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## **VIRTUAL MEETING**

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS Minutes**

The Regular Virtual Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the City of Annapolis was held on May 20, 2021. Chair Leahy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Leahy, Member Cuffie, Member Myers joined the meeting at 7:55 p.m.  
Staff Present: City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge, Assistant City Attorney Leonard, Election Assistant Eckert

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Cuffie moved to adopt the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chair Leahy noted that no public testimony was received.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

##### **Certificates of Candidacy:**

##### **Ward 7 Annapolis Democratic Central Committee, David Frankel**

Member Cuffie moved to accept the Certificate of Candidacy for Mr. Frankel. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

##### **Ward 3 Alderwoman, Rhonda Pindell Charles**

Member Cuffie moved to accept the Certificate of Candidacy for Ald. Pindell Charles. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

##### **Ward 1 Alderwoman, Elly Tierney**

Member Cuffie moved to accept the Certificate of Candidacy for Ald. Tierney. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

##### **Election Update:**

##### **Vote-by-Mail Options**

Options discussed were 1) mail absentee (vote-by-mail) ballot applications to all registered voters who can opt to return them and receive ballots, and 2) mail ballots to all registered voters. Both options allow voters to return them and receive ballots via USPS, drop boxes, or in-person at a polling location. In-person voting at polling locations will be available on both the Primary and General Election days. Anne Arundel County Board of Elections Director Torre, Deputy Director Garreis, and Polling Place Manager Oltman were present for this discussion.

Member Cuffie moved to mail out ballots to all registered voters in the City for the Primary and General Elections; Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.



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### **Polling Locations and Drop Box Locations**

Anne Arundel County Board of Elections Director Torre confirmed that the County could accommodate the Board of Supervisors of Elections' proposal to have eight consolidated polling locations with a drop box at each location.

Member Myers moved to accept the locations as discussed for the locations for voting at the Annapolis 2021 Primary and General Elections:

Ward 1 – City Hall

Ward 2 – Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library

Ward 3 – Mount Olive Community Life Center

Ward 4 – American Legion Cook/Pinkney Post

Ward 5 – Pip Moyer Recreation Center

Ward 6 – Eastport Community Center

Ward 7 – Eastport Annapolis Neck Library

Ward 8 – Eastport Fire Station

Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

### **Curing of Mail-in Ballots**

Anne Arundel County Board of Elections Director Torre explained the County's process for curing mail-in ballots. Assistant City Attorney Leonard confirmed that said process conforms to Annapolis City Code. The Board will discuss the process further at its June 17 meeting.

### **Counting Votes by Mail**

Anne Arundel County Board of Elections Director Torre recommended moving the canvass date up so that mail-in ballots could begin being counted sooner than the current Tuesday after each election. Assistant City Attorney Leonard confirmed there is draft legislation to open the canvass earlier in order to tabulate mail-in ballots in a timely manner. The process is anticipated to take 2-3 days.

### **Election Judges**

The City pays election judge compensation by October 21, 2021 for the Primary Election and December 2, 2021 for the General Election. At-large Judges will be on-site at City Hall on Election Days. Update the Election Judge Application to be consistent with the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections current form.

### **Ballot Questions:**

The Board has not received any formal requests for ballot questions.

### **Campaign Question:**

Discussion of inquiry from a candidate's campaign about a holding a specific type of fundraiser. Assistant City Attorney Leonard will research further with Maryland State Board of Elections for further consideration and discussion at the Board's June 17 meeting.



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### **Legislation Update:**

#### **Independent Expenditures**

Draft legislation for the filing of Independent Expenditure Reports is in First Reader before the City Council.

#### **Annual Election of the Board of Supervisors of Elections Chair:**

Member Cuffie moved to re-elect Chair Leahy for another term as Board Chair. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Member Cuffie moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Susan Eckert  
Election Administration Assistant