

IN THE MATTER OF
REQUEST FOR REMOVAL
OF LOCAL BOARD
MEMBERS

KATHLEEN CAUSEY,
JULIE HENN, RUSSELL
KUEHN, LISA MACK AND
LILY ROWE

BEFORE THE
MARYLAND
STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION
Order No. OR 22-10

ORDER

Andrea Barr, a resident of Harford County, requests the removal of Baltimore County Board of Education (“local board”) members Kathleen Causey, Julie Henn (board chair), Russell Kuehn, Lisa Mack, and Lily Rowe for immorality, misconduct in office, and willful neglect of duty for actions related to Barr’s position as Chief Auditor in the Baltimore County Public Schools’ Office of Internal Audit. The removal request was submitted as part of the same document related to Ms. Barr’s appeal to the State Board regarding the local board’s vote on her employment contract. Because the State Board appeal and the request for removal are two separate actions involving different processes, we are handling them separately. Thus, this Order relates only to Ms. Barr’s request for removal.

COMAR 13A.01.05.12(A) provides that a “request to issue charges against a local board member may be filed with the State Board by the local board or by a resident of the county in which the school system is located if removal by the State Board is permitted by the statute governing removal of a member of that local board.” Pursuant to Education Art. §3-2B-08(a), the State Board may remove a member of the Baltimore County Board of Education for immorality; misconduct in office; incompetency; willful neglect of duty; or failure to attend, without good cause, at least 75 percent of the scheduled meetings of the local board in any one calendar year. COMAR 13A.01.05.12(B)(1) provides that the request for removal “shall set forth in a detailed affidavit, with all supporting documentation, the factual basis to support a statutory ground for removal.”

Ms. Barr’s request for removal is facially deficient. First, based on the address of record, Ms. Barr is not a resident of Baltimore County as required by COMAR 13A.01.05.12(A) and lacks standing. Second, the request contains no affidavit as required by COMAR 13A.01.05.12(B)(1). COMAR 13A.01.05.12(E)(5) requires the State Board to dismiss a request for removal that fails to meet the requirements of the regulation. Thus, the request for removal must be dismissed.

Therefore, it is this 26th day of July 2022, by the Maryland State Board of Education, ORDERED, that the request to issue charges for removal of Kathleen Causey, Julie Henn, Russell Kuehn, Lisa Mack, and Lily Rowe as members of the Baltimore County Board of Education is dismissed.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Signature on File:

Clarence C. Crawford
President