

City of Salisbury Election Board - Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Wicomico County Election Office

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

Others Present: Kim Nichols, City Clerk, Julie English, Assistant City Clerk. From the Wicomico County Board of Elections (WCBE): Dionne Church, Election Director; Jocelyn Abbott Montgomery, Election Supervisor, Bill Blockston, Deputy Director, Jasmine Scarborough, Election Program Assistant.

Call Meeting to Order

Susan Carey (participating by phone), Chair of the Salisbury Election Board, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes of August 29, September 7, September 7 (Closed Session)

- Approved.

Wicomico County Board of Elections – Ms. Church

- City Election Timeline Review
- Progress is continuing with nursing home visits, updating of specimen ballots, and L&A testing (Logic & Accuracy). Testing of election day equipment is proceeding, scanners today and poll books later. Records of testing will be available.
- Public Demo of Scanners and Ballot Marking Devices is scheduled for the County Election Office, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3.
- Sample ballots will be mailed to registered voters beginning around middle of October.
- WCBE staff hours for the 2013 election is on schedule and should stay close to the original estimate. In 2019, total number of staff hours was approximately 400.
- Training of Election Judges continues with the last session on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

City Clerk and Election Board

- Write-in update. Ms. Nichols announced that Mr. John Foley is a registered write-in candidate for City Council District 3. Deadline to register as a write-in candidate is Tuesday, Oct. 24. Names of write-in candidates will be displayed, along with other voting information, at each polling place. Names of write-in candidates are not on the ballot. Only the votes for registered write-in candidates are counted; votes for non-registered are simply tallied as a group.
- Representatives from the Salisbury Election Board will participate in Supply Verification of a randomly selected polling place at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the County Election Office.

- Discussion of combining the Provisional canvass (Nov. 15) with the Mail-in 2 canvass (Nov. 17). City Clerk will research if this change would conflict with the City of Salisbury election code. (Mail-in 1 canvass is Nov. 9.)
- Ms. Church stated that delivery of voting equipment to polling places has been checked with the vendor and no problems have been identified. On Monday, Nov. 6, Ms. Nichols will call contacts in each of the five polling places to determine whether everything is ready.

Miscellaneous

- Challengers and Watchers observing voting activities should be expected at polling places on Election Day. They must present to the Chief Judge a Challenger and Watcher Certificate signed by their candidate.
- In past elections, over 200 mail-in ballots, including those from nursing home residents, were sent to registered voters who submitted mail-in ballot applications.
- WCBE will send certified result of the 2023 City of Salisbury elections to the Maryland State Board of Elections.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Wicomico County Board of Elections, 345 Snow Hill Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Harry Basehart, Secretary

Approved October 26, 2023