City of Salisbury Election Board - Minutes

Thursday, Sept 7, 2023

Salisbury HQS Building

Members Present: Susan Carey, Chair, Harry Basehart, Secretary, and Lou Rimbach.

Others Present: Kim Nichols, City Clerk, Julie English, Assistant City Clerk, Reena Patel, Esq., Law Office of Marianna Batie.

**Call Meeting to Order**

Susan Carey, Chair of the Salisbury Election Board, called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

The following motion was proposed by Ms. Carey: “To convene in Closed Session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter under the authority of the Maryland Open Meetings Law, Annotated Code of Maryland General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7).”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Rimbach and approved by the Board, 3-0.

**Closed Session Meeting**

Closed Session convened at 12:20 p.m.

Discussion topic: Residency qualification for Salisbury City Council candidates.

Adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

**Open Session Reconvened at 1:21 p.m.**

Ms. Carey reconvened the Open Session.

Dr, Basehart made the following motion: “Michael Lankford’s application for candidacy in the 2023 City of Salisbury Election fails to meet the residency requirement under §Salisbury Charter 2-2 – Qualifications and is not qualified to be a candidate in Council District 5.”

The motion was seconded and approved by the Board, 3-0.

**Public Comments**

Ms. Carey asked for public comments. One person was present and commented that the process had not been transparent.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Carey asked for a motion to adjourn.Dr. Basehart moved for adjournment. It was seconded by Mr. Rimbach and approved by the Board, 3-0. Open Session adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Harry Basehart, Secretary

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