



# Cecil County Board of Elections

May 8, 2019

MINUTES

## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING**

Public notice of the Board meeting was provided by posting the meeting information on the wall outside of the Cecil County Board of Election's office located in the Cecil County Administration complex and also on the Election agency website and Facebook page. A copy of the agenda was also made available.

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Cecil County Board of Elections meeting which was held on April 10, 2019 in the North East Conference Room in the Cecil County Administration building located at 200 Chesapeake Boulevard in Elkton, Maryland.

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Brenda K. Ross	President
	James G. Crouse	Vice President
	Nancy R. Simpers	Secretary
	Robert W. Laird	Board Member
	Margaret M. Gagnon	Board Member
	Ruie Marie Lavoie	Director
	Lora L. Walters	Deputy Director
	Bruce Robinson	Visitor
	Carol Byrd	Visitor
	Diane Letts	Visitor

<b>ABSENT:</b>	H. Norman Wilson	Board Attorney
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## **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by President Brenda Ross at 3:12 pm.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Brenda Ross welcomed everyone and thanked the guests for attending. The new Director, Ruie Lavoie was formally introduced.

## **AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed and additions or changes requested. Robert Laird requested that a discussion of Board terms and appointments be added under New Business. There were no other additions or changes.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the March 13, 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. Receiving no edits, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Nancy Simperts motioned to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2019 Board Meeting as submitted.  
**SECOND:** Margaret Gagnon  
**ACTION:** Motion unanimously passed

## **DIRECTOR' S REPORT**

Ruie Lavoie provided a verbal Director's Report. Each month, she will provide the Board with a written report and the draft minutes prior to the meeting to allow time for review. She provided information regarding the new legislation that will be effective during the 2020 Election cycle. Same Day Registration (SDR) and automatic voter registration were discussed. The green and Libertarian parties are no longer recognized parties in Maryland. The Bread and Roses party is now a recognized party. Preparations for the 2020 election have started and a more detailed report, including equipment needs will be provided in the next few months. The Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) conference was discussed and a copy of the agenda was provided. Ruie Lavoie will be attending the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) conference in August to represent both MAEO and Cecil County. The cost for this conference will not be incurred by Cecil County. Ms. Lavoie thanked the board for the opportunity she has been given as the Director of Elections in Cecil County.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Board Member Terms**

At this time, appointment from the Governor have not been made. Ruie Lavoie and Robert Laird will continue to contact the Appointment Secretary as the Board terms expire soon. Mr. Laird indicated he was scheduled to attend the Republican Central Committee meeting and may be able to get some information. Hopefully more information will be available prior to the next meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCLOSURES**

There were no announcements or disclosures.

## **MEETING INFORMATION**

The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2019 at 3:00 pm in the North East Conference Room of the Cecil County Administration Building located at 200 Chesapeake Boulevard in Elkton, Maryland. The June, 2019 meeting date is to be determined.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Brenda Ross, President

  
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James Crouse, Vice President

  
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Nancy Simperts, Secretary

  
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Margaret M. Gagnon, Board Member

  
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Robert W. Laird, Board Member