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Maryland State Board of Elections Selects Jared DeMarinis as State Administrator of Elections

ANNAPOLIS (June 8, 2023) – During a special meeting of the State Board of Elections this afternoon, the Maryland State Board of Elections announced Jared DeMarinis as the new State Administrator of Elections. For the last 18 years, Mr. DeMarinis has served as the Director of the Candidacy and Campaign Finance Division at the State Board of Elections. In his current role, Mr. DeMarinis has been responsible for overseeing the manner in which candidates and their organizations collect, spend, and report funds as regulated by Maryland's campaign finance laws. Mr. DeMarinis will assume the duties of State Administrator on September 1, 2023, following Ms. Lamone's retirement. The Board interviewed several qualified candidates before ultimately voting unanimously to support Mr. DeMarinis.

In his new capacity, Mr. DeMarinis will be charged with administering the state's election procedures, including coordinating with the local boards of election during the 2024 presidential election. The State Administrator will also be responsible for overseeing major voting systems and election procedure changes approved by the Maryland General Assembly in 2024 and 2026.

"Mr. DeMarinis impressed the board with his clarity of vision and collaborative leadership philosophy," said Board Chair William Voelp. "He celebrated many areas of current success and artfully pointed to some potential growth areas with an eye toward creative solutions. The board was unanimous in its faith in Mr. DeMarinis to lead as the next State Administrator for many years to come."

As Director of Candidacy and Campaign Finance for the Maryland State Board of Elections, Mr. DeMarinis is responsible for supervising and managing staff and regulating the campaign finance activity for over 2,000 active campaign and independent expenditure committees throughout the State. Additionally, he has been the face of the agency with policymakers, advocates, and members of the public, with a division known for its customer service and nonpartisan approach. He has been a Council on Government Ethics Laws (COGEL) member since 2005 and has served as an international election monitor in Estonia, the Bahamas, North Macedonia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia. Mr. DeMarinis lives in Anne Arundel County with his two daughters.

"I am incredibly proud of the Board's expeditious due diligence in the search for Maryland's next State Administrator," stated Board Member Michael G. Summers. "Our collective deliberation resulted in our unanimous decision to support and put forward Jared DeMarinis as Maryland's next State Administrator. For the past 18 years, Jared has served the State Board with fidelity and ethics. We were especially

impressed with his passion for well-run nonpartisan elections, his vision for the Board, his energy for increased cooperation, and his innovative solution-based approach to advancing the responsibilities of the office. We look forward to his favorable Senate confirmation and transition period over the next couple of months, and to his leadership.”

The Board would also like to thank Ms. Linda Lamone for her steadfast leadership of the State Board of Elections. For the last 25 years, Ms. Lamone has led the state through historic elections, overhauls of the election article, a worldwide pandemic, and many other events. Throughout it all, she has led the State Board with diligence and professionalism, gaining nationwide recognition for her leadership and nonpartisanship.

The Maryland State Board of Elections announced the search for a new administrator at its board meeting on April 10, 2023, following the retirement announcement of long-time Administrator of Elections Linda Lamone. Ms. Lamone has agreed to assist during the transition until her retirement becomes effective on August 31, 2023. The position will be submitted to the Maryland Senate for confirmation during the 2024 Legislative Session.