

MEETING of the Greenbelt Board of Elections held March 4, 2015.

Pamela Gregory, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.

Board Members Present: Chair Pamela Gregory and Members Jean Cook, Kathleen Gallagher, Steven Gilbert and Judy Ott

Staff Present: Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Minutes of Prior Meetings: It was moved by Ms. Cook and seconded by Ms. Ott that the minutes of the December 17, 2013, meeting be approved as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

2015 Election Calendar: The Board reviewed the 2015 election calendar.

Polling Places: It was moved by Ms. Cook and seconded by Ms. Gregory for the following polling locations for the 2015 election: Precinct 3, Community Center (Gym); Precinct 6, Police Station (Multipurpose Room); Precinct 8, Springhill Lake Recreation Center (Club House); Precinct 13, Greenbriar Community Building (Terrace Room), and Precinct 18, Turning Point Academy. The motion carried 5-0.

Voting Machines: It was moved by Mr. Gilbert and seconded by Ms. Cook to continue with the same voting machines used in the past four elections and retain the services of Election Connection for the 2015 election. The motion passed 5-0.

Early Voting/Absentee Vote Counts: The Board suggested counting of early voting and absentee ballots begin at 4:00 p.m. on election day and the ballot clerks be asked to report at 3:30 p.m.

Signage: It was suggested better directional signage be provided for the interiors of the Police Department and Community Center, as well as the exterior of Springhill Lake Clubhouse, so residents are clear where they are to go to vote.

Ballot Counts: There was discussion regarding the Board procedure of tallying vote counts from all the precincts on election night. It was agreed this would be further discussed at a future meeting.

Compensation for Judges and Clerks: It was moved by Ms. Gregory and seconded by Mr. Gilbert that the compensation for judges and clerks for the 2015 election remain the same as the 2013 election. The motion carried 5-0.

Voting Age: Ms. Gregory reported that the Cities of Takoma Park and Hyattsville had recently lowered the voting age for their City elections to the age of 16. Ms. Murray mentioned that the Youth Advisory Committee had been reviewing this idea. After discussion, the Board said the voting age issue was not something the Board should take a position on, as any change to the voting age was strictly a Council decision.

Adjournment: Ms. Ott moved adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Cook seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Ms. Ott adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray  
City Clerk