

BOARD OF ELECTION MEETING
4/15/2021

1. Darius Maynard was elected Chair of the new Board of Election by its members.
2. Mayor Lester Miller has yet to act on recommendations sent to him for the appointment of the Member at Large (MAL). The new Board took office April 1, 2021. The County Attorney William Nolan reviewed the process: the Mayor reviews the names submitted by the outgoing Board of Elections and makes a recommendation to the Commission to vote for. If the Commission can't agree on that person it goes back to the Mayor who then has to make another recommendation. So far no name has been submitted to the Commission by the Mayor. Mike Kaplan will continue to serve as MAL until he or a replacement is selected.
3. The Election Integrity Act 2021 (SB 202) has put a large number of requirements and restrictions on local Boards, increasing workload and local budget needs. Boards of Election state wide are trying to put in place changes required by the new laws while they face court challenges and orient new and continuing members of the Boards at the same time.
4. The new voting machines also presents issues such as the increased number of pieces of equipment that have to be stored when not in use, the quantity of electrical fixtures needed to operate the various components at voting precincts, servicing requirements that can only be meet through Dominion, and required use of more expensive paper for ballots purchased through Dominion.

It continues to be an extremely busy and challenging time for our board of Elections.

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