



**Maryland Association of Election Officials
Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland**

August 27, 2024
MINUTES

A meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held in person on the 27th day of August 2024. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were properly provided. The meeting was held at the Howard County Board of Elections office.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Erin Perrone, President (Carroll County)
Stephanie Taylor, Vice President (Harford County)
Abigail Goldman, Secretary (Baltimore City)
Jessica Noranbrock, Board Member (Dorchester County)
Barry Jackson, Board Member (Washington County)
Reider White II, Board Member (Anne Arundel County)
Teresa Womble, Board Member (Howard County)

On Phone:

Tae Frere, Treasurer (St. Mary's County)
Kimberly Phillips, Board Member (Baltimore County)

CALL TO ORDER:

President Erin Perrone called the meeting to order at 10:01 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:

Ms. Perrone asked that under new business the representative from MAEO explain what the EAC is and what they do on the committee.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Ms. Perrone welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then introduced Mr. Jared DeMarinis the State Administrator and he wished the new board success. He said it was an honor to swear us in at the Annual Conference and looking forward to working with us. He said we are all in this together and his door is always open.

Ms. Perrone said she wrote down a lot of what was said at the Annual meeting and yes, we are in this together. We need to build a partnership with SBE and work on peer support.

She then gave each member of the board a few minutes to address the membership.

Ms. Perrone stated that the former Parliamentarian stepped down. Ms. Stephanie Taylor made the motion to appoint Mr. Guy Mickley as Parliamentarian for the next three years. Seconded by Mr. Barry Jackson. All in favor of it. Motion passed.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 10, 2024, meeting were presented Mr. Barry Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. Stephanie Taylor seconded the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit—Ms. Gail Hatfield reported that everything went fine with the audit.

Awards & Recognition- Ms. Danna Archie-Williams said we will be doing recognition awards i.e. Shinning Stars etc., at the 2025 conference. We usually don't do it for a one-day conference. She also said that she was very touched to receive the Robert Antonetti Award.

Constitution & Bylaws – Ms. Perrone thanked the committee for getting the two bylaw questions on the ballot which passed.

Early Voting/Election Judges – Ms. Kimberly Phillips announced Ms. Sabrina Graves and she will be stepping down as the Chairs. However, they had not had a lot of opportunity to meet this year.

Educational & Grant – Ms. Gail Hatfield said it is still going on and they need to ramp up and get more people involved in it.

Elections – Mr. Richard Jerscheid reported that we had 52 percent turnout and congratulated the winners. He thanked Amanda White and the Baltimore County staff for helping him out.

A conversation among the membership followed about getting Board Members (LBEs) to vote. We need a change in the bylaws that so that during a one-day annual meeting we automatically send out ballots like we did in previous years. However, the

bylaw changes this year may take care of it since it places the election on an off year when we have the big in person conference. Many Boards do not know the candidates and in previous years we had a meet and greet so people could talk to the candidates and get to know them.

Election Technology- Mr. Reider White reported they had a brief meeting in August and would like to invite speakers to speak to them on election technology and he is looking for a co-chair.

Legislative – Mr. DeMarinis reported that there is not much going on right now.

Mail-In Voting – Ms. Tiffany Ferrell reported it is quiet but has worked with the MDVOTERS staff. She is grateful for the SBE staff that are on the committee and enjoys that relationship that has formed. She would like to meet one more time before the election picks up.

Newsletter – Ms. Jessica Noranbrock said she is looking for a meeting next December after the election.

Personnel –Ms. Erin Perrone said there was no updates since last meeting.

Standards- None

State Regulations Review – Mr. Guy Mickley said he has received regulations from Ms. Melissa Dorsey to go over. He will call a meeting soon. He would like more members to join the committee.

Voter Outreach- None

Voter Registration– Ms. Tae Frere reported that there is not a lot going on.

Website- None

Ms. Perrone proposed to change some committees. She wants to:

1. Make the Election Judge Committee a standalone committee
2. Form an In-Person Voting Committee
3. Website Committee – she feels our website needs help and some pep to it. She likes graphics.

A motion to form an In-Person Voting Committee was made by Ms. Stephanie Taylor and seconded by Mr. Reider White. All were in favor of it and motion passed.

A motion to Form a Website Committee was made by Mr. Reider White and seconded by Ms. Jessica Noranbrock. All were in favor of it and motion passed.

Ms. Perrone will send out this week the signup sheets for Committee Chairs and members.

Ms. Goldman said she was approached by several LBE Board members at the Annual Meeting wanting to know if they can serve on committees etc. Since they cannot be in the day-to-day activities of the LBEs the decision is no. In addition, they are political appointees. Mr. Guy Mickley suggested a Board Committee so they talk amongst themselves, and it should have a strong monitor from the LBEs. Mr. Guy Mickley volunteered for the job,

A motion to form a Local Board Committee was made by Mr. Reider White and seconded by Mr. Barry Jackson. All were in favor of it and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

2025 Conference:

The conference is scheduled for May 4 – May 9, 2025 in Ocean City and a contract has been signed.

Ms. Erin Perrone would like to hire a Conference Planner to handle hotel, food and parking etc. The conference planning committee would handle speakers and logistics.

Mr. Barry Jackson asked why we are changing what we are doing. Ms. Goldman stated the issues that they had with the last outside conference planner. She was never around when we needed her to be and when she did help, she messed up everything. Ms. Teresa Womble agreed with Ms. Goldman. Ms. Goldman stated that she feels it should stay in house. Ms. Zsamie Williams, (Howard County), agreed because we know what we need, and an outsider does not. Ms. Monica Fields, (Howard County), disagreed and felt we should hire someone who can be super hyper focused on what is needed. Mr. Reider White suggested to have a chair and sub committees under the Chair/Planner. Ms. Chrissy Jones (Queen Annes County) agreed that the conference planner should be the Chair of the committee and not have to pass everything by the Board. Ms. Stephanie Taylor agreed unless the cost is more than \$1000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Establishing MAEO as an Official Recognized Organization in Maryland:

Ms. Erin Perrone opened the floor for this discussion. It was an open and lively discussion. The outcome was we need to hire an Independent Counsel to help us figure this out. We need to figure out which 501 we need to be to continue to testify on legislation.

OPEN SESSION:

Mr. Barry Jackson, reported on the LAC and EAC. He and Ms. Ruie Lavoie are the local members for Maryland. Mr. Guy Mickley is on the Standards Board, but nothing really had come up and it's been a while since they had a meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Ms. Erin Perrone would like to set a definitive time each month for the MAEO meeting. It was decided on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. The venue will be decided however the September 17th meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Erin Perrone and seconded by Ms. Stephanie Taylor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.

Respectfully submitted



Abigail Goldman
Secretary

ATTENDANCE:

NAME	COUNTY
Erin Perrone	Carroll
Tae Frere	St. Mary's
Stephanie Taylor	Harford
Jessica Noranbrock	Dorchester
Abigail Goldman	Baltimore City
Barry Jackson	Washington
Kimberly Phillips	Baltimore County
Reider White II	Anne Arundel
Theresa Womble	Howard
Allison Murphy	Caroline

Amanda Beanblossom	Harford
Amanda White	Baltimore County
Anthony Gutierrez	Frederick
Barbara Wagner	Frederick
Cheemoandia Blake	Kent
Chrissy Jones	Queen Anne's
Colby Martin	Queen Anne's
Danna Archie-Williams	Baltimore County
Erika Penman	Baltimore County
Erin Fee	Queen Anne's
Gail Hatfield	Calvert
Guy Mickley	Howard
Gwen Dales	Dorchester
Jared DeMarinis	SBE
Jena Anthony	Queen Anne's
Jennifer Bartholow	Carroll
Karen Perry	Harford
Katie Berry	SBE
Kelly Eichelberger	Queen Anne's
Kim Spence	Queen Anne's
Kyle Durham	Queen Anne's
Lisa Nash	SBE
Matthew Mee	Howard
Monica Fields	Howard
Natisha Dancy	Baltimore County
Paul Noranbrock	SBE
Rich Jerscheid	Anne Arundel
Stephen Feryus	Harford
Tiffany Ferrell	Howard
Vernetta Madden	Howard
Wendy Atkins	St Mary's
Zsaim Williams	Howard