

## Maryland Association of Election Officials

### Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

September 17, 2024

MINUTES

A meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held in person on the 17th day of September 2024. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were properly provided.

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**:

Erin Perrone, President (Carroll County)

Stephanie Taylor, Vice President (Harford County)

Abigail Goldman, Secretary (Baltimore City)

Tae Frere, Treasurer (St. Mary’s County)

Barry Jackson, Board Member (Washington County)

Jessica Noranbrock, Board Member (Dorchester County)

Kimberly Phillips, Board Member (Baltimore County)

         Reider White II, Board Member (Anne Arundel County)

Teresa Womble, Board Member (Howard County)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Erin Perrone 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.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the August 27, 2024, meeting was presented Ms. Tae Frere made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. Teresa Womble seconded the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Ms. Chrissy Jones shared that there is a film out there called “The Election Official” and it premiered in Detroit at the National Association of Election Officials. Ms Jones spoke about it and it is being released on [www.time.com](http://www.time.com) today.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Ms. Perrone reported that Ms. Katherine Berry sent out and email about being vigilant while opening mail and to take pictures of any mail that looks suspicious and send it to Ms. Berry and isolate it.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Ms. Frere reported that she is inputting everything in QuickBooks so that we can see where the money is going and for what. This will make the association accountable for the spending.

**COMMITTEE** **REPORTS:**

Mail-In Voting / Voter Registration – Ms. Frere said they met once since the last meeting and reminded everyone to no to forget to send out their UOCAVA ‘s by Friday.

Ms. Taylor reported that she has found that third parties are pasting signatures on the applications, and she has spoken to Ms. Jennifer McLaughlin at SBE and it has caught everyone’s attention and their attorney is aware of it.

Tiffany Ferrell spoke about SB115.

Ms. Perrone send an email reminder to the membership and extended the deadline to sign up for two more weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

2025 Conference:

No update at this time but there will be one at the next meeting.

Independent Counsel – Ms. Perrone has received some referrals to attorneys who specialize in this. She also wants to establish MAEO as an official recognized organization once we find out what is involved.

**NEW** **BUSINESS:**

2024 Conference – Ms. Frere said a survey needs to be sent out on the 2025 conference on what the members are interested in seeing. Ms. Taylor stated that she was very uncomfortable with being around elected officials and she wanted to know what the benefit of MAEO is attending the MACo conference. Ms. Frere stated that it roughly cost $4000 for 2 members to go. Ms. Gwen Dales like to go to meet her local officials at a casual setting. She thinks it’s a positive expense.

Mr. Jared DeMarinis said that it is boarder line as being a lobbyist.

Ms. Kimberly Phillips made a motion not send a representative to the MACo Winter Conference. Ms. Frere seconded. All opposed.

Mr. Reider White modified the motion to say unless we are invited.

New motion by Mr. White: We will not send a representative to MACo until we are invited and will have a Board discussion about who we send to represent us based on the topics.

Ms. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Ms. Taylor made a motion to cancel the October and November meetings since we will be at the heart of the election.

Ms. Goldman seconded. The motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held virtually on December 17, 2024, with a holiday party in January to be held in Anne Arundel County.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Erin Perrone and seconded by Mr. Barry Jackson. The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am.

Respectfully submitted

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Abigail Goldman

Secretary

**ATTENDENCE:**

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| **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 |
| Teresa Womble | Howard |
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| Allison Murphy | Caroline |
| Amanda Beanblossom | Harford |
| Amber Ringgold | Harford |
| Amy Sullivan | Harford |
| Anthony Gutirrez | Frederick |
| Barbara Wagner | Frederick |
| Beck Seckler | Howard |
| Bill Blockston | Wicomico |
| Boris Brajkovic | Montgomery |
| Brittany | Dorchester |
| Charlotte Davis | Howard |
| Cheemoandia Blake | Kent |
| Cheyenne Richards | Anne Arundel |
| Chrissy Jones | Queen Anne's |
| Colby Martin | Queen Anne's |
| Crystal McGinn | SBE |
| Debra Brohawn | Caroline |
| Diane Loibel | Alleghany |
| Dionne Church | Wicomico |
| Donald Gather | Anne Arundel |
| Erin Fee | Queen Anne's |
| Fred Gleockler | Talbot |
| Gary Holmes | Cecil |
| Guy Mickley | Howard |
| Gwen Dales | Dorchester |
| Jared Demarinis | SBE |
| Jena Anthony | Queen Anne's |
| Jennifer Bartholow | Carroll |
| JohnMichael Gudger | Carroll |
| Julia Cox | Somerset |
| Justin Wall | Harford |
| Karen Benecewicz | Cecil |
| Karen Perry | Harford |
| Katie Berry | SBE |
| Kelly Eichelberger | Queen Anne's |
| Khalfani Blount | Prince Georges |
| Khystyna Bednarek | Harford |
| Kim Jones | Dorchester |
| Kim Spence | Queen Anne's |
| Kyle Durham | Queen Anne's |
| Larry Thomas | Talbot |
| Lisa Nash | SBE |
| Mia Faber | Carroll |
| Olivia Smith | Carroll |
| Paul Noranbrock | SBE |
| Richard Siejack | Anne Arundel |
| Robert Brady | Anne Arundel |
| Russell Hicks | SBE |
| Sloane | Dorchester |
| Susan Julian | St Mary’s |
| Tammy Willis | Caroline |
| Teresa Morningstar | Washington |
| Tiffany Ferrell | Howard |
| Veronica Fox | Wicomico |
| Wendy Atkins | St Mary’s |
| Wendy Maddux | Prince Georges |