



**Board of Supervisors of Elections
Minutes
Black-Eyed Susan Conference Room
Monday, November 11, 2019 1:00 PM**

The Board of Supervisors of Elections convened in open session at its duly advertised meeting held on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Black-Eyed Susan Conference Room, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

Present

Chair Lois Neuman, Boardmembers Graham Johnson, Robert Kurnick, Sofya Orlosky, and Stephen Weiner.

City Attorney Debra Daniel, Sara Taylor-Ferrell City Clerk/Director of Council Operations.

After convening in open session, the Board voted in open session to meet in closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Boardmember Kurnick made the motion to convene in closed session, which was seconded by Boardmember Johnson and passed unanimously.

Closed Session Summary

The Board obtained legal advice from City Attorney Debra Daniel regarding four complaints received to the Board from Drew Powell, Kuan Lee, Donald Masters and Michelle Whittaker.

Boardmember Johnson moved to adjourn the closed session. Boardmember Weiner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Closed Session adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Open Meeting Minutes

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 1:50 p.m. and welcomed all those present.

The Board discussed the complaint from Michelle Whittaker submitted November 5, 2019, and asked that she follow-up with more information on the person in question identified in the complaint. The Board tabled the decision until more information became available for discussion.

The Board discussed the complaint letter from Drew Powell submitted on November 7, 2019. The Board reviewed the allegations and dismissed the complaint regarding both Mr. Hedrick's and Mr. Myles' petition signatures finding that the complaints were unsubstantiated.

Motion: to direct staff to draft letter of response for dismissal for both complaints filed against Mr. Hedrick and Mr. Myles for Chair Neuman's signature.

Moved by Boardmember Kurnick, seconded by Boardmember Johnson, and approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the complaint letter from Kuan Lee submitted on November 7, 2019. The Board reviewed the challenge and found no factual or legal bases for the challenge.

Motion: to direct staff to draft a letter of response to dismiss the challenge for Chair Neuman's signature.

Moved by Boardmember Weiner, seconded by Boardmember Kurnick, and approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the complaint from Donald Masters submitted on November 5, 2019, related to his efforts to watch the processing of ballots received on November 5, election day. The Board reviewed the complaint and dismissed the complaint finding that Mr. Masters was provided the opportunity to watch the processing of ballots as permitted by the Board's procedures.

Motion: to direct staff to draft letter of response to dismiss Mr. Masters' challenge for Chair Neuman's signature.

Moved by Boardmember Weiner, seconded by Boardmember Orlosky, and approved unanimously.

The Board discussed responding to Drew Powell's email to answer his complaint.

Motion: to direct staff to send an email response to Mr. Powell's email dated November 11, 2019 stating that no action was taken by the Board on Mr. Powell's email and that Mr. Powell would receive a formal response to his complaint.

Moved by Boardmember Johnson, seconded by Boardmember Weiner, and approved unanimously.

Certification and Election Results

Motion: to certify the 2019 Vote by Mail certification election results.

Moved by Boardmember Kurnick, seconded by Boardmember Weiner, and approved unanimously.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 5, 2019 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 19, 2019 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Motion: to adjourn.

Moved by Boardmember Johnson, seconded by Boardmember Orlosky, and approved unanimously.