

**Worcester County Board of Elections**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022 – 10:00 am**

**In- Person**

**Board Members attending:** President Ed Rodier  
Vice President Martina Barnes-Wharton  
Secretary Linda Moran  
Board Members Audrey Wahl and  
Terry Smith

**Office Staff:** Patricia Jackson  
Teresa Riffin

**Absent:** Attorney Lindsey West

- I. Before the Meeting was called to Order, Sherry Harrington from the Clerk's Office swore in the Board Members and the Board of Canvassers.**
- II. Meeting called to order by President Ed Rodier at 10:07 am. President Rodier welcomed guest Judy Butler of the Democrat Central Committee. Also he welcomed our new Board Member, Terry Smith who has replaced Kay Hickman.**
- III. Minutes from July 6, 2022 were approved by Ms. Wahl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Wharton**
- IV. No Correspondence to report**
- V. Fiscal Year Budget from July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 were approved by Ms. Moran and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Wharton.**
- VI. Old Business: Drops boxes are now in place for the general election at Snow Hill Board Office, Pocomoke Fire Dept. and Ocean City Convention Center. Four people have been hired to empty the boxes. General Election calendar was distributed and the Election Judge training was held on Monday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 and on Tuesday an Open House was held (along with online refresher training) for returning Judges.**
- VII. New Business:**
  - A. Board of Canvassers will be Chairman Terry Smith and Secretary Linda Moran.**
  - B. Early Voting and Election Day schedule and evaluation was distributed to the Board and assignments for General Election day was established. Ms. Jackson will make a list and forward to the Board.**
  - C. Canvass location – Snow Hill Board of Elections – A list of the canvassing dates was distributed.**
  - D. Board Meeting for 2023 calendar was distributed to Board**

**Discussion on and off during the with Judy Butler of concerns of the Central Committee, they were discussed and satisfied.**

**Mrs. Jackson brought up the ballot drop box pickup procedures and expressed her concern regarding the twice a day pickups that are to begin November 4<sup>th</sup>. She is having problems hiring teams to pick up the ballots twice a day. Mr. Rodier made a motion to pick up the ballot drop boxes once a day for the duration of the election, seconded by Mrs. Wahl, motion passed unanimously.**

**Mrs. Jackson discussed an email she received from Shermaine Malcolm, Personnel Officer at the State Board of Elections. Mrs. Riffin and Mrs. Jackson have an excess amount of annual leave and the State is offering to payout any hours over 600. Mrs. Jackson requested a memo from the Board agreeing to this payout, and all Board Members agreed to this. Mrs. Jackson emailed the memo to Shermaine Malcolm at SBE.**

**There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned by President Ed Rodier at 10:42. AM**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Linda Moran**

**Secretary**

**/s/ Edward Rodier**

**President Ed Rodier**

**Terry Smith being the new member stayed after and the some of the Board and Ms. Jackson and Ms. Riffin gave her a run down on how things transpire. She was very appreciative of our sharing and believe it was very helpful to her.**