



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING
August 2, 2017

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday August 2, 2017 in the Board’s Hearing Room, located in Suite 280 North, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. The Board’s Chairman, Michael Bennett, was present and Board Members Dionna Lewis and Michael Gill were also in attendance. Also present on the dais were Kenneth McGhie, the Board’s General Counsel, Cecily Collier-Montgomery, the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”), and Alice Miller, the Board’s Executive Director.

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

The meeting agenda was approved and adopted.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on June 30, 2017 were moved for approval and adopted without objection.

Mr. Michael Sindram raised public matters before the Board:

- Mr. Sindram awaits a response to his correspondence to OCF dated July 9, 2016.
- Mr. Sindram raised a news article regarding OCF and the protracted case of Council member Todd. Mr. Sindram also raised a reported allegation that City Administrator Rashad Young tried to appease a top campaign donor to Mayor Muriel Bowser by urging city attorneys to quickly settle contract disputes between the District and the donor's company.

Ms. Miller gave the Executive Director’s report.

- By way of an update, the procurement for the new voter registration system has been assigned a contracting officer within the Office of Contract and Procurement Information Technology Commodities Group. The contracting officer has provided the Board with a draft project timeline that estimates to have a vendor selected sometime between the end of the calendar year and the beginning of next year.
- We have an Electronic Registration Information Center mailing that's underway. As a member of ERIC, we are required to upload voter DMV records to ERIC every 60 days and establish and adhere to a regular schedule for requesting ERIC data within a minimum of one request every calendar year. Duplicate records in the report show the duplicate records of 132 records and we also identified deceased records of 654 records. This is an ongoing process to make sure we maintain our voter registry and keep the records updated while we contact these voters through the 21 jurisdictions that we work with to make sure our records are maintained and vice versa.
- The Board is also implementing an E-sign petition gathering process where use of electronic nominating petitions will be an option for candidates for the first time during

the 2018 election year. In working with Denver, We are now to the point where we can begin our testing and begin testing on our process with them.

- The Board is anticipating to begin training interested circulators bi-weekly, starting October through the initiation of the circulation period starting in January. The Board is in the process of purchasing 100 iPads for circulators to rent.
- The Board actually did not receive the letter from the President's Advisory Commission on Integrity ourselves. That letter actually went to the secretary, Lauren Vaughn, back in June. It wasn't until last Thursday, which was on July 27th that Ms. Miller actually got the letter. The City Council, during the interim, introduced emergency legislation that directed the Board not to provide the Commission with any data at all. In sum, there is legislation that says that we are not supposed to provide anything. And so under the circumstances, since they said don't respond to the court cases that were pending, a response to them is probably inappropriate.

Mr. McGhie presented the General Counsel's report.

Mr. McGhie gave a litigation status report: The proponents of the One Fair Wage DC initiative filed an appeal in D.C. Superior Court on May 15th. The board has until October 9th to answer the complaint. In the interim, we have a scheduled administrative challenge on the initiative scheduled for the 10th. The remaining matters are pending in court and we are awaiting a hearing schedule on the merits. The other two cases are D.C. Board of Elections versus Carter I & II, and D.C. Board of Elections versus Worthy are petitions for enforcement of campaign finance fines, and those are still just pending.

Ms. Collier Montgomery announced the statistics for OCF as follows:

- On July the 10th in 2017, Ms. Collier-Montgomery presented testimony before the Community on judiciary and public safety of the Council of the District of Columbia on several proposals to amend the Campaign Finance Act.
 - One provision will increase the bundling reporting requirement from \$10,000 to \$15,000. One proposal will prohibit anyone other than a national person from making contributions to political committees as well as to the citizen and service programs. One proposal will deem as ineligible to do business with the government, in particular, with respect to contracts exceeding \$100,000. Anyone who has made a contribution to a covered recipient, specifically, a candidate for elected office. The other proposal will prohibit anyone who is doing business with the government or seeking to do business with the government in excess of \$250,000 from making contribution to candidates for elected office.
- The July 1, 2017 reports of received expenditures which was due by our constituent service program on July 3, 2017: 10 required filers with 9 timely filers.
- July 1, 2017 was the filing deadline for filing reports of receipts and expenditures by our state representative statehood funds. 3 required filers that all timely filed.
- July 31st filing deadline, which is for the reports of receipts and expenditures by our Independent Expenditure Committee, as well as our Principal Campaign Committee and Political Action Committee, that filing deadline was this past Monday. Those stats will be presented at the next Board meeting.

- One new candidate committee who registered with the agency to participate in the 2018 election cycle, and that is Shaka Nicole Reed, City Council Ward 1. Basically the candidate committee registered on July 21, 2017, but they withdrew on July 24, 2017.
- OCF held an entrance conference on July 19, 2017. The participants were Kent Bowes, candidate for Bowes 2018, and Matt Goldsmith, treasurer for Bowes 2018.
- OCF Audit Branch conducted 22 desk reviews.
- OCF has an ongoing field audits of the following committee: Vince Gray, 2016.
- OCF has 1 periodic random audit, which has been initiated on the April 1st, 2017 report: the Citizen's Outreach Fund.

Mr. William SanFord presented the General Counsel Report

- The Office of the General Counsel issued 6 orders were issued for ANCs for failure to file financial summary statements, which no fines were imposed; 7 for failure to timely file reports were issued in which no fines were imposed; 6 orders for failure to timely file reports were issued in which a total of \$10,200 in fines were imposed; and one order based upon a noncompliance order in which a fine of \$5,100 was imposed was also issued during the month of May 2017.
- During the month of July 2017, the Office of Campaign Finance collected \$13,000 in fines and those fines were paid by Muriel Bowser from the 2014 campaign and the fine was imposed for receiving excessive contributions during the 2014 campaign.
- During the month of July 2017, the Office of the General Counsel maintained 3 open investigations, and they include the following: OCF full investigation 2013-013 into Lee Calhoun. OCF full investigation 2013-014. The Respondent was Stanley Straughter. OCF full investigation 2013-015, internally generated. The Respondent in this matter was Jeffrey Thompson.

Mr. Sindram raised his public matters:

- Mr. Sindram reiterated his request for a response to his July 9, 2016 correspondence.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.