

Ad Hoc Committee to Study the 2013 Municipal Election

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM

**Mayor's Conference Room (2nd Floor)
160 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, MD 21401**

COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Phyllis Culham
Allen Furth, Co-Chair
Classie Gillis Hoyle
Michael R. Parmele
Brandon Wright

Michael Dye
Kemp Hammond
Eric Lipsetts
Theodore C. Weber

ADVISORY ATTENDEES:

Eileen Leahy
Ashley Leonard, Committee Liaison
Cliff Myers

GENERAL PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

None

SIGN-IN / ROLE CALL at 6:40 PM.

AMENDED PLANNING SCHEDULE: Mr. Wright moved to approve the Amended Draft Planning Schedule for the Committee to change a work session date from May 4, 2015 to May 5, 2015. Mr. Parmele seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

JAN. 8, 2015 MINUTES: Mr. Hammond moved to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2015 Work Session. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve. Mr. Lipsetts then brought to the Committee's attention a change he wished to make concerning Mr. Randall E. Landis's remarks – Mr. Lipsetts wished to add "To which, Mr. Lipsetts responded" after the sentence about Mr. Landis receiving an absentee ballot count from the then-City Attorney. Mr. Hammond moved to approve this change, and Mr. Dye seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to change.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: The Committee, as a whole, generally discussed (1) campaign finance issues, including immediate reporting, limits, and professional volunteers vs. unprofessional volunteers, (2) absentee ballot procedures, including certified vs. registered mail, (3) clerical mistakes, (4) a more permanent City position just for election matters, and (5) codifying the presumption that every vote counts.

SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS: The Committee broke into its Sub-Committees to discuss division of work, scheduling sub-committee meetings and final reports/recommendations.

CLOSE OF WORK SESSION: Meeting ended at approximately 8:40 PM.