

## **Minutes**

Talbot County Board of Elections  
215 Bay Street, Suite 7  
Election Board Office Conference Room  
Easton, MD 21601  
*October 7, 2024*

### **Present:**

#### **Board**

Susan MacKinnon	(D)
Denise Lovelady	(R)
Walter Black	(D)
Gugy Irving III	(R)

#### **Staff**

Tammy Stafford, Talbot County Election Director  
Donna Hacker, staff member

#### **Board Attorney**

Lyndsey Ryan

#### **Public Attending**

Members of the public were in attendance

The Special Meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held October 7, 2024, in the Conference Room indicated above. Ms. MacKinnon called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present. She welcomed guests and reminded all of Public Comment protocols.

### **Review of Draft Letter to Public**

Ms. MacKinnon advised the Board and members of the public that the Special Meeting was called to discuss a letter to the public in response to concerns raised about the Board's assignment of election judges and compliance with the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Ms. Stafford advised the Board of a letter from Attorney General Anthony Brown to the Talbot County Sheriff in response to a letter from the Sheriff regarding the election in Talbot County and actions of the Board and Election Director. Ms. Stafford read the letter aloud. A copy of the letter is attached hereto.

After Ms. Stafford read the letter, Ms. MacKinnon asked the Board if a letter to the public from the Board was necessary in light of the letter from the Attorney General. After limited discussion, Mr. Black made a motion to replace the draft letter the Board was considering

sending with the letter from the Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Ms. MacKinnon, with Mr. Black, Ms. MacKinnon, and Mr. Irving voted in favor of approving the motion, and Ms. Lovelady voting against approving the motion. Having received a majority vote in favor, the motion was approved.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Black moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Irving and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Attested,

Respectfully submitted,



Susan MacKinnon, President

