

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1100 MERCANTILE LANE, SUITE 115A
LARGO, MD 20774
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022**

PRESENT: Roberta B. Deegan, President, Republican Member
Beatrice P. Tignor, Vice President, Democratic Member
Harold Ruston, Republican Member
Thomas J. Slezak, Republican Member
Lucille Gaither, Alternate Republican Member
Clement A. Gaynor, Jr., Alternate Republican Member
Terri I. Williams, Alternate Democratic Member
Robert G. McGinley, Board Counsel
Anita C. Jones, Board Secretary
Alisha L. Alexander, Elections Administrator
Daneen Banks, Deputy Elections Administrator
Susan Kreutter, Elections Staff

ABSENT: Jaime J. Vazquez-Saldana, Republican Member

This meeting was conducted using the "Go To Meeting" platform. Ms. Deegan called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and a quorum was present. Ms. Gaither was seated for Mr. Vazquez-Saldana. Ms. Deegan requested that guests identify themselves and then mute their location to reduce background interference/noise.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the hiring of the attorney and interview candidates. The Board Attorney should live in and be a registered voter of Prince George's County.

Ms. Deegan had requested Board Members to submit any additional names for consideration.

Ms. Deegan contacted several potential candidates and submitted resumes for Mr. Michael Adams and Mr. Phil Zuber. Mr. Zuber is a county resident and a registered voter in Prince George's County. Mr. Adams is not a county resident. These candidates are with the same law firm. Mr. Zuber is being considered as the "attorney-of-record" and Mr. Adams would perform the day-to-day duties, as appropriate. The State Board of Elections (SBOE) approved this working relationship.

Mr. Zuber and Mr. Adams provided background information and asked for questions.

Ms. Deegan thanked them for participating in today's meeting and provided some background regarding Canvass needs/requirements.

Ms. Alexander discussed the Canvass process, staff adherence to policies and guidelines, and the support needed from the Attorney to reinforce their efforts.

Mr. Slezak asked if Mr. Zuber and Mr. Adams had questions or areas of major concern.

Ms. Deegan commended on the awesome staff and the support we receive.

Ms. Williams noted that she is a first term on the Board and looks forward to a lasting relationship.

Mr. Ruston was pleased to hear that Mr. Zuber and Mr. Adams did not have a "dog in the fight" regarding elections, no outside pressures. This process is all about fair elections.

Mr. Zuber and Mr. Adams left the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Slezak, seconded by Mr. Gaynor, and duly passed to go into Executive Session at 5:53 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 6:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Tignor, seconded by Mr. Ruston, and duly passed to appoint Mr. Zuber as the "attorney-of-record" and that the duties be delegated to Mr. Adams.

A motion was made by Mr. Gaynor, seconded by Mr. Ruston, and duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Roberta B. Deegan, President

Anita C. Jones, Recording Secretary

Date