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MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS **REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING** **APRIL 7, 2022**

The Public Meeting of the Middlesex County Board of Elections was called to order by Chairman Engel at 5:00 p.m. Flag salute followed.

Maria Tani called the roll as follows:

Chairman Engel (present)	Commissioner Frankel (present)
Commissioner Katz (present)	Commissioner Moskowitz (present)
Commissioner Jalloh (present)	Commissioner Bengivenga (absent)

In attendance were:	Staff:	Thomas Lynch, Administrator
		Valerie Henry, Deputy Administrator
		Linda Palughi, Chief Clerk
		Sharonda Mc Farlane, Deputy Chief Clerk
		Kathy Goddard, Deputy Chief Clerk
		Maria Tani, Administrative Assistant
		Stephen Nyers, Supervisor VMB

Guests: Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick Today Editor

Motion was made by Commissioner Katz to approve the Minutes of the March Meetings. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. Voice vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Early Voting Locations

The locations are the same as those used for Early Voting during the 2021 General Election, with the following exceptions:

- Old Bridge Early Voting site is being moved from Veterans Park to the Old Bridge Library
- South Plainfield does not wish to be an Early Voting site

It was noted that the correct address for the Woodbridge Early Voting location (Acacia Youth Center) is Woodbridge not Colonia.

Motion was made by Comm. Jalloh to accept the Early Voting locations for the 2022 Primary Election as presented. Motion was seconded by Comm. Katz. Voice vote 5-0.

Primary Election Polling Locations

Deputy Administrator Henry reviewed the 2022 Primary Election polling locations. The locations are the same as the 2019 pre-Covid locations, except for East Brunswick, Highland Park, Middlesex

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Borough, New Brunswick, South Amboy, and Spotswood. Motion was made by Comm. Katz to approve the 2022 polling locations, which are the same as the 2019 pre-Covid locations. Motion was seconded by Comm. Moskowitz. Voice vote 5-0.

Deputy Administrator Henry proceeded to review the polling location changes as follows:

- East Brunswick – Districts 37 & 40 have been moved to Hammarskjold School
- Middlesex Borough – District 3 will be moved from the Library to the Middlesex High School. Districts 4 & 10 will be moved from the Recreation Center to the American Legion. District 6 will continue to be in Hazelwood School. District 7 will be moved to Von E. Mauger School. The Municipal Clerk and Party Chairs were notified and agree with these changes.
- New Brunswick – Ward 5 District 3 will remain at the Hungarian Heritage Center until Providence Square is open.
- South Amboy – A request was received for a permanent change to use the Middle High School and Senior Center. Party Chairs were notified and agree with the changes.
- Spotswood – Districts 1 & 4 will be at the Knights of Columbus, District 2 will be at the Polish American Club, Districts 3 & 5 will be at the VFW, District 6 will be at the Municipal Building and District 7 will be at the Clearwater Village Clubhouse.

Motion was made by Comm. Katz to approve all polling location changes as presented. Motion was seconded by Comm. Jalloh. Voice vote 5-0.

The Highland Park polling locations are still outstanding. Staff is working with the Municipal Clerk and Mayor on the polling locations to accommodate the Congregation Ohav Emeth's 4 voting districts for the Primary Election.

Master Poll Workers

Administrator Lynch reviewed the Master Poll Worker Outline. He is suggesting an expansion of the master poll worker program or creating a seasonal master poll worker program. The duties of the seasonal master poll worker would include for example assisting with the setup of polling place sites, being a point of contact for poll workers and Board of Elections staff. It would be either a proposal to do it as a pilot program or as an expansion for the Primary Election. Administrator Lynch will speak with the Municipal Clerks and identify who would be interested.

Administration Reports

Steve Nyers – Supervisor VMB

Mr. Nyers reviewed his written report. No additional items were discussed.

Linda Palughi - Chief Clerk

Ms. Palughi reviewed her written report. No additional items were discussed.

Thomas Lynch – Administrator

Administrator Lynch reviewed his written report. The following additional item was discussed:

- The Commissioners approved moving the Perth Amboy drop box from the Public Safety Building to the YMCA building.

Commissioner Comments

None

Public Comment

Charlie Kratovil made inquiries related to the process of moving the Perth Amboy drop box. He also made comments related to the Piscataway Rewarding.

Motion was made by Comm. Katz adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Comm. Moskowitz. Voice vote 5-0.