



Queen Anne's County Board of Elections
Board Meeting
January 26, 2023
Agenda

- I. Call Meeting to Order/Declaration of Quorum Present-Attendees
- II. Additions to the Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes - September 2022
- IV. Directors Report
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Redistricting Plan
 - B. Manual Audit
- VII. Correspondence
 - A. Registration Figures
 - B. Redistricting Draft
- VIII. Confirmation of Next Meeting- Mar 2, 2023
- IX. Guest Comments
- X. Closed Session*
- XI. Adjournment

Closed Session: Part of the meeting may be closed in accordance with Maryland's Open Meetings Act procedures.

Precinct Voter Counts Report

Precinct : All Status : All Status Reason: All Split : All

	TOTAL	DEM	REP	GRN	LTB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS
PRECINCT 01001	2415	686	1253	3	8	3	443	19
PRECINCT 02001	4702	1530	2203	7	24	6	894	38
PRECINCT 03002	9577	3074	4621	14	50	6	1747	65
PRECINCT 04001	4065	1163	1995	8	31	4	829	35
PRECINCT 04002	9011	2793	4270	27	49	3	1793	76
PRECINCT 04003	6220	1683	3104	12	36	1	1345	39
PRECINCT 04006	3745	994	1902	1	23	3	791	31
PRECINCT 05001	2767	859	1360	2	11	2	515	18
PRECINCT 05002	7415	2348	3498	9	50	5	1449	56
PRECINCT 06001	2408	562	1371	2	15	2	433	23
PRECINCT 07001	2941	1013	1269	4	17	3	613	22
Grand Total	55266	16705	26846	89	314	38	10852	422

Monthly Statistical Report

Last Transaction Date From: 12/01/2022 To: 12/31/2022

ADDITIONS TO COUNTY REGISTRATION

METHOD	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL EXACT DUPES
By Mail	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
ERIC Report	32	32	2	0	0	15	0	81
In Person	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Administration	54	125	0	2	0	112	3	296
NVRA by Mail	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Online Voter Registration	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	4
Provisional Ballot Change	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
Social Security Administration	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
State Designated Agencies	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
USPS Sticker	7	8	0	0	0	6	0	21
TOTAL	98	174	2	2	0	136	4	416

SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY ACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Confirmation Mail Process-NVRA	94	203	1	5	0	95	1	399
Death Notice	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Moved Out of State	5	12	0	0	0	6	1	24
Duplicate/Merged	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
County Transfer Out	-30	-55	0	-2	0	-33	-1	-121
TOTAL	130	272	1	7	0	135	3	548

AFFILIATION CHANGES

CHANGE	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
From	56	35	1	3	0	56	12	163
To	30	68	2	5	2	52	4	163
TOTAL	-26	33	1	2	2	-4	-8	0

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CURRENT ACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	11244	19876	47	230	36	8148	304	39885
ADDITIONS (+)	98	174	2	2	0	136	4	416
REINSTATED (+)	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	4
CANCELLED (-)	-6	-14	0	0	0	-7	-1	-28
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-30	-55	0	-2	0	-33	-1	-121
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	-26	33	1	2	2	-4	-8	0
* INACTIVATED (-)	-94	-203	-1	-5	0	-95	-1	-399
* REACTIVATED (+)	5	4	1	0	0	1	0	11
END OF REPORT TOTALS	11192	19816	50	227	38	8148	297	39768

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**INACTIVE REGISTRATION
 SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY INACTIVE STATUS**

REASON	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
ERIC Report	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Failure to Vote	178	305	2	6	0	187	2	680
Motor Vehicle Administration	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	8
Moved Out of State	3	14	0	0	0	5	0	22
Same Day Provisional	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
USPS Sticker	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Voter Request	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Duplicate/Merged	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
County Transfer Out	-6	-2	0	0	0	-2	0	-10
TOTAL	192	328	3	6	0	195	2	726

CURRENT INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	499	910	7	21	0	493	14	1944
* INACTIVATED (+)	94	203	1	5	0	95	1	399
* REACTIVATED (-)	-5	-4	-1	0	0	-1	0	-11
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-6	-2	0	0	0	-2	0	-10
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CANCELLED FROM INACTIVE (-)	-181	-322	-2	-6	0	-192	-2	-705
PENDING FROM INACTIVE (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INACTIVE	401	785	5	20	0	393	13	1617

**TOTAL REGISTRATION RECORDS
 ACTIVE AND INACTIVE REGISTRATION**

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
ACTIVE REGISTRATION	11192	19816	50	227	38	8148	297	39768
INACTIVE REGISTRATION	401	785	5	20	0	393	13	1617
TOTAL RECORDS	11593	20601	55	247	38	8541	310	41385

Monthly Statistical Report

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Address Changes Within Jurisdiction	252	
Address Changes Statewide	40099	286
Name Changes	220	38
Number of current Statewide voter registration application on hand		
Signature of person who prepared the report		
Other = Those individuals designating affiliation with a party that is not established under Maryland Law.		
		Unaffiliated = those individuals declining to affiliate with a party.

MEMORANDUM DRAFT 01

To: Queen Anne's County Commissioners
From: Queen Anne's County Redistricting Board
Date: February 2023
Subject: 2020 Redistricting Plan Report

Purpose of the plan

Every 10 years the US Census Bureau conducts a count of the population. Utilizing this data, Queen Anne's County is required to reexamine county commissioner voting districts to ensure balance and to make any necessary changes (County Code: Chapter 4. Board of County Commissioners, Article I. County Commissioners, 4-2. Districts: Redistricting Board). The goal is to have near equal voting populations within each of the four commissioner districts using defined parameters established by the Board of Elections.

Organization

The county appointed a seven-member board composed of three appointees selected by the commissioners, two appointees of the Democratic Central Committee and two appointees of the Republican Central Committee.

The appointments were made within one year of the release of the 2020 Census data:

Republican Board Members

- Gene Legg
- Tracey Lawrence
- Laurie Plemons
- Mike Arntz
- John McQueeney

Democrat Board Members

- Gene Ransom
- Elaine McNeil

QAC Government Support Staff:

- Todd Mohn: County Administrator
- Christine Jones: Board of Elections
- Jeff Thompson: Attorney for Board of Elections
- Beth Malasky: Information & Communications Technology
- Sam Stanton: Geographical Information Systems

The Redistricting board convened and at their initial meeting nominated Laurie Plemons and Gene Ransom to serve as bipartisan co-chairs of the board.

Milestone Schedule for 2020 Redistricting Board:

- August 2021 - 2020 Census Release date
- August 2022 - Appoint Seven-member bipartisan board
- March 2023 – Redistricting Board determines Tentative Boundaries and hold three (3) public hearings in North, Central and Southern Queen Anne’s County.
- April 2023 – Redistricting Board submission of a draft of Redistricting Plan to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners can then consider adoption of the Redistricting Plan via the normal legislative process.
- May 2023 – County Commissioner Public Hearing on Redistricting Plan
- May 2023 – County Commissioners Adopt the Redistricting Plan

Actions and Reports:

Meeting #1: November 2, 2022

1. Reviewed Census Data and existing Commissioner voting district boundaries
2. Reviewed schedule of work needed to be accomplished
3. Determined that the distribution of voting populations was acceptable within current district boundaries.
4. Requested information regarding demographic breakdowns by district, future building by district
5. Determined several dates for public hearings
6. Requested a response from the Attorney Generals Office concerning any known election violations in Queen Anne’s County

Meeting #2: (virtual by email correspondence) November 22-December 3, 2023

1. Reviewed the information requested by the board from meeting #1
2. Finalized dates for the three public hearings: Jan 17, Jan 18 and Jan 25 2023

Meeting #3 & Public Hearing 1: January 17, 2023

1. Held Public Hearing at Kent Island Senior Center, 6:00 pm
2. Received no public comment
3. The board discussed the inquiry (made by Gene Ransom) to the MD Attorney General’s Office of any known complaints regarding elections
4. Requested edits to the draft plan and presentation
5. Requested additional recommendations regarding future board members

Meeting #4 & Public Hearing 2: January 18, 2023

1. Held Public Hearing at Sudlersville Senior Center, 6:00 pm
2. Received no public comment.
3. The board requested additional information regarding future development

Meeting #5 & Public Hearing 3: January 25, 2023

1. Held Public Hearing at the Liberty Building, 6:00 pm
2. Reviewed draft Report to the Commissioners

Additional Information Reviewed by the Board (see additional attachments):

1. Demographic breakdowns for the 2020 Census results in Queen Anne's County.
2. Election District and Precinct Boundary Constraints (information presented by Board of Elections).
 - a. Election District lines have been in existence for more than 100 years and are closely tied to land records and deeds.
 - b. Election District numbers are part of the tax identification number attached to every property in the County and are mentioned in every deed presently recorded. These lines cannot be changed.
 - c. Election Districts and Precinct lines follow geographical features such as rivers, streams or roads. Election Precincts can be changed within the districts (but this is not the charge of this group).
3. Future residential development projects by district.
4. The Attorney General's Office confirmed there were no outstanding election violation matters in Queen Anne's County. Reported by Gene Ransom, Co-chairman.

Findings and Recommendations:

1. The Commissioner Election Districts should remain with the current district boundaries. The distribution of voters is more evenly distributed following the 2020 Census than in the prior census.
2. Queen Anne's County Commissioners are voted for at large therefore exact distributions are not essential since all voters can vote for a Commissioner representative in each district as well as the at-large Commissioner.
3. Demographics across the QAC Election districts is reasonably proportionate across all voting districts.
4. Based on future potential development in the county, the County Commissioners in consultation with the Board of Elections should consider legislation to allow future redistricting efforts to adjust boundaries down to the precinct level if needed.
5. The Attorney General's Office confirmed there were no outstanding election violation matters in Queen Anne's County.
6. The Queen Anne's County Commissioners should consider appointing at least one independent or unaffiliated representative to future Redistricting Boards.

7. The Queen Anne's County Commissioners should proceed with the legislative process to adopt the County Commissioner Election District Boundaries as the currently exist and as shown on attachment D.

List of Attachments:

- A. County Code - County Commissioners, 4-2. Districts: Redistricting Board
- B. 2020 Census for all Maryland Counties and Map
- C. MAP 1 – 2010 Voting District Map (showing changes from 2000 Census)
- D. MAP 2 – Recommended 2020 Voting District Map
- E. Demographic Maps - Countywide and by Election Districts
- F. Proposed Projects List by District
- G. Legal Advertisement for Public Hearings
- H. Meeting Attendance Forms
- I. Report from 2010 Redistricting Board



Queen Anne's County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2022

Present:

Bill Stoops, President (R)

Colby Martin, Staff

David Stevens (R)

Kim Spence, Deputy Director

Bill Seth, Vice President (D)

Kelly Eichelberger, Staff

Jane Sparks (R)

Jena Anthony, Staff

Chrissy Jones, Director

Erin Fee, Staff

Absent:

Mary Walker
Jeff Thompson

Public:

None

Opening:

Mr. Stoops declared a quorum to be present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Additions/Changes to the agenda:

No changes to the agenda

Approval of Minutes

No previous minutes

Directors Report

- We currently have 144 election judges signed up, and held a training and open house on Sept 18th and 19th. We will still have another open house and training on Oct 17th and 18th to train any additional new judges.
- Ballots have arrived and would start to be distributed to anyone who requested a ballot on Oct 3rd.
- Sheldon came from ES&S to conduct refresher training for some of the staff, he provided hands on training to the DS200 and expressvotes.

Old Business

David Stevens asked that we include the monthly statistics report. Chrissy provided that to him after the meeting.

New Business

None

Correspondence:

Voter registration:

Total: 41646

DEM- 11730	REP- 20674	GRN- 54	LIB- 247	WCP- 35	UNA- 8588	OTHER- 318
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Confirmation of Next Meeting:

October 11, 2022

Adjournment:

Jayne Sparks made a motion to adjourn. Bill Seth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted



Mary E. Walker
Board Secretary