

BOARD MEMBERS

MICHAEL W. DETMER
PRESIDENT

THOMAS M. CORKRAN
VICE PRESIDENT

JANET M. LIVINGSTON
SECRETARY

WILLIAM E. BATSON
SUBSTITUTE

RALPH C. LEWIS JR.
SUBSTITUTE



**DORCHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

GWENDOLYN H. DALES
ELECTION DIRECTOR

BRITTANY M. PHILLIPS
DATA APPLICATION SPECIALIST

KIMBERLY K. JONES
ELECTION INFORMATION
SYSTEMS SPECIALIST

HUBERT H. WRIGHT, IV
ATTORNEY

ATTENDEES: Michael W. Detmer, President
Thomas M. Corkran, Vice President
Janet Livingston, Secretary
Hubert H. Wright, IV, Attorney

Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director
Jessica Noranbrock, Clerk

ABSENT: Ralph Lewis, Substitute
William Batson, Substitute

GUESTS: Desvin Gabbidon, Regional Manager

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING August 9, 2017

Call to Order and Determine Quorum:

President Detmer called the meeting to order at 1:03PM, quorum was determined.

Welcome any Guests:

Desvin Gabbidon, Regional Manager.
William Detmer
Julianna Detmer
Alexander Detmer
Don Cannon

Report any Board or Staff Absences:

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Batson

Approval of Minutes:

- Mr. Corkran motioned to approve the 6/21/17 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Livingston.

Additions to Agenda:

None.

Election Director's Report:

- a. Budget: FY 2017 – June 2017 year/date/monthly expenditures.
Director Dales presented the budget, and informed the Board FY 2017 is complete, and the only money left in that budget was the State reimbursement.

Budge: FY 2018 – July 2018 year/date/monthly expenditures.

Director Dales presented the budget.

Old Business:

- Warehouse Leak:
Director Dales informed the Board the leak in the warehouse roof had been fixed.
- Early Voting Center Agreement @ Dorchester Center for the Arts:
Director Dales explained some changes in the contract with the Art Center regarding snow removal. Mr. Wright mentioned the Art Center's policy on closing when schools close for inclement weather. He was informed there was a clause in the contract addressing closings for inclement weather, and the facility remaining open for voting. Mr. Corkran motioned for President Detmer to sign the agreement, Mrs. Livingston seconded. President Detmer signed the agreement.
- Open Meetings Act – Training Certificate Status:
Director Dales reminded the Board one of the members must complete the training prior to October 1, 2017.
ACTION: Mr. Detmer will complete the training.
ACTION: Director Dales will check into what to do if the trained person is not in attendance for a closed session.

FYI:

- Ballot Image Audit – August 16th (96 Ballots):
Director Dales explained the process, and Mr. Gabbidon said they will be comparing the physical images on the server to actual ballots.
- 2018 MAEO conference – March, OC possibly 1 day in election years:
Director Dales explained the MAEO board is considering moving to 1-day conferences during election years.
- Possible 2018 Legislation:
Director Dales informed the Board the Election Day – Same Day Registration may be brought back up and new cybersecurity legislation.
- November 4th, 2017 Hurlock Election
Information was presented.
- Poll-book Pilot Counties: Charles and possibly Caroline:
Information was presented and Mr. Gabbidon told the State Dorchester is interested if Caroline County falls through.
- Polling Place Layouts:
Director Dales explained the new layouts to include new equipment, and BMD placements that are conducive to voter privacy. Mr. Detmer asked if we would be able to pare down any polling places. Director Dales said she thought that, legally, polling places must be within a certain distance. Mr. Corkran expressed his concern that the voters affected would feel disenfranchised.
ACTION: Director Dales will look at the law and see if we can possibly consolidate polling places.

Confirmation of Next Meeting:

- The next board meeting will be held in Room #110, County Office Building on Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 at 2:00PM.


Closed Session:

- Personnel Issues
 - At 1:41PM, Mr. Detmer motioned to close the regular meeting and move into the closed session, seconded by Mrs. Livingston.
 - Resumed regular meeting at 1:51PM.

Adjournment:

Mr. Corkran motioned to adjourn at 1:52PM, seconded by Mrs. Livingston.

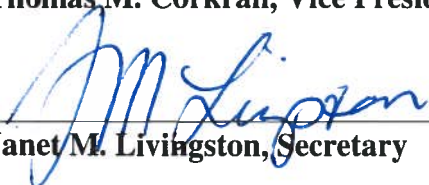
APPROVED:



Michael W. Detmer, President



Thomas M. Corkran, Vice President



Janet M. Livingston, Secretary