directors Meeting by SBE
March 31, 2022	Directors Meeting by SBE
April 14, 2022	Directors Meeting by SBE
April 15, 2022	Candidate Filing Deadline 9 pm

2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election

Candidate filing began February 23, 2021. To date, over twenty-five (25) candidates have filed for local contests and two candidates withdrew. Candidate information can be found on the Cecil County election website or on the State Board election website. On Tuesday, March 15, 2022 the Maryland Court of Appeals extended the Candidate Filing Date to April 15, 2022 and changed the Primary Election Date to July 19, 2022 due to several challenges of the Redistricting plans.

Redistricting

There are four (4) lawsuits regarding the legislative redistricting maps. Due to these lawsuits, the Candidate filing date has changed to April 15, 2022. We are currently working with David

Black from the Cecil County IT Department. He is helping create maps and answering any street file questions that we may have.

Mail-in Ballot Applications

The applications were mailed to all registered (Democratic and Republican) voters the first week in February of 2022. Voters registered to “other” parties’ applications will be mailed after the candidate filing deadline. So far, we have received and processed 3524 applications. The only remaining unprocessed applications (Less than 25) are waiting for information from the voter.

Voter Registration Department

The ERIC Report, Audit, DHMH Report and Jury list were completed and sent to SBE prior to the deadline. We are wrapping up entering “yellow” sticker data before the March 30, 2022 NVRA deadline. This is another process that “cleans up” voter registration data. This date has changed to a new deadline of 4/20/2022

New Pollbooks

The Demtech contract for the SBE pollbook solution was approved at the BPW meeting on February 16, 2022, and the Notice to Proceed (NTP) was sent the same day. The pollbook solution will be developed and tested to GO Live for the 2024 Presidential Election. SBE will provide updates on the pollbooks solution’s progress as they become available.

Election Judge Recruitment and Training

Election Judge inquiry letters were sent out the first week of January, responses are already being returned. Class training dates have been submitted to the county for scheduling of the Elk room. We have received 195 responses to work the 2022 Election Cycle.

Election Judge Manual

All chapters of the 2022 Election Judge Manual have been customized for Cecil County and have been submitted to SBE for approval. After we receive approval, we can go ahead with printing the manual.

Voter Outreach and Education

When requested, we attend meetings and/or conducting volunteer voter registration training. Mr. Zimmer has completed his voter registration drive. Bo Manor: 6, Elkton High: 3, Rising Sun: 26, and Perryville: 6 for a total of 41 VRAs

IT/Equipment Update

The yearly inventory audit has been completed, the deadline for completion is June 30, 2022. ES&S came out to do a quick review/training of the ElectionWare with Nathan Reynolds and Karen Perry. L & A, Early Voting and Election Day reporting were demonstrated.

BOARD COUNSEL’S REPORT

No report currently.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Director Position: Kelly Sengstock reported that the open Director position was reposted and will close on March 22, 2022. Ms. Sengstock is hoping for a quick turn around with setting up interviews.

Meeting with Council Member: Kelly Sengstock reported that herself and Karen Perry, Acting Director met with the Cecil County Council on Tuesday March 8, 2022. Ms. Sengstock reported that the Council bombarded Ms. Perry with election related questions which in turn she answered very well. Questions included cyber security for the connected devices on Election Day and Ms. Perry cleared up questions of which of the election day equipment was connected to the internet, and the specific purpose of the Ballot Marking Device. In the future we will make sure that the County Council is invited to all livestreaming election related events.

NEW BUSINESS

Redistricting: Karen Perry presented a “Proposed Election Precincts and Proposed 2022 Legislative Districts Redistricting Plan”. Ms. Perry explained all possible changes due to the new Councilmanic and Legislative lines. These are outlined on the attached spreadsheet. She also stated that due to pending litigation, this plan could change and must be rewritten and presented. If no changes are made by the courts, the Board will be required to approve (sign-off) the presented plan.

MOTION: Nancy Simpers motioned to approve the “Proposed Election Precincts and Proposed 2022 Legislative Districts Redistricting Plan”, as presented.
SECOND: Kelly Sengstock
ACTION: Favorable and unanimous, Motion carried

Polling Place Name	Current Precincts	Current Legislative/Senatorial Districts	Current Councilmanic	Number of Voters	Proposed New Precincts	Proposed Legislative/Senatorial Districts	New Councilmanic	Notes
Cecilton Elem.	1-1	36/36	1	3454				No Changes
Bo Manor Middle	2-1	36/36	1	4110	2-1			Consolidated Precincts/ No physical changes
	2-2	36/36	1					
Elkton High	3-2	35A/35	2	4168	3-2	36/36		Consolidated Precincts/ No physical changes
	3-7	36/36	2			36/36		Legislative line change
Holly Hall Elem.	3-3	36/36	1	4457	3-3	36/36	**	Councilmanic lines adds voters/ Consolidated Precincts
	3-4	35A/35	1			36/36		Approx. 1,000 voters polling place changes/ Leg line change
Thomson Estates	3-1	36/36	2	5512	3-1	36/36	**	Councilmanic lines subtracts voters/ Consolidated Precinct
	3-5	35A/35	2			36/36		Legislative line change
Leeds Elem.	3-6	35A/35	2	2213	3-4	36/36		New split/precinct created due to Leg lines
					3-5	35B/35		
Cherry Hill Middle	4-1	35A/35	3	4092	4-1	36/36		New split/precinct created due to Leg lines
					4-3	35A/35		
Cecil Manor Elem.	4-2	35A/35	2	2195		36/36		Legislative District Change
North East Middle	5-1	35A/35	5	3710	5-1	36/36		Legislative lines subtracts voters/ Consolidated Precinct
	5-6	36/36	5					
Charlestown Elem.	5-2	35A/35	4	3023		35B/35		Legislative District Change/ No physical changes
Elk Neck Elem.	5-3	36/36	5	4896				No Changes
North East Elem.	5-4	35A/35	5	2099		35B/35		Legislative lines adds voters/ new legislative district
								Voters pulled from 5-1
Bayview Elem.	5-5	35B/35	5	4252		35B/35		No Changes
Rising Sun Middle	6-1	35A/35	3	4444	6-1	35B/35		Legislative District Change/ Consolidated Precinct
	6-3	35B/35	3					
Rising Sun Elem.	6-2	35B/35	4	3087	6-2	35B/35		Legislative line creates new split/ no physical changes
					6-4	35A/35		
Bainbridge Elem.	7-1	35B/35	4	4001	7-1	35B/35		Legislative District Change/ Consolidated Precinct
	7-3	35A/35	4			35B/35		
					7-3	35A/35		Legislative line creates new split/ no physical changes
Perryville Middle	7-2	35A/35	4	4100	7-2	35B/35		Legislative District Change/ Consolidated Precinct
	7-4	35B/35	4					
Conowingo Elem.	8-1	35B/35	3	2824		35A/35		Legislative District Change/ No physical changes
Calvert Elem.	9-1	35A/35	3	3761	9-1	35B/35		Legislative District Change/ Consolidated Precinct
	9-2	35B/35	3					

28 precincts down to 23 with 19 polling places.
 4 splits

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCLOSURES

None at this time.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

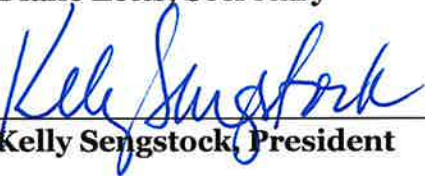
The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2022 at 3:00 pm in the Perryville Room on the 2nd floor of the Cecil County Administration Building located at 200 Chesapeake Boulevard in Elkton, Maryland. The meeting will be available for public viewing in person or by live stream.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, with a motion to adjourn by Diane Letts and a second by Nancy Simpser, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Letts, Secretary

Kelly Sengstock, President

Approved this 20th day of April 2022