GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY
JULY 2, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the District of Columbia Board of Elections convened at 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., at 10:34 a.m., Deborah Nichols, Chairperson presiding.

BEFORE:

DEBORAH NICHOLS, Chairperson
STEPHEN DANZANSKY, Member
CLIFFORD TATUM, Executive Director
KENNETH McGHIE, General Counsel
WILLIAM SANFORD, Office of Campaign Finance
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(10:34 a.m.)

CHAIR NICHOLS: Good morning, welcome. I hereby call to order the July 14, 2000, July 2nd, 2014 regular meeting of the Board of Elections. It is Wednesday July 2nd, 2014 and the time is 10:36 a.m.

We are meeting in Room 280, North of One Judiciary Square. I am Deborah Nichols, Chairman of the Board of Elections.

Members present with me this morning, the member present with me this morning is Mr. Steven Danzansky.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Morning.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Also present on the dais is our Executive Director, Mr. Clifford Tatum, our General Counsel, Mr. Kenneth McGhie. And substituting for our director of Campaign Finance, who is under the weather, is Mr. William Sanford.

At this time I will move the adoption of the agenda for this morning. And
without objection that agenda is adopted.

Without objection the minutes of our meeting of June 4th, 2014 are adopted with minor technical edits, unless there are some questions or comments Mr. Danzansky wishes to raise? Hearing none.

Are there any Board matters which members which to raise in this public meeting? Hearing none we will move onto the Executive Directors Report. We will now hear that report from our Executive Director Mr. Tatum.

MR. TATUM: Thank you, Madam Chair. On the report today I have the updates on the July 15 election. The early voting in-person absentees started here in the 250 North on Monday. That period will run between Monday through next Saturday July the 12th.

We have an early voting site, Malcolm X Elementary School down at the, in Ward 8 that will be opened on Saturday. This coming Saturday.

We've mailed out two notices to
the voters in Ward 8 advising that there is a special election. First mailer went out on June the 15th, the second mailer went out on June the 27th. And we anticipate those mailers were mailed to actually every registered voter within Ward 8 itself.

The voter registration deadline for registering for this election was June 30th. And we are processing all applications that may have come into our officer to get into the system before the election day itself.

We have scheduled for voting, absentee voting at the jail on July 9th. There is a number of Ward 8 residents who are currently incarcerated at DOC, CTF.

We are going through our packing supply list and we have two physical inspections of the supplies for each of the polling places and we will have a third final inspection of those two items that still need to go into the bins.
So we will have that inspection after those two items are included. So we should not have any issues with the supplies for this contest.

And I think I mentioned the last meeting we had yard signs placed into Ward 8 on the thoroughfares indicating there's a July 15 election. Had signs on the back of Metro buses that are dispatched out at the Ward 8 garage indicating that there's an absentee election.

And we have signs on the platforms at the Metro Centers at Anacostia, Congress Heights and at the entrances of Southern Avenue and Naylor. And then we will have radio ads that will start this week on WHUR, Radio One.

That includes, concludes my updates for the July 15 election and general matters. The deadline for the initiatives that you'd want to submit to our office for consideration for the November ballot July the
7th, which would be Monday. And that will
start the application process once we get
those petitions, that petition is filed in our
office.

ANC candidates will begin picking
up on --

COURT REPORTER: Sir, can you keep
your voice up?

MR. TATUM: Yes. ANC candidates
will begin picking up their petitions on
Monday July 7th as well.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Hold on a second.


MR. TATUM: Madam Chair, that's
all I offer.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Thanks, Mr. Tatum.

We will now move to the report of our General
Counsel, Mr. Kenneth McGhie.

MR. MCGHIE: Okay, the first thing
I have on my agenda is final rulemaking to
amend the three DCMR Chapters 10, 11 and 14
through 17.
These regulations would establish a maximum number of signatures that the Board of Elections will consider on ballot measures and nominate petitions, and providing that the Board will accept only the number of petitions she said they had the maximum number of signatures allowed and will return the petition she's contending signatures in excess of that number.

The proposed regulations were published in the DC Register on May 9th. The 30 day comment period has expired. The Board only received one comment, that was from the DC Cannabis Campaign Commission, Campaign.

And I would urge the Board to, even in light of the concerns raised by that party, adopt the rules as a final rulemaking today.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I will entertain a motion to that effect.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Yes, Madam Chair. I move that we adopt the rules that
were published in the DC Register on May 9, 2014 relating the number of petition sheets, maximum number of signatures.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Motion is before us, all in favor?

(Chorus of Ayes)

CHAIR NICHOLS: All opposed?

Hearing none the motion carries. Mr. McGhie?

MR. MCGHIE: Okay, the second thing on my agenda is the petitions for enforcement. Mr. McGann and Mr. Sanford, petition for enforcement are to enforce the fines that will, for a levy by the Office of Campaign Finance for, against the following three individuals.

Frank Sewell for Mayor Committee and Dawn Cromer, Treasurer, and ANC Commissioner Tim Clark. ANCs single member district, 5E03.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Come forward to Mr. McGann. Identify yourself for the record.

MR. MCGANN: Good morning, Rudolph
McGann, staff attorney with the Board of
Elections.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right, for the
record could you please summarize for us each
of the matters before us for, just for, either
you or Mr. Sanford.

MR. SANFORD: I'll summarize --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Good.

MR. SANFORD: Mr. Frank Sewell is
petitioning, imposing the fine of $1,700 and
it's for Sewell. And it's a campaign, Sewell
for Mayor 2014, for failure to file a complete
statement of organization and failure to
timely file a statement of candidacy and
failure to display proper campaign literature
in violation of the District of Columbia
Official Code Sections 1-1163.071 and Section
1-1160.12(a) and finally Section 1-1163.15(a).

Mr. Sewell was informed of a pre-
hearing conference as well as the hearing
today by mail and by telephone. Mr. Sewell
responded by telephone saying he wanted
nothing to do with this preceding and that he wanted to be left alone.

        CHAIR NICHOLS: All right, you want to do these individually?

        MR. SANFORD: Let's --

        CHAIR NICHOLS: We have, you want to do them individually, Mr. Danzansky or you want to move them as a group?

        MEMBER DANZANSKY: Why don't we move on and just do them both.

        CHAIR NICHOLS: As a group?

        MEMBER DANZANSKY: Yes.

        CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

        MEMBER DANZANSKY: I think --

        CHAIR NICHOLS: All right, proceed mister --

        MR. SANFORD: Madam Chair?

        CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

        MR. SANFORD: I think counsel for Ms. Cromer is present.

        MEMBER DANZANSKY: Oh, okay, so let's move, I apply we move for enforcement of
the one --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay, for Mr. Sewell.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: -- against, yes, it's a DCOCF versus Frank Sewell for Mayor.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: I move we enforce that fine.

CHAIR NICHOLS: The motion is before us to enforce the petition of, for an order of enforcement and post a fine of $1,700 against Mr. Frank Sewell for, well against Frank Sewell for Mayor 2014. All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes)

CHAIR NICHOLS: All opposed? Ayes have it. Mr. McGann?

MR. MCGANN: Yes, I believe Mr. Wood, counsel for Ms. Dawn Cromer is present.

MS. WOOD: I am.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Come forward and identify yourself for the record.
MS. WOOD: Thank you. Sheryl Wood on behalf of Dawn Cromer, treasurer of Kwame for Chair, Principle Campaign Committee.

MR. MCGANN: This matter is a petition for enforcement filed in the Office of Campaign Finances imposing a fine of $45,000 for receipt of excessive contributions, failure to report expenditures, failure to negotiate expenditures through respondent's committee bank account, improper use of cash disbursements, failure to provide reports and/or statements, allow expenditures by a non-committee official and failure to maintain records, which is in violation of Campaign Finance Act, DC Code Sections 1-1163.071, 1-1163.074, 1-1163.08(a), 1-1163.08(d), 1-1163.09(c)(8), 1-1163.09(c)(9).

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. This is not a hearing, but do you have anything to offer for the record?

MS. WOOD: I would, certainly, and thank you, Madam Chair, and members of the
dais. Certainly Ms. Cromer has been cooperative throughout, and Mr. Sanford knows that, he was our hearing officer for the show cause hearing before the Office of Campaign Finance and so she was asked to come today. She did not want to ignore it, she wanted, but she was unable to come herself so I'm here representing her and I have throughout the process.

And she, the $45,000 was ordered. She chose not to ask for reconsideration or review of that fine.

At the same time the campaign accounts have all been closed, the committee is now closed. There are no funds left.

And quite frankly there really, an enforcement action, although, is something you could pursue, there really isn't anything to collect. And so we just come just making that clear to the Board that there are no funds remaining, there is no mechanisms for this fund to be paid by the committee on Ms.
And although she wishes that were different and expressed that certainly to the Office of Campaign Finance, there simply isn't anything she can do.

But she wanted to certainly appear, me appear on her behalf and not ignore what was sent. She did not see the pre-hearing conference email, but she did see this one and took action.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Thank you so much for appearing on her behalf. As you know this is a process that must run its full course. And this fine and petition for enforcement will remain on the public record until it is collected or not, it will remain on the public record.

Thank you so much for coming this morning, do appreciate your acknowledging the, and Ms. Cromer acknowledging the importance of this preceding. Thank you.

MS. WOOD: Thank you.
CHAIR NICHOLS: All right.

MS. WOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR NICHOLS: So I will entertain a motion to, or a petition for enforcement order to collect this, impose this fine of $45,000 against the Kwame for Chair Campaign, improper --

MEMBER DANZANSKY: So moved, Madam Chair.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right, the motion is before us, all in favor?

(Chorus of ayes)

CHAIR NICHOLS: All opposed? Ayes have it. Thank you --

MS. WOOD: Thank you.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right, Mr. McGann?

MR. MCGANN: Yes, ma'am. The final petition for enforcement is against the campaign of Commissioner Tim Clark, ANC/SMD in the District 5E03.

This is a fine of $150 imposed
against Commissioner Tim Clark for failure to file a timely summary financial statement of candidate for the Office of Member Advisory Neighborhood on or before February 11th, 2013.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right, so the motion, I'll retain a motion to order a petition for enforcement order against mister, Commissioner Tim Clark to enforce the selection of the fine of $150.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: So moved, Madam Chair.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes)

CHAIR NICHOLS: All opposed? Ayes have it. Are there any other matters Mr. McGann?

MR. MCGANN: At this time, no, Madam Chair.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right.

MR. MCGANN: Thank you.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Sanford. All right, Mr. McGhie?
MR. MCGHIE: Okay, the last thing on my agenda is litigation status update. The first matter is Libertarian Party versus the Board of Elections II.

As the Board is aware of, and as I have reported on numerous occasions, this is a, was originally a case involving a challenge to the constitutionality of the Board's, I mean the Districts circulators.

The Libertarian Party had challenged the constitutionality of having, requiring circulators to be registered to qualified electives. The Government has now changed the law on that and the only reason why this is still being reported is for, because litigation, because attorney fees are still pending.

So with the Board's permission I would like to take this matter off of our agenda from now on. There's no need for me to keep reporting on a case that just pending.

CHAIR NICHOLS: This --
MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay.

CHAIR NICHOLS: This litigation though has gone forward as a final, so this should resolve that matter. That's why this was left, well not left outstanding, but was holding up the conclusion of the litigation.

I have no problems with, do you want a motion or something on the record or what?

MR. MCGHIE: No that just --

MEMBER DANZANSKY: No --

MR. MCGHIE: No.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: -- seems to me it's been resolved.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes, unless it becomes an issue then I have no problem removing it. But at the time that it is finally concluded I would like a report --

MR. MCGHIE: Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- from your office on that for the public record.

MR. MCGHIE: Okay. The next
matter is Zukerberg versus the DC Board of Elections.

As the Board is aware of that case as well, that was a challenge to the counsels, the legislation that would have delayed the election for the Attorney General until 2018. Mr. Zukerberg challenged that legislation and the court of appeals agreed with Mr. Zukerberg and issued the order on June 1st, on June 4th directing that the District and the Board conduct an election for an Attorney General in 2014, unless it would not be practically possible for the Board of Elections to do so.

In the interim though the DC Counsel introduced legislation, it passed legislation on the second reading of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Support Act of 2014 in Subsection Q. And Subsection Q would direct the Board to conduct an election for the Attorney General to coincide with the November 4th general election and to conduct that election as it would a special election in the
District of Columbia.

So based on the counsels passing the legislation, the Office of the Attorney General went to court on the 27th and attempted to file a motion to dismiss the matter as moot.

The Plaintiff however did not want to have the matter dismissed as moot and, but instead wanted the court to give an order to the Board and to the District directing them that, directing them to have the matter placed on the election for November 4th. And as a special election.

So it was really a question of apples and oranges. And the Attorney General with a motion to dismiss and the Plaintiff wanting no instead, an order.

I don't know the rationale behind them wanting an order, other than possibility that maybe they could seek legal fees if they have an order directing them to place the matter on the November election as opposed to
it being dismissed as moot.

So in either case what the court did is they directed the parties to file a response to the Attorney General's motion to dismiss as moot and she will be taking that under advisement and rendering a decision on whether to dismiss it as moot or give an order directing that the Board conduct the election on November 4th.

And that would be my report on the Zukerberg matter.

CHAIR NICHOLS: That's interesting.

MR. MCGHIE: And the last matter is McMillan versus the DC Board of Election and Ethics. That is a case where someone is complaining about the Board not allowing or recognizing their name, The Rent is Too Damn High.

That is being, well the Office of the General Counsel will be filing a motion to dismiss on that for a lack of standing. The
person does not reside in the District of Columbia, they are not a registered qualified elector and they wouldn't have any standing to bring an action against us for not recognizing that name.

CHAIR NICHOLS: But this is not a political party? I mean, a registered political party either in the District of Columbia. That was the name of a slate --

MR. MCGHIE: Slate.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- on the primary election ballot of individuals running for the DC Democratic State Committee Offices. Right?

MR. MCGHIE: Which would be the more reason why this person would not have any standing to --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

MR. MCGHIE: -- object to raise any questions as to whether or not it would be permissible or not for the Board to recognize that name.

CHAIR NICHOLS: So, interesting.
MR. MCGHIE: So that conclude my litigation status update. Again, we will be filing a motion to dismiss for a lack of standing. And that would conclude my report.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. Mr. Danzansky, do you have any questions?

MEMBER DANZANSKY: No. I'm glad for the update on the Zukerberg case.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes, that was moot.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: That happened on the 27th, did it?

MR. MCGHIE: Yes.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: That hearing?

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes, what day what that? Friday?

MR. MCGHIE: Friday.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right, we'll move to the Director of Campaign Finances Report. Mr. William Sanford's going to provide that report this morning.

MR. SANFORD: Thank you. Good
morning, Madam Chairman, and distinguished
Board Mr. Danzansky. I'm William Sanford
sitting in for Cecily Collier Montgomery, the
executive director of the Office of Campaign
Finance.

During the month of June, June
10th was the court filing date for principle
campaign committees and political actions
committees that were registered with the
Office of Campaign Finance for the November
2014 election cycle.

A total of 119 PCCs and PACs were
required to file. The office received 102
filers on, that were filed timely and three
filers filed their reports late, 14 filers
failed to file by the required filing date.

During that month the Office of
Campaign Finance is public information, the
record management division referred 17
referrals to the Office of General Counsel for
failure to timely file. Also during that
month 11 new candidates registered for the
2014 election cycle.

And they include the following individuals. Kishan Putta, Kishan for DC At-large City Council.

Eric Jones, Eric Jones 2014 At-large City Council.

Carol Schwartz, Carol Schwartz for Mayor Committee.

Ernest Johnson, Committee to Elect Ernest Johnson Ward-1 City Council.

Gregory Thomas, At-large City Council.

E. Gail Anderson Holness, Holness for DC Ward-1 School Board.

Michael Green, Michael Green Mayoral Committee.

Courtney Snowden, Friends of Courtney R. Snowden At-large City Council.


Christian Carter, Carter At-large 2014.
And Calvin H. Gurley, Gurley for Council 2014, the At-large City Council position.

Additionally, during the month of June the Office of Campaign Finance conducted an entrance conference on the 11th of June and 14 participates attended that conference.

During that month the Office of the General Counsel received 17 referrals from the public information and records management division and they include the following.

New Dawn, Anthony Muhammad Treasury.

Carson-Smith for DNC, Winifred Carson-Smith, Treasurer.

Beverley Wheeler for Ward 1, Beverley Wheeler, Treasurer.

Martin Sterbal for U.S. Senate, Martin Sterbal, Treasurer.

Valentine At-large, Justin Flemings, Treasurer.

Anderson for DC, Acquenetta
Anderson, Treasurer.


Ward One Democrats Slate Committee, Lynn French, Treasurer.

Sewell for Mayor 2014, Otis Sution, Treasurer.

Jones 2014 Exploratory Committee, Eric Jones, Treasurer.

Ward 3 Democratic State, Robert Brandon, Treasurer.

And Ward 4 Democrats, Kimberly Tignor, Treasurer.

Youth Action Pac, Gabrielle Moise, Treasurer.

Metropolitan Washington PAC, Margaret Jefferr, Treasurer.

BB&T, Ed Simpson Treasurer.

Credit Union PAC of Washington, DC, Ruth White, Treasurer.

DC Political Action Candidate Election, Estelle Richardson, Treasurer.
The reports analysis and audit division conducted 138 desk reviews during the month of June and made two referrals to the Office of the General Counsel.

The RAAD division also carried a total of five ongoing audit and they include, Gray for Mayor and three periodic random audit which include, Bowser for Mayor, Tommy Wells for Mayor, Evans for Mayor and Orange for Mayor. Statement of Findings in the Orange for Mayor audit was issued on June 11th, 2014.

And audits issued during the month included an audit for the Council member Bowser CSF report issued on June 6th. Vincent Orange Sr. CSF report issued on June 20th and Ward 8 CSF report issued on June 20th.

During the month of June the Office of General Counsel received a total of 19 referrals. Seventeen of the referrals were from the public information record management division, two were from the RAAD division.

And the office conducted five
hearings and issues five auditors that include
the following. Two orders for fairly to
timely file in which no fines were imposed.
Two orders for failure to timely file in which
$4,000 in fines were imposed. And one order
regarding a motion for reconsideration in
which a fine of $500 was affirmed.

The fines were imposed against the
following individuals or committees.
Patterson for Ward 8, $2,000. Villereal
Johnson Democratic State Committee, $2,000.
Christian Carter for Mayor, motion for
reconsideration denied and a fine of $500 was
affirmed.

During that month there was a
total of $52,550 in fines. They included new
fines that were imposed against Friends of
Calvin Gurley, for $350. The Committee to
elect Ron Moten for $1,450. Nestor for Mayor,
$1,150 and another Nestor for Mayor fine for
$1,650.

The Office of the General Counsel
referred four petitions for enforcement to the Board of Elections General Counsel. And during that month we carried a total of five opened investigations from prior months and no new investigations were opened.

No show cause proceedings were conducted during the month of June and no requests from interpretive opinions were submitted to the office in the month of June. And that should conclude my report.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Thank you. So the remaining, I see on this list the outstanding fines. We've got the referrals for enforcement for Sewell, Duncan, I mean Clark and Kwame for Chair. So we should see the ones for Nestor for Mayor, Gurley, Moten coming soon?

MR. SANFORD: Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: As far as you know?

MR. SANFORD: Those petitions were actually filed on the, four of the petitions
were filed at the end of the month. Petitions
for committee to elect Ron Molten was filed,
Friends of Calvin Gurley was filed and Nestor,
two Nestor for Mayors were filed. They were
all filed on the 26th of June.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay, I see.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: 26th.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay, so it will
be a little, and the third Nestor for Mayor,
that is, when was that filed, do you know?

MR. SANFORD: That was filed
previously and it's still pending before the
Office of General Counsel.

CHAIR NICHOLS: But we don't know
the previous settlement? When? Come forward,
Mr. McGann. I just wanted to get, you know,
the calendar together so we can move these
forward.

MR. MCGANN: Rudolph McGann, staff
attorney for the Board. And yes, previous
filing with the three that were raised today,
there was a third filing or petition against
Nestor for Mayor. And --

CHAIR NICHOLS: For the $1,100?

MR. MCGANN: And the treasurer came in for a pre-hearing conference --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. MCGANN: -- on that matter and facilitated a settlement.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. MCGANN: I don't know if that settlement is still in place as of this time.

As far as I know that settlement is still in place.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. MCGANN: The previous matter, which would have been the third, two have since, subsequent to that, have come into the Office --

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see.

MR. MCGANN: -- and we're in the process of scheduling pre-hearing conferences.

CHAIR NICHOLS: What was Nestor, the first Nestor for Mayor settlement, and
this maybe a question you can't answer off the top of your head, but I'm trying to figure out why we have it under outstanding fines. Was the $1,100 a settlement?

MR. MCGANN: I can't say off hand, but what's going on is is that I believe the treasurer, there's a disconnect between the treasurer and the actual candidate or slash campaign, that he wasn't aware of some filings that were still outstanding and that's where the penalties are coming from.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay, well I want a --

MR. MCGANN: I believe.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I want report on where we are with Nestor for Mayor, the first Nestor for Mayor, you know, in terms of a settlement. Because it's appearing here as an outstanding fine and if that's not correct then we want to clarify that. And if it is then we --

MR. MCGANN: These are new fines.
These are --

CHAIR NICHOLS:  Well --

MR. MCGANN:  -- new petitions for enforcement that came in. The one I'm referring to --

CHAIR NICHOLS:  Is something else.

MR. MCGANN:  -- is another --

CHAIR NICHOLS:  Well then I'll go back to my question, where was this one filed? And we've said previously. So previously doesn't help me a lot, so I need to know when this was filed because I'm trying to put on the calendar when, some expectation of when these cases will come through to the Board if they are not settled for petition for enforcement.

So if some, Mr. Sanford, between you and Mr. McGann, would you please --

MR. SANFORD:  Well let me leave that with --

CHAIR NICHOLS:  -- clarify this for me.
MR. SANFORD: I think that was transmitted to the Office of General Counsel on the 28th of February with the other matters that were heard today.

MR. MCGANN: Right, and we held a pre-hearing conference on that one and then everyone was in agreement --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Just clarify that for me --

MR. MCGANN: Sure.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- in a memo as to the resolution of Nestor for Mayor and this $1,100. That would be helpful.

MR. MCGANN: Okay.

CHAIR NICHOLS: So that we can clarify this report on whether this is settled, it's an outstanding fine. Because if it's an outstanding fine then it is potentially to come before, even if you settle it, he didn't pay it --

MR. MCGANN: Right.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- then it still
becomes an outstanding fine. So if you could just get to that, that would be very helpful.

Thank you, Mr. McGann, thank you, Mr. Sanford.

We'll move on now to public matters. Are there any members of the public who wish to raise matters with us?

Come forward Mr. Turner. Thank you, Mr. Turner.

MR. TURNER: Robert Turner

executive director of DC Republican Party.

Madam Chairwoman, on behalf of Chairman Ron Philips, the DC Republican Party wish to transfer to you the name of person nominated by the DC Republican Committee, the governing body of the DCGOP, to serve as the official republican candidate for the November General Election.

Per our party put on record and as previously noted and agreed upon on by the Board of Elections by way or a March 14th, 2014 letter signed by Mr. Rudolph McGann, the DCGOP is within its right to appoint the
candidate for the general election of any
office in the event that no republican
candidate wins the primary election of that
year.

At our most recent membership
meeting on June 26, 2014 the DCGOP voted to
nominate Kris Hammond, a long-time republican
resident of Ward 5, as our nominee for counsel
chairman. It is my understanding that Mr.
Hammond is currently in the process of filing
all relevant documents with BOE, and the
Office of Campaign Finance.

We appreciate the Board's
assistance with this nomination and as we
consider other nominees for office, we are
mindful of the Board's September 8th deadline.
Thank you.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Are there any
questions for Mr. Turner?

MR. TURNER: And I'll provide an
electronic copy of that as well.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right, thank
you. Two to Mr. Tatum and Mr. McGhie as well.

All right. Thank you. All right.

MR. SINDRAM: I'm just in time.

You're happy to see me.

CHAIR NICHOLS: There being no

other matters before us --

MR. SINDRAM: I want to speak,

Madam Chair, Michael Sindram, I'm here, in the

public comments. Thank you.

Morning, Board, Michael Sindram,

disable veteran, served our Country more than

most. I'm coming before this honorable

tribunal, again, with the same issue, again,

about the fall panoply hearing.

I have in hand a letter that's

signed by John M. Thompson, Ph.D. Executive

Director Office on Aging. Letter reads as

follows and is dated May 14, 2014.

Dear, Mr. Sindram, it is a

pleasure speaking with you at the Mayors

Budget Town Hall Meeting at Turkey Ticket

Recreational Center. I wanted to followup
with you a conversation we had regarding DC Office on Aging's involvement with assisting seniors with the National Digital Television Conversion.

In 2009 DC Office on Aging partnered with National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities launched, Keeping Seniors Connected campaign. This campaign was designed to help seniors 60 years of age and older in the District of Columbia prepare for the National Digital Television Conversion that took place on June 12th, 2009.

Through this initiative DCOA, Office of Aging, work with volunteers to educate seniors on the conversion and assisted them with getting digital boxes installed in their homes. If I can assist you with any other matters please contact my office, 202-724-5622. John M. Thompson, again, Executive Director of office, DC Office on Aging.

The reason I bring this to your attention, Madam Chair and Board members, is
that as you're aware of Mr. McGhie, because
this precedes the current compliment, I had a
one-panel hearing with Mr. Lawry regarding the
issue of the grant that was given to Digital
Dynamo, Denise Roves, and then arbitrarily and
capriciously rescinded without anything in
writing.

The scuttlebutt was that the DC
Office of Aging duplicated what Mr. Roves
provided, which is not true. Because this
letter clearly points out, the operative word
is assist, right? Number one.

And Number 2, 60 and above. So
for disabled veterans beneath 60 or anybody
else, wouldn't count.

Moreover Ms. Roves provided the
actual components. Not the coupons, not the
mirror assistance, but the actual antenna and
television because I know she swapped out my
dinosaur, which was very helpful, but I still
have need for assistance is why I'm bring this
back to the forefront.
So I want to renewal my request
for that full complement hearing, Togo West,
that I'm entitled to it because I timely filed
and perfected the request. But because of
Harry Thompson's debacle, something's criminal
going on here and Mr. Togo resigned and now we
have what we have.

So I'd like to have an expedited
hearing, an advance on calendar to earliest
participle date. I'm going to pass up the
letter by Mr. Thompson. And also the
attachment that he had as well.

And I want to conclude, that grant
was given by ANC Advisor Neighborhood
Commission 4A, out of control. The chair has
entered into some improvident working with
some kind of contractor and he sits on
nonprofit's and votes on the Board to have
grants granted those respective nonprofit
which is clearly conflict of interest. Not
good.

I will mention his name if you all
so choose, we could talk more offline or have a formal complaint filed up. But again, I'd like to have this matter expedited.

Mr. Danzansky, we need an elephant in the room. I mean it's nonexistent. And moreover without an office, how can anyone, anything, any political party thrive, survive. They can't.

So help me help you help us. Competition is good. Any questions, I'd be delighted to fill them at this time. I didn't mean to bore you, Madam Chair, but you know, it's sweltering hot, I struggled to come down here, at least heath my few moments of shame, I mean of fame. You know, tender moments upon you, okay.

So again, if you have any questions I'd be delighted, smile, you're much pretty when you smile. I'd be delighted to fill them at this time.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I have no questions. Are there any other matters to
come before the Board? Hearing now this
meeting is adjourned, the time is 11:18 a.m.
It is still Wednesday July 2nd, 2014.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled
matter went off the record at 11:18 a.m.)
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