



**ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION
MINUTES**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 5, 2024
17718 Virginia Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050**

Present:

Board:

Tammy Downin, President
Kandace Carpenter, Vice President
Donna Brightman, Secretary
Nancy Armstrong, Assistant Secretary
Claudia Martin, Member
Brian Kane, Board Attorney

Staff:

Barry Jackson, Election Director II
Teresa Morningstar, Election Deputy Director II
Sarah Hall, Election Program Specialist I

Absent:

None.

Guest:

None

President Tammy Downin called the meeting to order at 6:35 am at the Washington County Election Center, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Declaration of Quorum Present:

President Tammy Downin declared that a quorum was present.

Election Day Organizational Notes:

Barry Jackson stated that there have been more than 35,000 voters that have voted already either by mail-in ballot or early voting. The expectation is that another 35,000 or more may vote today. Barry Jackson is expecting polling places to be busy today but probably not have long lines.

Teresa Morningstar mentioned that there have been people who have asked SBE for the ability to put flyers in polling places. Barry Jackson noted that these flyers were claiming that there were issues with ballot marking devices and suggesting people vote by hand instead. SBE denied the claims on the flyer and has denied the organization from placing such flyers in polling places across the state.

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Donna Brightman inquired about the Election Day security for the office. Barry Jackson stated that there will be a deputy on the premises until midnight. Teresa Morningstar said the deputy will be outside until 8 am and will then move to the lobby for the rest of the day.

Donna Brightman stated that other LBEs have Narcan available for their canvasses and asked if Washington County would do the same. Teresa Morningstar replied that Narcan is always available in the office and the deputies also carry it with them.


Barry Jackson informed the board members that polling places may run low on provisional applications today and the board members will likely be sent out with extras for the afternoon to bring to them. Teresa Morningstar said that they will also be sent with extra voter assistance forms for the polling places as well.

Barry Jackson noted that all substitutes have been placed for the day. There are no additional substitutes available for today. Recently there have been many election judges calling out due to illness.

There being no other business, Tammy Downin called for a motion to adjourn the organizational meeting. Claudia Martin made a motion to adjourn the organizational meeting. Nancy Armstrong seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 6:43 am.

Compiled by Sarah Hall
Election Program Specialist I

Respectfully Submitted,



Tammy Downin, President 1/14/25
Date



Donna Brightman, Secretary 1/14/25
Date