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Baltimore City Board of Elections Director Armstead Jones to Retire After Nearly 18 Years of Service

ANNAPOLIS, MD (April 3, 2025) – The Maryland State Board of Elections today announced that Armstead Jones, the long-time director of the Baltimore City Board of Elections, will retire effective May 1, 2025, after serving in the role since August 2007.

“On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Armstead for his years of service and commitment to his staff and the Citizens of Baltimore City,” said Scherod Barnes, President of the Baltimore City Board of Elections. “His contributions to the growth, knowledge and development of this staff and new board members will sustain many of us as we move forward in this process.”

Known for his dedication to ensuring fair elections, commitment to excellence, and positive influence on staff members, Jones began his elections career in 1995 as a board member. In 2003, he was appointed president of the Baltimore City Board of Elections before becoming its director, a role in which he has served for nearly 18 years.

“Armstead has been a fixture at the Baltimore City Board of Elections,” said Michael Summers, Chairman of the Maryland State Board of elections. “We thank him for years of service and cooperation with the State Board.”

Later this month, recruitment efforts will begin to fill the director position. Information on the role will be posted to the Department of Budget and Management’s hiring website once available.

“Serving as Director of the Board of Elections in Baltimore for 18 years was an honor and a responsibility I never took lightly,” Jones said of his tenure. “I’m deeply grateful to the people of this city for trusting me to protect their voice and help shape a more accessible, transparent, and fair democratic process.”

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