

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2018

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday August 8, 2018 in the Board’s Hearing Room, located in Suite 750, 1015 Half Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. The Board’s Chairman Michael Bennett was present, and Board Member Dionna Lewis also attended. Additionally present on the dais were Kenneth McGhie, the Board’s General Counsel; William SanFord, General Counsel Office of Campaign Finance; and Alice Miller, the Board’s Executive Director.

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

The meeting agenda was approved and adopted.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 were moved for approval and adopted without objection.

Ms. Miller gave the Executive Director’s report.

- The first matter on the agenda is the recognition of a long time precinct captain and friend of the board, Ms. Lilla Midgette.
 - Ms. Midgette has been associated with the board almost since the beginning of the board's history. She has worked with us as a precinct captain. She's worked with us and worked with us, I will say, for 51 years.
 - Her son who is sitting beside her and her granddaughter who is sitting beside her son, are also election workers. Her granddaughter Robin is a ward coordinator. And her son works in precinct 139 where she was once the captain for many years.
 - Ms. Midgette celebrated 95 years on July 24th. And that's an amazing celebration in and of itself and we do that separate and apart from her 51 years of working with us.
 - We decided that it would just be appropriate to recognize Ms. Midgette during this August board meeting timely for both her birthday 95th celebration and the time and dedication that she has given to the board.
 - MR. MCGHIE: We tried to find the first ballot that you actually worked on. So I made a copy of it for you. It's the election of May 5th, 1964.
 - MR. BENNETT: It is incredible that somebody has dedicated their lives and their time to something as important to America as voting as you have. And so on behalf of the city, on behalf of this board, I just want to thank you for that.
 - We had scheduled is national voter registration day event at the national stadium for September 25th. And they have reached out to us and asked us if Ms. Midgette would come and be a part of that event and help us register individuals to vote on the 25th of September at the stadium.
- Polling place relocations, Arlen Budoo facility support manager who has a number of precincts that he will recommend new locations

- Relocate precinct number 8 back to the Palisades Recreation Center. Construction and renovations have been completed. This location is located at 5200 Sherier Place Northwest.
- Relocate precinct number 14, the Mathematical Association of America Carriage House meeting space located at 17801 Church Street Northwest.
- Relocate precinct number 33 back to Murch Elementary School located at 4810 36th Street Northwest.
- Relocate precinct number 86 to Mount Moriah Baptist Church located at 1636 East Capitol Street Northeast.
- Relocate precinct number 93 to the Deanwood Recreation Center located at 135040 9th street Northeast.
- Relocate precinct number 105 to Benning Park Recreation Center located at 5100 Southern Avenue Southeast.
- Relocate precinct number 116 to THEARC west located, at 1808 Mississippi Avenue Southeast.
 - **BOARD ACTION:** The Board approved the proposed relocations for public notice.
- The next matter is the certification of the vacancy in the Ward 4 member of the State Board of Education.
 - Lannette Woodruff, Ward 4 representative for the DC Board of Education, was submitting her resignation for the Ward 4 State Board Education office and would therefore no longer serve in that capacity, effective July 31st.
 - **BOARD ACTION:** The Board declared the seat vacant. The law provides that the election should be held between 70 and 174 days of the certification of vacancy. The recommendation is that we hold the election December 4th for the Ward 4 member of State Board of Education.
- Today, August 8th is the deadline for all direct access candidates to file their nominating petitions and the declaration of candidacy forms with the board by 5 o'clock for the ANCs. Our challenge period for those nominated petitions will begin on Saturday August 11th and continue through Monday, August 20th.

Mr. William SanFord gave the Director of Campaign Finance report on behalf of Ms. Collier-Montgomery:

- July 1st, 2018 was a deadline date to file reports of receipt and expenditures for our constituent services programs, senator and representative statehood funds.
 - There were nine required filers for our constituent services programs, and there were nine timely filings.
 - There were a total of three required filers for senator and representative statehood funds and a total of three timely filers.
 - There were 47 reports of receipts and expenditures for continuing committees and political action committees; 26 were filed timely and the number to be referred to the general counsel's office is yet to be determined by the public information management division.

- On July 31st, there were nine required filers of initiative committees. Four were timely filed and the number to be referred to the office of the general counsel is yet to be determined.
- During the month of July, there were a total of 11 new candidates and committees that registered with the office of campaign finance.
 - James Butler, committee to elect James Butler for mayor was registered on 5 July. Ramses Davis office of Mayor was registered on 6 July. Eleanor Ory, echo for senate was registered on 9 July. William "Bill" Lewis, Ward-5 State Board of Education registered on 10 July. Chauncey Wreh, Wreh for Council from Ward-1 registered on 10 July. George Jackson, Office of Mayor registered on 10 July. Callie Kozlak, Callie for State Board of Education registered on, for Ward-1, registered on 13 July. Quincy Carter, Officer of Mayor, registered on 20 July. J.W. Adams, Office of Mayor, registered on 20 July. Kathy Henderson, Kathy Henderson for D.C. Council for Ward-4, Ward-5, registered on 25 July. Clayton Rosenberg, Rosenberg for Ward-6 City Council, registered on the 27 July.
- The Office of Campaign Finance conducted one entrance conference for new candidates and treasurers on 12 July.
- The audit, the reports analysis and audit division conducted 75 desk reviews including the following. 19 desk review for political action committees, nine desk reviews for constituent services, three for state senate or representative, 38 desk reviews for political campaign or continuing committees. Three desk reviews were conducted for independent expenditure committees, and three desk reviews were conducted for initiative and referendum committees.
- We do have periodic random audits ongoing. the candidates of the 2018 election. with respect to the January 31st, 2018, filing. Re-elect Muriel Bowser our Mayor, again, that was initiated on 5 March, 2018. Kenyan McDuffie, 2018, was initiated on 22 March 2018. The reports analysis and audit division also initiated continued and constituent services program audit of the evidence Evans Constituent Service Fund which was initiated on 7 May. And finally, the reports analysis and audit division issued an audit for Phil's Fund Citizen Service which was issued on the 26 July, 2018.

Mr. SanFord gave the General Counsel's report.

- During the month of July 2018, the Office of General Counsel received 4 referrals from the reports analysis and audit division. The Office of the General Counsel completed six informal hearings and issued three audits: order was issued for failure to timely file a report of receipts of expenditure in which no fines were imposed; one order was issued resolving expenditure by constituent services fund in which no fine was imposed; and one order was issued for failure to timely file a report of receipt and expenditure and which a fine of \$1,500 was imposed against the initiative committee entitled DC Recovery Act for Living Descendants of American Slaves.
- The office of the General Counsel received a payment of \$1,500 as an installment from Jeffrey Thompson in accordance with an agreement that has been reached.

Mr. McGhie presented the General Counsel's report.

- 12 matters filed in court today all involved petitions for enforcement of Office of Campaign Finance funds. at this point we're just waiting for the court to give us a date for a status hearing.
 - Gaston 2014, that was for \$1,900. The board against Carter-at-large, that was for \$2,000. The board against Bruce Majors, \$2,000; Harley, \$2,000; Davis, \$2,000; Garcia, \$2,000; Sharp, \$2,000; Bell, \$2,000; Whitaker, \$2,000; Majors, \$1,400; Carter, \$1,400; and Davis \$2,000.

Mr. Calvin Gurley presented public matters:

- The percentage of petition signatures required for the general election in comparison to that of the primary when we have just two parties being just democratic and republican. The required amount was 2,000 for the primary but is 3,000 for the general.
- Mr. McGann replied: your percentage would be always to submit more if you use the percentage as opposed to a set number in the law.
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Mr. Michael Sindram raised public matters:

- It was indicated by Mr. Sanford that the DC recovery act was imposed a \$1,500 fine. What was the reason for that? The reason for that was failure to timely file a required report of receipt and expenditures.
- Ordinarily what is the time frame, the amount of time, say for instance, Mr. McGhie, you would have to appeal a given issue just generically? For administrative proceedings, it's 30 days unless otherwise stated in the law.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.