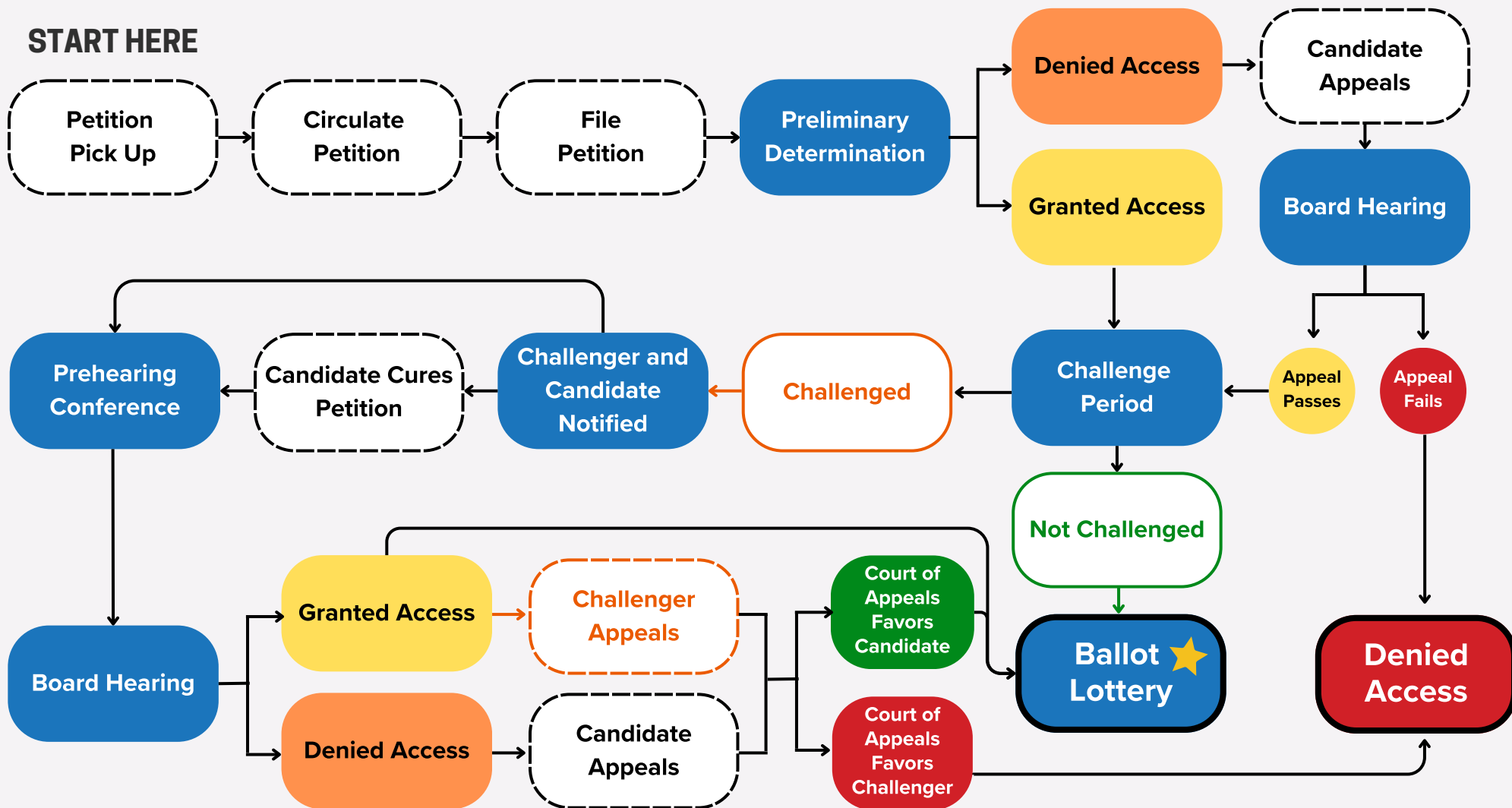


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Note: At any point, candidates can withdraw and end the ballot access process. Candidates who withdraw can still run as write-ins. While any challenge can also be withdrawn, if, by the time of withdrawal, the Board staff have reviewed the challenge and found it valid, the challenge cannot be ignored.

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Glossary

Appeal Process	The D.C. Court of Appeals' review of timely appeals by either a candidate or a challenger from a Board ballot access determination.
Ballot Access	The process to be followed by candidates who wish to have their names printed on the ballot.
Ballot Lottery	A random lottery selection that determines the order for printing on the ballot the names of candidates who successfully accomplish all the steps for ballot access.
Board Hearings	A recorded, evidentiary proceeding at which the Board hears contested cases, including ballot access matters, and makes determinations accordingly.
Challenge Period	A period during which any registered DC voter can challenge a candidate's qualifications or the validity of petition signatures.
Circulate Petition	The gathering, on a DCBOE-issued petition, of a sufficient number (the number varies by office) of valid voter signatures. Signature validity rules are included in the information packet provided to each candidate.
Petition Cure Process	A candidate opportunity to remedy or cure defects with respect to challenged petition signatures (for example, getting a voter's address updated or clarifying bad handwriting).
Prehearing Conference	A mediation-type proceeding with DCBOE's Office of General Counsel during which challenges can be clarified or resolved and evidence is identified to be offered to the Board at a hearing.
Preliminary Determination	An initial ballot access determination set forth in a letter and based on DCBOE staff's findings as to whether, on its face, a petition is numerically sufficient and that there is no other obvious defect with a candidate's qualifications for office.

Key

-  Steps taken by candidate to move process forward
-  Steps taken by challenger to progress challenge
-  Steps taken by DCBOE to move process forward
-  Conditional access to ballot lottery
-  Final access to ballot lottery
-  Conditional denial to ballot lottery
-  Final denial to ballot lottery