



# Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

September 15, 2023  
MINUTES

A meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held in person on the 15th day of September 2023. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were properly provided. The meeting was held at the Frederick County Board of Elections office.

## **OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Garreis, President (Anne Arundel County)  
Ruie Marie Lavoie, Vice President (Baltimore County)  
Danna Archie-Williams, Treasurer (Baltimore County)  
Anthony Gutierrez, Board Member (Frederick County)  
Barry Jackson, Board Member (Washington County)  
Kimberly Phillips, Board Member (Baltimore County)  
Tae Frere, Board Member (St. Mary's County)  
Chrissy Jones, Board Member (Queen Anne's County)

On Phone:  
Abigail Goldman, Secretary (Baltimore City)

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice President Ms. Ruie Lavoie called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. A quorum was established with 9 of the 9 board members present. Introductions were made and roll call of those in attendance was recorded.

## **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

None

## **MINUTES:**

Ms. Goldman presented the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting for their approval. Ms. Kim Phillips motioned to accept the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Barry Washington. The motion carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Audit–None

Awards & Recognition- None

Conference Planning – See in old business.

Constitution & Bylaws - none

Early Voting/Election Judges – Ms. Phillips reported that she and Ms. Graves have a meeting set up for September 25, 2023.

Educational & Grant – None

Elections – None

Election Technology- None

Legislative – The chair is vacant at this time so there is no report.

Mail-In Voting – Ms. Frere and Ms. Ferrell reported on permanent mail in ballot and see how it affects permanent absentee addresses because after Eric the records seem to be sitting between two counties. SBE is aware of this problem.

Newsletter – Ms. Jessica Norenbrock reported that they will have a meeting in the next few weeks.

Personnel –Ms. Perrone reported that Ms. Lavoie is working on cheat sheets for promotions. However person who are in the Exempt category lose their time after a year. The committee want to change that but can't since it's a Stat regulation. Looking to see if we can fall under seasonal employees so that won't happen.

Standards- None

State Regulations Review – None

Voter Outreach-The committee is trying to set up a meeting in March.

Voter Registration – Ms. Ferrell addressed MDVOTERS issues and want to set up meeting. SBE has been very cooperative.

Soft token came up and Brett Paradise explained that it's the same device you can access it from your phone. Its similar like your Maryland.gov address sign in. SBE is doing a hybrid rollout. Right now, it's optional to move to the soft token.

Website-Mr. Aslam has resigned and Mr. Richard Jerscheid is taking the lead as webmaster.

### **Guest Speakers:**

Mr. Jared DeMarinis and Ms. Katherine Berry.

Mr. DeMarinis is now officially the State Election Administrator and happy to make one of own his Deputy Administration. He announced that it is Ms. Katie Berry.

He stated that he is going to reach out to the county budget directors, so they have a better idea of what they are paying for and an understanding of why they're paying for it for. He wants to have an open line of communication with them. He goal is to have a successful election. We must work together as one. He wants to have a section of administrative report at the SBE meetings to let the board know what is being accomplished. He asked for the LBE's to send anything we have to them. There will also be a section on procurement at each meeting so no one will be caught off guard.

They are also going to push for the protection of election officials by the legislature. Mr. DeMarinis will be more outspoken on social media. He is looking to protect the LBE's and the directors/deputy directors.

Mr. Garreis stated that since there is a vacancy for a legislative chair that he would like to nominate John Michael Gudger from Carroll County. Ms. Lavoie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Lavoie nominated Mr. Guy Mickley to be the Regulations committee chair. Ms. Goldman seconded it. Mr. Mickely was asked would he accept the chair and he said yes. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

MaCo- Ms. Lavoie attended the convention and made some contacts. She felt it went very well.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Since Ms. Alexander left, we need another LLC Representative. Ms. Lavoie nominated Mr. Barry Jackson from Washington County and he accepted. Ms. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Ruie Lavoie and second by Ms. Danna Archie-Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be October 27, 2023 at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Goldman  
Secretary