

Macon-Bibb Board of Elections, called meeting, 2:00 p.m., 12/3/20:

From the very beginning of the (originally-scheduled) telephone conference, extreme audio interference from an unknown source made communication impossible. Eventually the meeting was disbanded to reassemble as a Zoom meeting, approximately 2:30.

Present: Mike Kaplan, Board Chair; Herbert Spangler, Vice-Chair; and members Rinda Wilson; Cassandra Powell; and Dr. Henry Ficklin. Several visitors were present, including Macon-Bibb Commissioner Elaine Lucas, and newly-elected school board member Juawn Jackson.

With legal clearance, the board approved the use of COVID grant money for hazardous duty pay for mandatory employee training in hazard-related procedures, followed by salary enhancement through the end of the year.

There was discussion of the need for improved safety precautions and the use of PPE (especially sanitizer, masks, and thermometer-checks) at Board office and voting sites.

Also discussed in this abbreviated meeting: the need for a decision regarding weekend voting before the January 5th run-off, although no decision was attempted today.

Meeting was adjourned before 3:00 p.m.

Claudia Kirkwood