

# **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING**

**July 17, 2026**

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board” or “DCBOE”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Friday, July 17, 2026 via Zoom and in the Board’s Hearing Room, located at 1015 Half Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, Suite 750. Board Chairman Gregory McCarthy and Board Members Karyn Greenfield and Michael Wakefield were present. The Board’s Executive Director, Monica Holman Evans, (“Director Evans”), General Counsel, Terri Stroud, the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”) Director, Cecily Collier-Montgomery, and OCF General Counsel, William SanFord, were also present.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

## **II. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM**

Board Chair McCarthy, Board Member Greenfield, and Board Member Wakefield constituted a quorum.

## **III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board unanimously adopted the agenda and minutes from the last meeting held on June 3, 2026.

## **IV. BOARD MATTERS**

Board Member Greenfield welcomed newly-appointed Board Chair Gregory McCarthy and Board Member Michael Wakefield and noted that the Board was again fully constituted with three members.

Board Member Greenfield also thanked Board staff for their work administering the June 16, 2026 Primary and Special Elections and successfully implementing Ranked Choice Voting (“RCV”).

## **V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

### **A. Certification of June 16, 2026 Primary Election Results**

Director Evans reported that 156,054 ballots were cast in the June 16, 2026 Primary Election, representing a voter turnout of 32.31 percent. She announced the candidates receiving the highest number of votes in each contest and stated that the complete results and party breakdowns were available on the Board’s website.

**Democratic Party Results:**

Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives: Robert White  
Mayor: Janeese Lewis-George  
Chairman of the Council: Phil Mendelson  
At-Large Member of the Council: Oye Owolewa  
Member of the Council Ward 1: Aparna Raj  
Member of the Council Ward 3: Matthew Frumin  
Member of the Council Ward 5: Zachary Parker  
Member of the Council Ward 6: Charles Allen  
Attorney General: Brian Schwalb  
United States Representative: Franklin Garcia

**Republican Party Results:**

Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives: Denise Rosado  
Chairman of the Council: Abi-Ananiah Predent  
At-Large Member of the Council: Darrell Green  
Member of the Council Ward 1: Jett James Jasper  
Member of the Council Ward 5: Jeffrey Kihien-Palza  
Member of the Council Ward 6: Jorge Rice  
Attorney General: Manuel Rivera

**Statehood Green Party Results:**

Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives: Kymone Freeman  
Mayor: Robert L. Gross  
At-Large Member of the Council: Darryl Moch  
Member of the Council Ward 1: Jude Crannitch  
Member of the Council Ward 5: Joyce Robinson-Paul

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to certify the complete June 16, 2026 Primary Election results as presented and posted on the Board's website.

**B. Certification of June 16, 2026 At-Large Member of the Council Special Election Results**

Director Evans presented the results for the June 16, 2026 At-Large Member of the Council Special Election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kenyan R. McDuffie, which was conducted concurrently with the Primary Election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kenyan R. McDuffie. Elissa Silverman received the highest number of votes.

Director Evans advised that registered voters, including candidates, had seven days from certification to file a recount request. She also noted that any person who voted in the election could petition the District of Columbia Court of Appeals to review the election.

The deadline for both actions was is July 24, 2026.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to certify the June 16, 2026 At-Large Member of the Council Special Election results as presented and posted on the Board's website.

C. Director Evans presented the [Executive Director's Report](#) for June 2026.

## **VI. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (TERRI STROUD)**

### **A. Rulemaking to Title 3 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations**

#### **1. Second Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking**

##### **a. Chapters 10, 11, and 14 - 17**

- i. General Counsel presented a Second Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking revising the rulemaking the Board adopted at its May 6, 2026 meeting. The Board timely received a public comment recommending that subsection eight of each affected section retain the phrase "good faith review" rather than the broader phrase "made in good faith." The Office of the General Counsel viewed the comment as offering a helpful clarification that restored the terminology previously used in the regulation, making clear that the inquiry is whether the challenger conducted a good faith review of the petition signatures and circulator affidavits.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to adopt the second emergency and proposed rulemaking and authorized its submission for publication in the July 31, 2026 edition of the D.C. Register.

### **B. Enforcement Hearings**

#### **1. In the Matter of Terrell Dance**

This matter was previously presented to the Board on June 3, 2026, at which time the Board voted to refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General subject to a delay for reconsideration. Following the June 3, 2026 hearing, Mr. Dance contacted OGC, appeared at a June 12, 2026 prehearing conference, and submitted a written request for reconsideration. Mr. Dance acknowledged that he intended to vote in Maryland. With respect to the D.C. ballot, he alleged that the ballot was sent to his father's address and that he did not intend to vote twice. Mr. Dance was offered a stipulated agreement with a \$100 civil fine but did not return the executed agreement. Mr. Dance appeared at the July 17 hearing and stated on the record that he accepted the stipulated agreement.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to accept the stipulated

agreement and impose a civil fine of \$100. The matter will not be referred to the Office of the Attorney General.

**2. In the Matter of Gary Lockhart; In the Matter of Britnee Scott; In the Matter of Louise Valentine-Simmons; In the Matter of Ayisha Owens; In the Matter of Jacqueline Threadgill; In the Matter of Jo Ann Elvis; In the Matter of Phillip Harris; In the Matter of Destiny Khalilgucci; In the Matter of Serena Gyi; In the Matter of Desdemona Harris; and In the Matter of Jenefer Ellington.**

General Counsel Stroud reported that the Office of the Attorney General advised that it does not possess criminal jurisdiction over alleged double voting and fraudulent voting matters involving federal elections, and that such matters fall within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. General Counsel Stroud recommended that the Board authorize the Office of the General Counsel to amend the previously issued referral orders to substitute the U.S. Attorney's Office as the referral authority in place of the Office of the Attorney General.

With respect to In the Matter of Gary Lockhart, General Counsel Stroud reported that counsel for Mr. Lockhart filed an untimely appeal challenging the Board's underlying determination in the matter. General Counsel Stroud noted that the Board's regulations require motions for reconsideration to be filed within ten days of the issuance of an order, and that Mr. Lockhart's referral order became final in December of 2025. She further noted that the amendment to the initial order to substitute the U.S. Attorney's Office as the referral authority does not reopen the underlying determination.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to authorize the Office of the General Counsel to issue amended written orders substituting the United States Attorney's Office for the Office of the Attorney General in the 11 matters, make any necessary conforming edits, reissue the orders to the subjects, post the order on the Board's website, and transmit the referrals to the United States Attorney's Office.

**3. In the Matter of Serena Gyi**

Ms. Gyi appeared at the hearing and stated that she no longer believed the Board was engaged in wrongdoing, apologized for prior communications with OGC, and maintained that she did not intentionally vote another person's ballot. Staff Attorney Pembroke noted that Ms. Gyi's signature appeared on a ballot return envelope issued to another voter at the same address and that the matter may be amenable to resolution through a stipulated agreement. General Counsel Stroud recommended that the Board rescind its prior referral order to allow further consultation between OGC and Ms. Gyi.

**BOARD ACTION:** Voted unanimously to rescind the prior referral order in the matter of Serena Gyi and continue the matter for further proceedings before the

### **C. Litigation Status**

**1. Stacia Hall, et al., v. D.C. Board of Elections (U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit)**

This matter involves a remand following the D.C. Circuit's June 2025 reversal of the District Court's dismissal, on standing grounds, of a challenge to legislation permitting non-citizens to vote in local elections. The matter has been fully briefed, and the parties are awaiting the Court's decision.

**2. Jason Christopher Long v. D.C. Board of Elections (D.C. Superior Court.)**

This action sought \$10,000 in damages arising from an overdraft fee allegedly caused by a stop payment on a \$500 check issued for the plaintiff's service as an election worker. On July 13, 2026, the Court granted the Board's renewed motion for summary judgment, dismissed the matter, and vacated all future hearings.

**3. U.S. Dept. of Justice v. D.C. Board of Elections (U.S. District Court for D.C.)**

This action was filed by the Department of Justice seeking confidential personally identifying information concerning District voters. The Board is awaiting the Court's decision.

**4. John Guggenmos v. D.C. Board of Elections (D.C. Superior Court)**

This was a challenge to the Board's decision finding that Initiative Measure No. 87, the District of Columbia Living Wage for All Amendment Act of 2026, met proper subject requirements and its adoption of that measure's formulations. On June 23, 2026, the court held a hearing on the dispositive motions filed in the matter. On June 25, 2026, the court issued an order from the bench granting the Board's dispositive motion. Plaintiff made an oral motion to stay the court's order, which was denied from the bench without prejudice to his filing a written stay request. On July 1, 2026, plaintiff appealed to the D.C. Court of Appeals.

**5. John Guggenmos v. D.C. Board of Elections (D.C. Court of Appeals)**

This matter is the appeal from the Superior Court proceeding concerning Initiative Measure No. 87.

**6. Douglass v. D.C. Board of Elections (D.C. Superior Court)**

This matter challenges both the Board's determination that Initiative Measure No. 88, the Rent Control and Housing Eligibility Adjustment Amendment Act of 2026, met the proper-subject requirements and the formulations adopted by the Board challenges the

measure's formulations. Pursuant to a briefing schedule issued on July 9, 2026, dispositive motions were filed on July 15, 2026, opposition motions are due July 31, 2026, and replies are due August 7, 2026.

## **VII. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT (PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR COLLIER-MONTGOMERY)**

- A. Director Collier-Montgomery presented the [Office of Campaign Finance \(OCF\) report](#) for June. The full report will be posted on the OCF website([www.ocf.dc.gov](http://www.ocf.dc.gov)).
- B. OCF General Counsel SanFord presented the report of the Office of the General Counsel ("OGC").

### **1. Monthly Intake/Output Report**

During June, OGC received 28 referrals, completed five informal hearings, and issued five orders in which no fines were imposed. OCF received one payment of a \$4,000 fine from the Mendelson for Chairman Principal Campaign Committee ("PCC").

### **2. Investigations**

- a. Docket No. OCF-FI-2026-004: Respondent Khalil Lee PCC. Campaign contribution reporting violations. An Order of Revocation of Fair Elections Program certification was issued April 27, 2026. Matter remains pending for further review.
- b. Docket No. OCF-FI-2026-006: Respondent Jakeline Maryori Reyes-Yanes. Failure to report expenditures and campaign contribution reporting violations. An Order of Revocation of Fair Elections Program certification was issued June 5, 2026.
- c. Docket No. OCF-FI-2026-007: Respondents Janeese Lewis-George PCC and Safe and Affordable Independent Expenditure Committee, Unite Here Local 25 and SEIU 32BJ. An Improper Coordination Order was issued on June 12, 2026.
- d. Docket No. OCF-FI 2026-008: Respondent YAZAM d/b/a Empower. No disclaimer on campaign literature and failure to register with OCF. An Order to Show Cause and Cease and Desist issued on May 11, 2026. Matter remains pending.
- e. Docket No. OCF-I 2026-009: Respondent A United Research Council. Failure to identify political advertising and failure to report an independent expenditure. An Order to Show Cause and Cease and Desist issued on May 13, 2026. Matter remains pending.
- f. Docket No OCF-FI-2026-003: Complainant Lauren Milord. Respondent Lisa Raymond and Lisa Raymond for DC PCC. No disclaimer on campaign literature. Order issued June 29, 2026.

**3. Request for Interpretive Opinions**

None

**4. Show Cause Proceedings**

None

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The discussion in the public comment portion of the meeting can be found on pages 77-97 of the transcript.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.