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Director

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Deputy Director

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AGENDA

January 15, 2025

Public Attendance in Person North East Room 1st Floor

1. Call to Order
2. Determine Quorum, Report Board or Staff Absences
3. Additions/Changes to the Agenda
4. President's Remarks
5. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. December 19, 2024
6. Director's Report
 - a. Director's Report
7. Counsel's Report
8. Old Business
 - a. Chief Judge Meeting
 - b. Manual Audit
 - c. Warehouse Reg Update
9. New Business
10. Announcements and Disclosures
11. Questions and Concerns
12. Next Board Meeting
 - a. February 19, 2025
13. Adjournment
14. Closed Meeting – Confidential Voter

Closed Meeting: Part of the meeting may be closed in accordance with Maryland Open Meetings Act procedures.

Public Participation: Members of the public may address the Board. Pursuant to §3.2C of the Board's Bylaws, public participation at a meeting must be pre-scheduled and pre-approved by the president. To request approval to speak at a board meeting, contact Hassan Aslam, Acting Director at 410-996-5310 or by email to kbenecewicz@cecilcountymd.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORT TO THE CECIL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
JANUARY 2025
Gary Holmes 1/15/2025

STATISTICS/ PROCESSING

- December Critical Oversight Report was completed for Wicomico County.
- Office has been processing a large volume of Provisional Ballot Applications from the election.
- The office has also been processing MVA/ driver record updates & death notices. During the crucial election period the system is locked down preventing us from completing these.
- So far for the month of January, the office has processed 58 Electronic Batches containing 1,450 voter records.
- The office has also processed 52 Scanned Batches containing 1,300 voter records.
- SBE has announced that the 'No Labels' party & the Libertarian party are no longer recognized political parties. We are in the process of notifying close to 700 voters of this change by letter.

IT/ WAREHOUSE

- Glenn Tilley who is with ES&S (our equipment provider) came & cleared all equipment that was on the Issue Tracker for repairs.
- Jasmine and Ashira will be attending Election Training Community (ETC) meeting at the Anne Arundel Board of Elections on January 31st.
- PEM (Post Election Maintenance) has started on all equipment in the warehouse.

CHIEF JUDGE ROUNDTABLE

- Thank you to Karen for coordinating this event and for Sheri for moderating.
- 9 people were in attendance plus Board Member Stephen Stiles.
- A comprehensive report of today's event will be available at next month's meeting. Highlights of today's productive meeting focusing on reading the judge manual, additional or more in-depth provisional training, what to do in the event of various scenarios, electrical outlets at polling locations, placement of Chief Judge tables, supplies needed, the new colored coded organizational system of the carts was appreciated and beneficial, security- fire alarm situations etc.

OUTREACH/ COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Cecil Leadership Institute is still taking applications.
- Gary participated in an interview with a Maggie Pilkerton about election integrity. Maggie is a senior at St. Mary's College of Maryland and an employee of St. Mary's County Board of

Elections. She was researching Maryland's Election system for her senior thesis at SMCM. Part of her research involved conducting anonymous key informant interviews of Maryland Election Officials at the state and local level.

- Gary, Karen, & Sheri attended MAEO Directors Meeting on January 13th
- Gary attended a meeting on January 13th about the drive-thru voting proposal.
- Director's meeting to be held on January 16th.
- MAEO meeting will be held on January 21st.
- Gary will be attending the State of the County Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on January 30th.