## Cumberland County Board of Elections Board Meeting July 18, 2023

The Board Meeting was called to order by Director Amaro at 12:00 p.m.

Board Members in attendance were Chair Grimes, Member Devore, Member King and prospective Member Edmonds.

Staff in attendance are Director Amaro, Staff Member Hilburn, Staff Member Roberts, Staff Member Hill, Staff Member Powers.

The induction ceremony for board members was held. Member Devore was sworn in by Judge Tyson. Members King and Edmonds were sworn in by Reverend Stackhouse. Chair Grimes was sworn in by Judge Britt.

(Member Baker was unable to attend and was sworn in at a later date).

Invocation was offered by Member Devore.

**Action:** Member King moves to approve the agenda.(second by Member Edmonds) Vote is unanimous in favor.

## **New Business:**

**Action:** Member King moves to nominate Member Edmonds as Secretary (second by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor.

**Action:** Member Devore moves to set the Board's meeting day and time to be the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (there is no second). Motion dies.

**Action:** Member King moves to set the Board's meeting day and time to be the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. (second by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Member Devore suggests that the wording for paragraph 13 of the Delegation of Authority be reviewed. Assistant County Attorney Nelson suggests alternate wording.

**Action:** Member Devore moves to adopt the Delegation of Authority with change the wording in paragraph 13 as suggested by Assistant County Attorney Nelson. (second by Member King). Vote is unanimous in favor.

**Action:** Member Devore moves to adopt the current Duplication Plan. (second by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor.

**Action:** Member Devore moves to adopt the current Public Comment Policy. (second by Member King). Vote is unanimous in favor.

**Action:** Member Devore moves to adopt the current Memorandum of Understanding. (second by Member King). Vote is unanimous in favor.

**Action:** Member King moves to approve the minutes of May 9 and July 7, 2023. (second by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor.

**Action:** Member Devore moves to approve the previous Board's actions. (second by Member King). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Director Amaro explains that staff recommends that Alderman precinct be divided due to an increase in population in the area. Staff recommendation is that it be divided into three precincts; the new polling locations would be Gray's Creek Middle School and Grays Creek Fire Station #18. J.D. Pone Recreation Center (the original Alderman precinct location) will continue to be used.

**Action:** Member King moves to split Alderman precinct into three separate precincts due to the increase in population. (second by Member Devore). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Director Amaro explains that some precincts have a very small number of voters that are eligible to vote in the upcoming municipal elections (the rest of their voters are in the county and will not be voting). Staff recommends that those voters be transferred to adjacent precincts.

**Action:** Member Devore moves to accept all transfer recommendations by staff. (second by Member King). Vote is unanimous in favor.

**Action:** Member King moves to set a meeting on July 25th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss One Stop Voting for the Municipal Election and Primary for the Municipal Election (second by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor.

*Motion to Adjourn: Member King (second by Member Devore)* 

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Derek Edmonds** 

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