

State of Maryland 

State Board of Elections Meeting – November 21, 2013

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Attendees: Bobbie Mack, Chair  
David McManus, Vice Chair  
Rachel McGuckian, Member  
Patrick Murray, Member  
Chuck Thomann, Member  
Linda H. Lamone, State Administrator  
Jeffrey Darsie, Assistant Attorney General  
Nikki Charlson, Deputy Administrator  
Donna Duncan, Assistant Deputy for Election Policy  
Keith Ross, Assistant Deputy for Project Management  
Mary Wagner, Director, Voter Registration  
Jared DeMarinis, Director, Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
Paul Aumayr, Director, Voting Systems  
Rick Urps, Deputy Director, Election Management and Reform

Also Present: Alisha Alexander, Election Director, Prince George's County Board of Elections  
Anthony Gutierrez, Election Director, Wicomico County Board of Elections  
Mary Ann Keffe, President, Montgomery County Board of Elections  
Dale Livingston, Deputy Director, Harford County Board of Elections  
Kevin Keene, Director, Harford County Board of Elections  
Stan Boyd, SAVE Our Votes  
David Garreis, Deputy Director, Anne Arundel County Board of Elections  
Ralph Watkins, League of Women Voters  
Brittani Thomas, Election Director, Queen Anne's County Board of Elections  
Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Director, Montgomery County Board of Elections  
Tracy Dickerson, Election Director, Charles County Board of Elections  
Charlotte Davis, Deputy Director, Howard County Board of Elections  
Abigail Goldman, Deputy Director, Baltimore City Board of Elections  
Katie Berry, Carroll County Board of Elections  
Sandi Logan, Election Director, Caroline County Board of Elections  
Allison Murphy, Caroline County Board of Elections  
Stuart Harvey, Frederick County Board of Elections  
Holly Joseph

#### **INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Chairman Mack asked the representatives from the local boards of elections to introduce themselves and thanked them for their work.

#### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

Ms. Mack called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm and declared that there was a quorum.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the September meeting were approved by the Chair in advance of the meeting and posted on SBE's website. Mr. Thomann made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Murray seconded the motion. There was no further discussion on the minutes, and the motion was approved.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

##### **1. Announcements & Important Meetings**

###### New Election Directors

Last week, Maryland's election community welcomed two new election directors. Debbie Towery started her duties as the new election director in Cecil County, and Gwen Dales began as the director in Dorchester County. SBE staff provided them with a brief overview of SBE and election administration in Maryland, and they are settling into their new offices.

###### Election Directors' Meeting

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, SBE hosted an in-person Election Directors' meeting. Lori Livingston, Director of Interagency Digital Engagement for the Office of the Governor, spoke about social media. She discussed the demographics of social media users, practical tips on what and how to post messages, and how to

manage the various social media platforms. Lori offered to schedule a “how to” class for SBE and the local boards, and to date, representatives of eight local boards have indicated that they would like to attend the class. A summary of the meeting and Lori’s presentation was provided in the board meeting folder.

November’s Election Director meeting was held on Thursday, November 21st. A brief summary of the meeting was provided at the meeting, and a written summary will be provided in the next meeting’s folder.

## **2. Election Reform and Management**

### Online Voter Registration and Online Ballot Delivery Systems - Security Assessment

The security review of the online voter registration and online ballot delivery system is on-going. To date, the security consultant has outlined the systems’ architecture, used tools to identify vulnerabilities, tried to exploit those vulnerabilities, and conducted a denial of service test. Nikki Charlson highlighted the preliminary results – the consultant and his team were unable access system and could not bring the system down. The consultant is on track to provide the required report by December 31<sup>st</sup>, the deadline established by the General Assembly.

### Online Ballot Delivery System - Usability and Accessibility Review

On October 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, fifteen testers recruited by the University of Baltimore (UB) tested an updated version of the online ballot delivery system. The testers, all of whom have a disability or have a low literacy rate, provided feedback, and UB’s coordinators observed their interaction with the system. For the sighted testers, UB used eye tracking software to monitor where the testers focused, and testers with visual impairments used screen readers to make selections. Several SBE staff members observed the testing and identified additional improvements. The second round of testing is this week. SBE implemented for this round of testing many of UB’s recommendations from the first round of testing, and over fifteen testers will test the updated system from a computer of their choice. They will test how to log into the system, make selections, print documents, and assemble the ballot materials for mailing.

Rick Urps presented the system at the National Federation for the Blind - Maryland Convention’s in Ocean City on November 8<sup>th</sup>. While most conference attendees admitted that they probably will not use the wizard because they do not request absentee ballots, they were very interested to learn about the wizard. Four conference attendees tried the wizard. All were able to use the screen reader and keyboard to navigate through the introductory screens and to use the wizard to mark the ballot. The users expressed that the wizard worked well and thought others could learn to use it fairly easily. One user was involved in the testing at UB a couple of weeks ago and expressed that he is pleased to see improvements from the test version.

The Overseas Vote Foundation (OVF), SBE’s research and reporting partner for the Federal Voting Assistance Program grant, kicked off a voter survey this week. In SBE’s 2012 post-General Election survey, military and overseas respondents were asked if they would be interested in taking additional surveys to help serve them better, and over 1,600 respondents agreed to help. This week, OVF contacted these voters and asked for feedback on the newly redesigned online ballot marking wizard and asked about their Internet usage and where they go to find election information. The survey will remain open through mid-December, and OVF will provide a final report of the survey results in February 2014.

### HAVA’s Administrative Complaint Process

In September, SBE received two complaints alleging that a registered voter does not reside at the address he provided on his voter registration application. In October, one of the original complainants filed another complaint alleging that a second voter (the first voter’s wife) does not reside at the address she provided on her application. The complaints were consolidated as they involve common facts and law, and a hearing was held on Friday, October 25, 2013, at the Harford County Board of Elections’ offices. A second hearing was held on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to receive testimony from the second voter. Judy Arnold, SBE’s former Assistant Attorney General, will serve as the hearing officer and write the final determination. The final determination is due in mid-December.

### Federal Voting Assistance (FVAP) Grant

SBE and the FVAP recently amended several provisions of SBE’s first FVAP grant award. The amendments include prohibiting SBE from using FVAP grant funds to transmit voted ballots in a State election, extending the post-election voter surveys through the 2016 elections, and clarifying that source code can only be released to requesting jurisdictions that wish to use the code for election purposes. These amendments do not impact the grant budget, as we have sufficient grant funds to pay for the additional voter surveys.

#### HAVA Audit

SBE was recently notified that a federal contractor will be auditing the federal HAVA funds in federal fiscal year 2014 (October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015). According to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the contractor is offering an initial meeting to assess a state's readiness for an audit, and we have accepted their offer. No date for this meeting has been set.

#### 2014 Election Judges' Manuals

The Election Judges' Manual Review Committee continues to meet to review and update the 2014 Election Judges' Manual and Early Voting Manual. Chapters 1 through 7 and 9 through 11 of the manuals have been released to the local boards for local modifications. Rick Urps is reviewing and approving local modifications to the manuals. The committee is putting the finishing touches on several more chapters and will release them to the local boards in the near future.

#### Requests to Improve Polling Place Accessibility

SBE continues to accept and process requests for accessibility related supplies and equipment. SBE recently purchased parking cones, handicap parking signs, accessible entrance signs, accessible voting stations, accessibility survey equipment, and other supplies for several local boards of elections in advance of the 2014 elections.

### **3. Voter Registration**

#### Critical Oversight Program

Beginning with the data for August 2013, new procedures went into effect. Under the new procedures, the local boards audit critical registration transactions performed by another local board, instead of reviewing transactions performed internally. Since that time, 59 of the 60 reports have been submitted in a timely manner. The local boards have been responsive in correcting data entry errors that have been found. Data quality overall is expected to improve now that the local boards are reviewing each others' data. At this point, it appears to be a very positive change.

#### MDVOTERS Release

A new release of MDVOTERS was implemented on October 21<sup>st</sup>. This release included improvements to Absentee Voter searching and reporting, Election Worker processing, continued development on the Candidacy module, and other fixes that needed to be in place before the 2014 gubernatorial election cycle. Testing for the next software release began Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The approved release will be placed in production by the end of December.

#### Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

ERIC uses IBM technology to find matches that were not possible before, as well as a stronger accuracy that they are true matches. It provides information on voters that have potentially died, moved out of state, moved within our state and potential duplicates within our system. It works with the elections agencies and DMVs of seven other states, and more states are interested in joining in 2014. The District of Columbia Board of Elections has signed on to be an ERIC member.

Our first round of ERIC reports has been completed. Over 70,000 records were reviewed because of this new system. The second round of reports should be processed by the local boards by November 26th.

During this time, 21,000 records will be reviewed. The reports generated in January of 2015 will contain information from the District of Columbia.

#### Municipal Elections

The Voter Registration Division supported various municipal elections with the local boards by helping with precinct register generation, redistricting cleanup, ballot style generation and absentee processing.

#### Training

Over the past three weeks, Election Judge training and ERIC report training was conducted. Copies of the training are available for review in the Online Library.

#### Disaster Recovery Testing

Disaster recovery testing of site 2 (Cumberland, Maryland) concluded on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The testing proved to be successful.

### Contract Renewals

The Canton Group and Sidus Group are the companies contracted to maintain and host MDVOTERS. Contracts to renew the option years have been signed.

## **4. Candidacy and Campaign Finance**

### Candidacy

As of November 18<sup>th</sup>, 223 candidates filed a Certificate of Candidacy at SBE for the 2014 Gubernatorial Election. The deadline to file as a candidate is February 25, 2014.

### Seminars/Trainings

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Jared DeMarinis and Will Colquhoun from State Ethics conducted a joint seminar on filing the Contribution Disclosure Form. The semi-annual Contribution Disclosure Form is a required filing by a person who makes campaign contributions greater than \$500 in a 6 month period and either does business with the State involving consideration of \$100,000 or more or provides lobbyist compensation of \$500 or more. The seminar focused on the requirements of the current law as well as the changes effective in January 2015. It was attended by over 30 lobbyists.

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Mr. DeMarinis conducted a campaign finance training at SBE. There were over 50 people in attendance. The training focused on current rules and regulations for campaign finance and the use of MD CRIS.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Mr. DeMarinis spoke at the Maryland Government Relations Fall Conference on HB 1499, the Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2013. It was an in-depth analysis of the changes in the law with emphasis on the two different effective dates.

### MD CRIS

SBE completed a contract modification with PCC Technology Group for all of the changes required under HB 1499. Notable changes and modifications include a new enforcement/auditing module in MD CRIS and the development and implementation of an new electronic filing program for Title 14 (Person Doing Public Business) filers. The contract modification is scheduled for final approval at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Public Works meeting.

### Meetings

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, Mr. DeMarinis attended a working group meeting of the Maryland/Delaware Corruption and Fraud unit of the FBI. The unit made a presentation on the national corruption/fraud trends. Specifically, it focused on how politicians are recruited and the use of straw donors. Other regional law enforcement agencies were present at the meeting. Tentatively, meetings are scheduled on a quarterly basis.

## **5. Voting Systems**

### Electronic Pollbooks

Following testing of the latest release of the pollbook software, SBE submitted changes and fixes to ES&S.

These fixes, all fairly minor, were incorporated into the software, and following a lessons learned session in October, the second round of testing has been taking place the last two weeks with the local boards. SBE is still on target for deployment of the software starting in January.

SBE recently purchased additional pollbooks for the local boards of elections. These pollbooks are needed because of voter registration growth and additional early voting centers.

### Municipal Elections

The team was busy with municipal elections. A number of cities had elections on November 5<sup>th</sup>, including Annapolis, Frederick, Rockville and Chestertown. While the programming of the voting units took place at the local board, SBE created the pollbook databases for the municipal elections. In general, the elections went well.

The City of Annapolis was unable to report the results from one voting unit on election night, due to an issue with a memory card. The city decided to wait until the canvass to restore the results from the internal memory of the voting unit, and this was successful. In response to a question, Paul Aumayr explained that votes are stored in two locations – the removable memory card and storage in the voting unit.

### Early Voting (EV) Centers

The team has continued to work with the local boards to identify new early voting centers for the 2014 elections. SBE has been using the GIS software to identify sites that will have a sufficient voter population to meet regulations regarding voter coverage. In addition to assisting the local boards in locating centers to conduct early voting, the team - including the regional managers - has also been testing the sites for the early voting pollbook network. Mr. Aumayr thanked Brandon Mulvey for his efforts with the early voting centers. The State will have 63 early voting centers for the 2014 elections, up from 46 in the 2012 election.

## **6. Project Management and Information Technology**

The Project Management Office continues to work on several initiatives. Highlights include:

### New Voting System Project (NVSR)

SBE continues its work on the many tasks and deliverables in the project planning phases of the project. Since the last Administrator Report we completed or worked on a number of tasks related to this project.

Linda Lamone, Ms. Charlson, Keith Ross, and other staff members from SBE participated in the Quarterly Department of Information Technology (DoIT) Portfolio review. During this review, we reported on the status of the New Voting System Replacement project and the schedule and scope impacts. This meeting is an addition to the ongoing interaction with DoIT.

As it pertains to contract project management resources, we completed the interviews and selected the Sr. Project Manager (Tom Feehan) and Functional Project Manager (Pete Pollinger) for the project. Both of them started on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and are now fully engaged in the project planning and execution.

There was an extensive onboarding plan created that was developed to ensure they were able to immediately help us move forward. One of the major deliverables that Mr. Feehan and Mr. Pollinger recently completed the Task Order Request for Proposal (TORFP) for the remaining project management resources, and DoIT is reviewing the TORFP.

Mr. Feehan and Mr. Pollinger are very familiar with the Maryland election community having worked for many years as SBE contractors. Mr. Feehan was the Project Manager for much of the Diebold implementation of the current electronic voting system. Mr. Pollinger also has come with many years experience as a project manager in support of Maryland elections. Over the next few months, Mr. Feehan, Mr. Pollinger, and Ramon McGee will be working extensively on the several System Development Life Cycle plans and documents.

In addition, we are in the final stages of extending the services of the project's Technical Writer, Mr. McGee, through April 2014. Mr. McGee's current agreement is scheduled to end on December 3, 2013. SBE is excited about his extension as a result of his proven track record thus far.

### NVSR Project Voting System Certification

The Voting System team conducted certification testing of the Democracy Suite from Dominion Voting Systems Inc. Equipment was at SBE for two weeks, and Dominion staff were on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the system when needed. Accessibility testing, in partnership with University of Baltimore, took place the week of the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. A required public demonstration of the system was held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, also at the University of Baltimore. SBE distributed survey forms and received answers from the attendees. Responses were generally favorable.

SBE has also talked with ES&S and Hart Intercivic, and both of these vendors will soon submit their new systems to the EAC with the goal of being certified to the 2005 federal Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.

Submission of these systems is a prerequisite of submitting their systems for Maryland certification. SBE would like both vendors to submit their systems for state certification by first quarter of 2014.

### Workgroups

We are in the process of conducting the five Workgroup sessions with SBE and the local boards. The purpose of these sessions is to provide the election officials the opportunity to discuss in detail the impact of the New Voting System Project and implementation on SBE and the local boards.

### Other

Mr. Ross attended a "Disciplinary Process Investigation to Imposition" training session conducted by the Department of Budget and Management in October held at the State Office building in Baltimore. The focus

of this session was to emphasize the correct procedures and timelines for disciplining employees from a manager's perspective.

Mr. Ross also attended a Pilot IT Internship Program meeting at UMBC for State Agencies. Represented at this meeting were UMBC staff members and Chief Information Officers from different agencies. The UMBC Team has been tasked by the Maryland legislature with determining the feasibility of creating a pilot internship program targeting State agencies and focusing on information technology.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Ross gave a presentation before the Legacy Leadership Institute on Public Policy (LLIPP) class at the University of Maryland College Park. An essential part of the LLIPP classroom training is for the students to learn about state government from guest speakers who share their knowledge and perspective about various facets of government with the class participants. Mr. Ross' presentation focused on elections from a project management perspective.

#### Security Awareness Training

An online security awareness training program is being offered to all State employees and full-time contractors by DoIT. This training is mandatory. SBE employees will receive emails from Securitymentor.com with instructions on how to activate their training account. Each month, registered participants will receive an email with a link to a new lesson. Lessons are web-based, so users will decide when to take them. Each lesson should only take about 10 minutes and covers a different topic of cyber security. The full course of monthly training modules is anticipated to run at least a year.

#### Oracle Database Upgrade

SBE's IT Division, in collaboration with the vendor CSC, is scheduled to upgrade the Electrack and Ballot Oracle databases from Oracle 10G to 11i. The Oracle test server was successfully upgraded this week and tests with the applications are ongoing. If the testing goes well, we will proceed with the scheduled upgrade of the production server's database on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### SBE's Website

SBE recently launched a new website. Natasha Walker, SBE's webmaster, did the majority of the work and is giving a presentation to the State's webmasters on the website's development.

### **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Mr. Darsie provided the following report:

1. In September, the Maryland Court of Appeals issued its opinion in *State Board of Elections v. Snyder*, providing the Court's reasoning for its February 8, 2008, Order permitting 17-years-olds "who will be 18 at the time of the [November 4, 2008] general election" to register and vote in partisan and non-partisan primary elections. The Court held that the voter qualification provisions of Article I, § 1 of the Maryland Constitution apply to all primary, special, and general elections other than municipal elections. The Court's opinion does not change the current statute implementing the constitutional statute.
2. A federal lawsuit challenging the State's 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> congressional districts has been filed in U.S. District Court. The *pro se* plaintiffs seek to enjoin the 2014 elections for the House of Representatives in the four challenged districts based on the districts' configuration under current law. In their Amended Complaint, plaintiffs allege that the voting rights of residents of certain communities are abridged by virtue of their inclusion in districts dominated by a geographically and demographically separate community, such that voters in the smaller community have no effective voice in choosing their Representative. Named defendants Bobbie Mack and Linda Lamone, sued in their official capacities as SBE Chair and State Administrator, respectively, will be defended by Assistant Attorneys General Dan Friedman and Jeff Darsie. The State's response to the Annotated Complaint is due December 17, 2013.
3. William Edelstein has requested an Administrative Review of the partial denial of his Public Information Act ("PIA") request seeking certain documents relating to the security testing and source code for SBE's "ballot wizard" technology. See COMAR 33.04.01.09 (right to administrative review of denial under PIA). The "ballot wizard" is ballot marking software developed by SBE under a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to assist uniformed military and overseas civilian absentee voters in marking their absentee ballots. See generally 97 Md. Op. Att'y Gen. 32 (2012) (describing the "ballot wizard" in relation to State voting system certification requirements). In accordance with that request, SBE is currently seeking to have an Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") perform the review and make findings and recommendations to SBE. Because SBE does not

currently have a contract with OAH, using this process is contingent upon completion of a satisfactory Memorandum of Understanding, currently under discussion.

Mr. Darsie explained that as an alternative to OAH, SBE could either have the State Board or a third party to review the decision, but there is established process to review the decision. OAH charges \$225 per hour.

4. The Montgomery County Board of Elections, by letter dated October 11, 2013, requested an Attorney General's Opinion regarding whether the State Board's procedures for processing and accepting voter registration applications from certain 17-year-olds in counties holding municipal elections are in compliance with regulations requiring "prompt" processing and mailing of voter notification cards. See COMAR §§ 33.05.04.02C(1), 33.05.04.05C(1)(a), and 33.05.05.03A. The Opinions and Advice Office has not yet decided what form of response would be appropriate. Mr. Darsie noted that a response can be expected in 3 weeks.
5. A man convicted of election law violations in 2011 has filed a civil action in federal court alleging violations of his constitutional rights by numerous public officials, including a Circuit Court Judge, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and Mr. DeMarinis. See *Mathis v Martin*, No. 8:13-cv-02597-AW (U.S.D.C., D. Md., filed Sept. 11, 2013). The complainant, Jerry Mathis, is seeking \$25-million in compensatory and punitive damages, together with other non-monetary relief, based on actions taken first to restrain the distribution of a fraudulent campaign flyer and later to prosecute Mathis for printing and mailing the material under a false authority line. Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Katz is representing all of the public officials named in the suit.
6. The Court of Special Appeals is now considering appeals in two election cases. The court heard oral argument in *Parrott v. McDonough*, Ct. Sp. App. No. 01445 (Sept. Term 2012), on October 1, 2013. That appeal resulted from an unsuccessful challenge to the ballot language of Question 5 (Congressional Redistricting) that was approved by voters in the November 2012 general election. The court decided to dispense with oral argument in *Fair v. Walker*, Ct. Sp. App. No. 01287 (Sept. Term, 2012), and will decide the appeal on the papers. The complaint in *Fair v. Walker*, which questioned President Obama's right to run for President of the United States, was dismissed on the pleadings.

#### **FINAL ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS**

Ms. Charlson presented the following regulations for final adoption:

1. 33.04.01.02 (Definition – Personal Identification Number)
2. 33.05.02.03 (Voter Registration Applications – Online Submissions – Disclosure)
3. 33.08.05 (Post-Election Verification and Audit)
4. 33.09.01 and .03 (Voting Systems – Certification and General Requirements)
5. 33.13 (Campaign Financing – Definitions, Campaign Finance Report, Prohibitions, Legislative Party Caucus Committee, and Administrative Accounts)

The changes to 33.08.05 and 33.09 were suggested during the public comment process of another set of regulatory changes. The changes 33.13 stem from HB 1499 of the 2013 Legislative Session (Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2013). The changes to 33.04 and 33.05 seek to protect from public disclosure the last four digits of an individual's Social Security number and provide notice to a user of the online voter registration system that the user's MVA ID number, the date the ID number was issued, and Social Security number are protected from public disclosure.

The proposed changes to 33.08, 33.09, and 33.13 were published in the September 20, 2013, edition of the *Maryland Register* (Vol. 40, Issue 19), and the public comment period closed on October 21, 2013. The proposed changes to 33.04 and 33.05 were published in the October 4, 2013, edition (Vol. 40, Issue 20). No public comments were received on the proposed changes.

Mr. Thomann made a motion to adopt the regulations as proposed and published, and Mr. Murray seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF EARLY VOTING CENTERS FOR THE 2014 ELECTIONS**

Mr. Aumayr presented the proposed early voting centers for the 2014 elections. The following counties will use the same early voting centers as the 2012 elections and did not add any additional early voting centers for the 2014 elections: Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, St. Mary's,

Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties. The table below shows the counties with additional or changed early voting centers.

Anne Arundel	<p>Number of early voting centers: 5  Four early voting centers from 2012 elections and 1 changed center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pip Moyer Community Recreation Center</li> </ul> <p>With these early voting centers, 81% of the voters live within 5 miles of a center.</p>
Baltimore City	<p>Number of early voting centers: 6  Same 5 early voting centers as 2012 elections and 1 new center. The Baltimore City Board of Elections has a tentative location for the 6<sup>th</sup> center and hopes to finalize this center shortly. The local board had difficulties finding a suitable location in the targeted area.</p>
Baltimore County	<p>Number of early voting centers: 8  Same 5 early voting centers as 2012 elections and 3 new centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back River Community Center</li> <li>• Center for Maryland Agriculture</li> <li>• Reisterstown Senior Center</li> </ul> <p>With these early voting centers, 91% of the voters live within 5 miles of a center.</p>
Frederick	<p>Number of early voting centers: 3  Same early voting center as 2012 elections and 2 new centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurmont Regional Library</li> <li>• Urbana Regional Library</li> </ul> <p>With these early voting centers, 56% of the voters live within 5 miles of a center. Because of the county's geography and population, it is not possible to achieve the 80% standard.</p>
Harford	<p>Number of early voting centers: 4  Same early voting center as 2012 elections and 3 new centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edgewood Library</li> <li>• Higher Education &amp; Technology Center (HEAT Center)</li> <li>• Jarrettsville Library</li> </ul>
Howard	<p>Number of early voting centers: 3  Same early voting centers as 2012 elections with 1 change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellicott City Senior Center to replace the Miller County Library</li> </ul>
Montgomery	<p>Number of early voting centers: 9  Same early voting centers as 2012 elections <u>with 1 change and with</u> <del>with</del> four new centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity Center at Bohrer Park</li> <li>• Damascus Community Recreation Center</li> <li>• Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center</li> <li>• Mid-County Community Recreation Center</li> <li>• Wheaton Community Recreation Center</li> </ul> <p>With these early voting centers, 93.9% of the voters live within 5 miles of a center. All early voting centers have access to public transportation.</p>
Prince George's	<p>Number of early voting centers: 8  Same early voting centers as 2012 elections except one changed center and 3 new centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baden Community Center</li> <li>• Bowie Community Center</li> <li>• Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center</li> <li>• Suitland Community Park School Center</li> <li>• Southern Regional Technology &amp; Recreation Complex</li> </ul> <p>With these early voting centers, 92.7% of the voters live within 5 miles of a center. All but one early voting center has access to public transportation.</p>
Queen Anne's	<p>Number of early voting centers: 2  Same early voting center as 2012 elections and 1 new center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent Island Library</li> </ul>
Washington	<p>Number of early voting centers: 1  Early voting center moved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington County Early Voting Center which is located next to the local board's warehouse</li> </ul>

Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the 62 proposed early voting centers, and Mr. McManus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PROVISIONAL VOTING – REVIEW OF GUIDELINES AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION**

Ms. Charlson explained that SBE, in consultation with the local boards, must review the provisional ballot guidelines before each primary election. The local boards were asked to review the provisional ballot guidelines (adopted as regulations), and one local board provided a technical comment that will be presented as a regulation change during the next round of regulations.

Ms. Charlson presented a proposed provisional ballot application for the 2014 elections. She explained that the instructions are substantially the same as the 2012 elections but the application was redesigned. The prior application had two oaths for a provisional voter to sign, while the proposed 2014 application has two oaths but only one place to sign. Ms. Charlson stated that this change should reduce the number of provisional ballot applications rejected because the voter failed to sign the oath.

### **APPROVAL OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE WAIVER REQUESTS**

Mr. DeMarinis presented the following requests for waiver of campaign finance reporting late fees.

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| 1. Accountability Slate, The                    | 9. League of Conservation Voters Political Action Committee, Md  |
| 2. Barron, Erek L. Friends of                   |  |
| 3. Beams, Zaneb Khan Supporters Of              | 10. Nabors, Sherri For Clerk of the Cir. Court, Friends To Elect |
| 4. Becker, Neil Friends of                      |  |
| 5. Bego, Orlando J. Friends Of                  | 11. Rivera, Linn For The People                                  |
| 6. Central Baltimore County Democratic PAC      | 12. Robinson, Barbara A. Friends Of                              |
| 7. Hill, Bill for 42nd B.C.C.C.                 | 13. Taylor, Chris Friends Of                                     |
| 8. Kagan, (Alfred) For Republican Central Comm. | 14. Ward, Paul T. Jr., Committee To Elect                        |

Ms. McGuckian made a motion to grant the waiver requests, and Mr. Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

Mr. DeMarinis presented a request for confidentiality from one registered voter, a sitting judge. Mr. McManus made a motion to approve the request for confidentiality for one, and Mr. Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Murray asked Mr. DeMarinis to summarize his recent experience as an international election observer. As part of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) international observation team, Mr. DeMarinis observed the recent election for President in Azerbaijan. Mr. DeMarinis shared that he observed voters with multiple ballots and incorrect counting and stated that OSCE's report concluded that the election was fraudulent.

### **DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**

There were no disclosures of campaign contributions.

### **SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for January 23, 2014, at 2:00 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. Ms. Mack adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.