

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
215 Bay Street
Easton, MD 21601
December 20, 2021

Present:

Board

Joseph Secrist, President	(R)
Walter Black	(D)
Richard Bulman	(R)
Wadella Thomas	(R)
Susan MacKinnon	(D)

Staff

Dionne Church, Election Director

Public

None

A Special meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on December 20, 2021. The meeting was held by videoconference and teleconference. The public was invited to listen by conference call and advised, via the Board website and on the agenda, of the procedure to do so. Mr. Secrist called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Secrist noted that a quorum was present.

Closed Session

Ms. MacKinnon moved that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters that affect one or more specific individuals as permitted under General Provisions Art. 3-305(b) (1). Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Whereupon the Board went into closed session at 1:31 p.m.

At 2:22 p.m. the Board returned to open session. President Secrist reported that the Board discussed a personnel appeal and took action regarding that appeal. The Board approved the minutes of the Closed Meeting of December 8, 2021.

Election Director Requests

This was the first opportunity for the Board to meet with Ms. Church since she joined the Talbot County Board of Elections. Board Members welcomed her. Ms. Church was asked to be prepared to discuss suggestions for improving the operation of the office at the January Board meeting. Budget submissions for the coming year are

due soon and she was asked to be prepared to discuss any needs regarding the staffing.

Meeting with Board of Education

Ms. Ryan reported on her communications with Dr. Kelly Griffith, Superintendent of Schools for Talbot County, regarding our request to be on the agenda for the January meeting of the Board of Education. The response so far has not been clear and Ms. Ryan asked Board Members for direction. She will follow up with Dr. Griffith seeking a clear response to our request to address the Board of Education at its January meeting and discuss with Dr. Griffith the possibility of a memorandum of understanding regarding the use of the schools for polling places.

Adjournment

Mr. Bulman moved adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Black seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Attested,

Joseph H. Secrist Jr.
Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., President

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Bulman
Richard B. Bulman, Secretary