

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
Conference Room 1
Easton, MD 21601
November 20, 2024

Present:

Board

Susan MacKinnon	(D)
Denise Lovelady	(R)
Walter Black	(D)
Barbara H. Perry	(D)
Gugy Irving III	(R)

Staff

Tammy Stafford, Talbot County Election Director
Donna Hacker, Election Program Manager II

Board Attorney

Lyndsey Ryan

Public Attending

Members of the public were in attendance

The monthly meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held November 20, 2024, in the Conference Room indicated above. Ms. MacKinnon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and noted a quorum was present. She welcomed guests and reminded all of Public Comment protocols.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. MacKinnon asked if the Board had any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were none. Mr. Black moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Changes to Agenda

Ms. MacKinnon asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. MacKinnon asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Perry moved to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Ms. Wilcoxon asked why the minutes were not read like last month. Ms. MacKinnon explained the reading of the minutes was not the norm and that last month they were read since the Board members had not received them prior to the meeting.

Ms. Wilcoxon also asked why the flags were not in the room. Ms. MacKinnon said that we were trying to get the flag poles from facility management.

Mr. Bernard stated he hoped the flag and plaque presentation will be in the October minutes.

Ms. Bozarth questioned why she had received a card in the mail, before the election, at her address but with another name on it. Ms. Stafford said it was for list maintenance and the person may have lived at that address before Ms. Bozarth and the card should have been sent by the postal service back to the board of elections.

Election Director's Report

Ms. Stafford provided the Board with a written Director's Report on activities since the last Board meeting. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Ms. Stafford provided updated information as follows: just a correction stating that it was the county tech whose last day was November 15, 2024. In addition, Ms. Stafford may be helping other Boards finish with their election processing.

Board Attorney's Report

Ms. Ryan had nothing to report.

Old Business

Facility for Election Office - Ms. Ryan asked if the county will have the new facility in their budget and advised the Board to keep an eye on it. Ms. Stafford stated they are waiting for new update on warehousing needs for a board of election facility.

New Business - None

Disclosures - Were submitted to the board of election office.

Confirmation of next meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Elections will be on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting of Canvass Board – Ms. Lovelady moved that the Board go into a meeting of the Canvass Board at 9:45 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. At 9:52 a.m., Ms. Lovelady moved to adjourn the Canvass Board and return to the Board of Elections meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

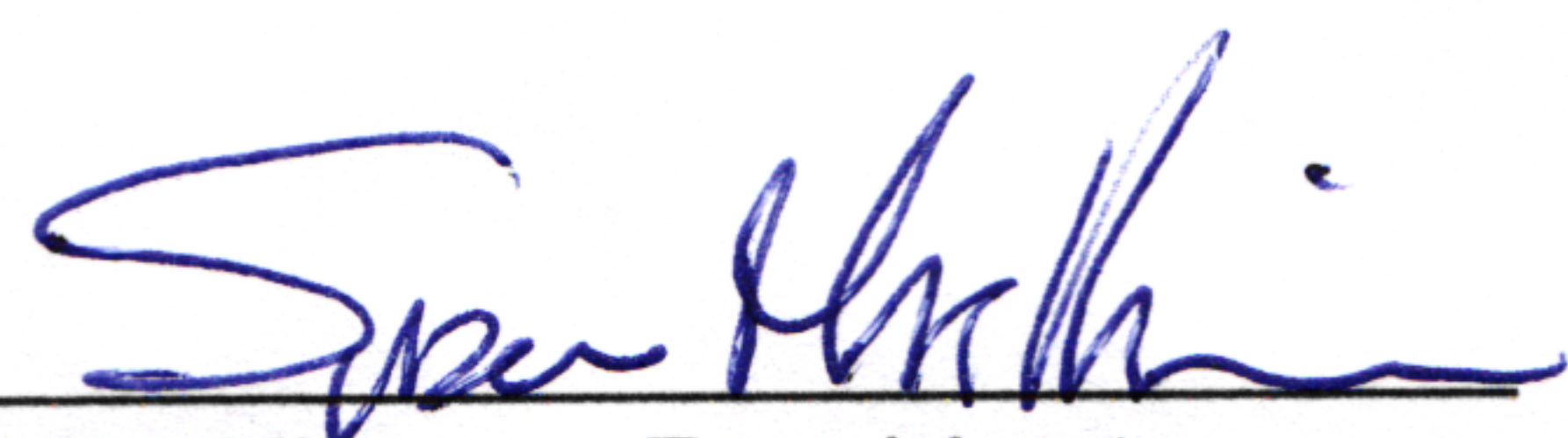
Closed Session – There was no need for a closed session.

Prior to adjournment, Ms. Lovelady asked about the minutes from the October 8, 2024 closed session. Ms. Ryan explained that closed session minutes are not approved except in another closed session, which we have not had since October 8. Those minutes will be presented at the December closed session. An alternative to think about would be to approve them via email so there is no waiting for the next closed session. Ms. MacKinnon stated that we have not conducted any business via email and she wants to keep it that way.

Adjournment

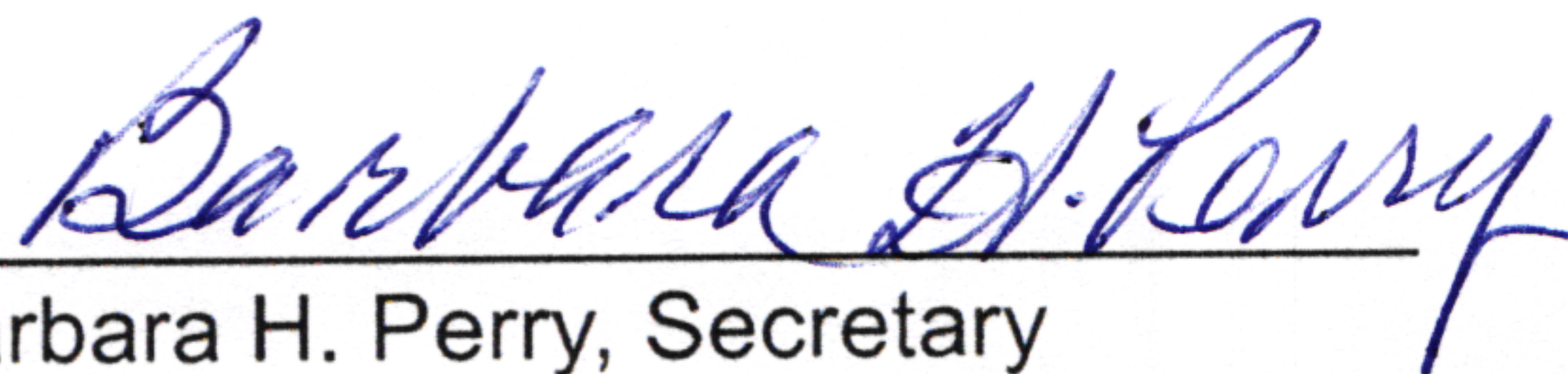
Ms. Black moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Attested,



Susan MacKinnon, President

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara H. Perry, Secretary

TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 20, 2024

Notice and Distribution of Materials

Meeting materials were prepared and given to Board Members November 20, 2024.

The Agenda for the November meeting was posted on the Board of Elections web page the entrance to the office, and entrances of the building at 215 Bay Street November 12, 2024.

Personnel:

The last day for the County Support Tech was Friday, November 8.
The last day for the County Support Tech was November 15.

Meetings Attended:

Nothing to report at this time

Correspondence:

The office received two PIA requests. I am working on responding to those.

Voter Registration Activities:

Monthly Statistical Report- The Report was distributed to board members in the monthly packet. As of November 16, 2024, there were 29, 133 active registered voters in Talbot County.

Voter registration re-opened November 18, 2024.

Voting System Activities:

We are waiting for the State to release the equipment for post-election maintenance.

Candidate Filing:

Nothing to report.

Precinct and Polling Issues:

There was 100% attendance of election judges for the 2024 Presidential General Election.

Budget:

A report documenting Board of Elections Expenditures for FY 2025 will be available for the December meeting.

