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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 June 17, 2021. Chair Leahy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Leahy, Member Cuffie, Member Myers  
Staff Present: City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge, Assistant City Attorney Leonard, Election Assistant Eckert

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Cuffie moved to adopt the May 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chair Leahy noted six submissions of public comment: four on the topic of Vote by Mail, one on the topic of Annapolis Democratic Central Committee, and one pertaining to an Annapolis City Council matter; received via the Board of Supervisors of Elections – Comments Web Form.

##### WRITTEN Comments Received:

1. George Gallagher, 1212 Barbud Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403
2. Suzanne Price, 443 Schley Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
3. David Frankel, 929 King James Landing Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403
4. Michael Vernon, 1363 Morgans Ridge Lane, Crownsville, Maryland 21032
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6. Peggy Williams, 103 Wiltshire Lane, Severna Park, Maryland 21146

To view the actual comments, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at [cityclerk@annapolis.gov](mailto:cityclerk@annapolis.gov).

#### DISCUSSION:

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

##### **Ward 6 Alderman, George Michael Gallagher**

Member Myers moved to accept the Certificate of Candidacy for Mr. Gallagher, subject to adding the name of the campaign fund to the Certificate of Candidacy. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

##### **Ward 2 Annapolis Democratic Central Committee Member, Joshua Falk**

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

##### **Ward 8 Alderwoman, Kathleen (Kati) George**

Member Myers moved to accept the Certificate of Candidacy for Ms. George. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.



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The Board will hold a Special Meeting on July 26, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. to review and approve Certificates of Candidacy received after the regularly scheduled meeting on July 15, 2021.

### **Election Communications/Outreach Plan**

Public Information Officer Stephenson reported on various resources available, and the plan to inform citizens about the importance of voting in City elections, voter registration, Vote by Mail, and Election Day in-person voting.

### **Municipal Election Preparation Plan**

Office of Emergency Management Deputy Director Mandell presented a draft of the proposed City of Annapolis 2021 Municipal Elections Preparation Plan. The aspects of the Plan pertaining to election judges will need to integrate with applicable training materials. The Plan will include a statement that all elections staff and the public are required to abide by the COVID-19 rules in effect at Election time. An updated draft of the Plan will be presented for the Board's approval at or before the Board's July meeting.

### **Election Update:**

**Memorandum of Understanding between City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Board of Elections.** Assistant City Attorney Leonard reported that the County has one additional change, which will go to the County Board for approval on June 22, 2021.

**Vote-by-mail election option.** Chair Leahy noted this agenda item was discussed and included as part of the Memorandum of Understanding agenda item at last month's meeting as it had been for several months previously. Quorum was present for the vote at the May 2021 meeting. No further motions were made. Member Myers posed questions regarding the process used to update voter registration records and the effect on Mail-in Ballots. Chair Leahy asked Member Myers if he would conduct research on this topic and prepare a plan or report his findings to the Board for the July meeting.

**Election Procedures.** City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge will confirm Anne Arundel County Board of Elections procedure for handling returned ballots that are missing the oath signature.

### **Campaign Question:**

Assistant City Attorney Leonard has not received a response from Maryland State Board of Elections regarding her question about a specific type of campaign fundraiser proposed by one of the candidates. Elections Assistant will inquire with candidate as to whether or not this fundraiser remains under consideration by the campaign.

### **Legislation Update:**

**O-15-21 Elections - Independent Expenditures Report.** Approved at the Rules and City Government Committee meeting on June 8, 2021.

**O-18-21 Municipal Elections – Canvassing.** Ald. Savidge proposed an amendment to change the canvass start date from Wednesday to Thursday after the election. Amendment is no longer necessary per change to Anne Arundel County Board of Elections requirements. Chair Leahy will contact Ald. Savidge about pulling the amendment

Member Myers moved to strike the amendment. SECONDED. Carried on voice vote.



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**O-20-21 Non-Partisan Elections.** Did not pass City Council vote.

**CA-2-21 Non-Partisan Elections.** Did not pass City Council vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Member Myers moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:18 p.m. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Susan Eckert  
Election Administration Assistant