

City of Hyattsville Board of Supervisors of Elections
Tuesday, January 10, 2023: 4pm
City Building, 3rd Floor Mayor's Office

AGENDA

1) Call to Order – 4:02pm by Zach Peters

- Present:
 - BOSE Members: Zach Peters (Chair), Erin Payne, Lisa Pineda, Juan Castillo, and Greta Mosher
 - City of Hyattsville Staff: City Clerk Laura Reams, Deputy City Clerk Nate Groenendyk
 - Hyattsville City Council: Councilmember Eduoard Haba (present for first 20 minutes of meeting)

2) Councilmember Haba - CM Haba joined the BOSE meeting to share his thoughts about the need for either an early polling location or alternate election day polling location in Ward 4 (or other Ward than Ward 2). Below are some of his key points and questions from BOSE members.

- CM Haba is concerned that VBM limits the places and opportunities for in-person voting for residents who do not live as close (particularly Wards 3&4).
- Wants to recommend the possibility of another polling election – either as an early voting option or on election day
 - Recommends St. Matthew's in Ward 4 – Ward 4 has voted there in the past
 - Also recommends any location that is easily found and accessible by residents for Wards 3&4
 - Does not recommend Hyattsville library in Ward 3 because of the accessibility barrier that is East-West Highway
- *Question from BOSE: Do his constituents not trust vote by mail?* CM Haba doesn't have any specific data/numbers on this, but he does know that some people in his ward just prefer to vote in person and find getting to the city building (due to jobs/logistics/etc.) on election day difficult, putting Ward 2 at an advantage over other Wards.
- CM Haba would like the BOSE to consider equity – how is VBM + only one polling location in Ward 2 giving an unfair advantage to those who live closer to the voting site?
- BOSE members thanked Councilmember Haba for his time and thoughts about polling locations and said BOSE would follow up via email shortly.
- Follow-up Actions:
 - Draft a response to CM Haba based on BOSE's recommendation on an additional or early voting site
 - Follow up about a Spanish language forum hosted at St. Matt's or in Ward 3
 - Follow up about possibly placing a ballot dropbox at St. Matt's
- After CM Haba left the meeting, BOSE discussed the pros, cons, and logistics of what CM Haba recommended. They determined that Chair Peters would draft a response based on the recommendation and follow up via email.

3) Approval of Minutes: Determined that minutes for Dec/Jan would be approved at next meeting

4) Redistricting Update

- Postcard & Advertising - Postcards have been sent and redistricting info is out there!
- Update of County and City Voter Rolls – in process and a bit complicated. Should be completed by February 7.

5) Vendor Updates

- Ballot Scout – all set with them as in previous elections!
- Fort Orange Press – asked for a quote (likely 30k) – will ask for BOSE approval in February

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- Equipment & E-pollbook
 - ES&S can offer its usual services for the May 2023 election, as in past
 - Electech demo on Jan 17 – state has worked with them before, so has some credibility with them, but also they need to be able to be updated in real time
 - No Ink –
 - Takoma Park has purchased their poll pads and uses them. City Clerk Reams will try to set up a demo with TP and get their “live” perspective on using them.
 - There is a quote coming.
 - Would need to confirm file can be compatible with state requirements.
 - Graphics - City staff showed BOSE some graphic design/branding options for the May 2023 election and the BOSE gave their thoughts on the best options – all looked great, but preferred Option 1
 - Other Equipment needed? – Clipboards, paperweights, better tech for looking up ward locations of city residents
- 6) Candidate Packet Review
- Confirm dates for Candidate Info Sessions – calendar was reviewed and dates were confirmed
- 7) Candidate Information Video – determined that this video will focus on campaign finance because that is the most complicated/complex piece for candidates
- 8) Outreach
- School Outreach - High School – lunch registration and maybe a classroom presentation, still in contact with admins at NW HS
 - Future Voters – will vote on whether or not a hot dog is a sandwich – will receive a future vote card (with date of when they will be eligible to vote) and can take selfie in the “I Voted” area
 - I Voted Sticker Contest – rules and regs developed for the contest – will have winners for HS, MS, and ES with one final winner – BOSE to be judges?
 - Deputy City Clerk presented some updates to the No Excuses Tour and logistics for Election Fest (5-8pm election day in city building parking area – behind voter reg tents)
- 9) Adopt 2023 BOSE Meeting Calendar and Election Calendar
- Chair Peters motioned to accept 2023 BOSE meeting and election calendar – Board Member Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 10) New Business? Topics for future discussion:
- Ranked choice voting
 - VBM Ballot acceptance cut off
 - Alternatives to special elections
- 11) Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 5:03pm