



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2745



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2016

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2016 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, as were Board Members Dionna Lewis and Michael Gill. 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 Terri Stroud, the Board’s Acting Executive Director.

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

The meeting agenda was approved and adopted.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on May 4, 2016 were moved for approval and adopted without objection.

Ms. Stroud gave the Acting Executive Director’s report.

- As of Tuesday, May 31, the Voter Registry stands at 441,163 registered voters. 367,018 of these voters will be eligible to vote in the June 14 primary.
- Early voting began yesterday at One Judiciary Square, downstairs in the old council chambers. Early voting will expand Saturday, June 4 to include voting at the satellite early voting centers and it will take place every day, including Sunday, June 5, and it will end on Saturday, June 11.
- Monday, May 16 was the deadline for mail voter registration applications to be postmarked and the deadline for receiving military overseas voter registration applications and change of party affiliation requests.
- On Thursday, May 19, the Board mailed a bilingual Spanish/English voting informational mailer to each voter registered in one of the District’s three major parties.
- Thursday, May 26, the Board published sample copies of the official ballot in the Washington Post and in El Tiempo magazine.
- Between Tuesday, June 7 and Thursday June 9, the Board will post in our office and on our website a list of all prospective voters who submitted requests for absentee ballots, for a three-day challenge period during which any registered voter can challenge the qualifications of these voters to participate in the primary.
- The Board’s tentative vote tabulation schedule is as follows:
 - Early Voting results will be tabulated at noon on Election Day.
 - Absentee ballots will be tabulated and published on Thursday, June 16.
 - Accepted special ballots will be tabulated and published on Friday, June 17.

- Special ballot voters can contact the Board's toll free number 1-866-DCVOTES or by accessing our website beginning on Wednesday, June 15 to learn whether or not their ballots have been counted or rejected.
- The Board is tentatively scheduled to certify the results of the election on June 23.

Mr. McGhie presented the General Counsel's report.

Mr. McGhie presented the litigation status of cases involving the Board:

- ***Wingo v. D.C. Board of Elections*** concerns a qualified elector challenging the short title and summary statement of Initiative Measure No. 76, "The District of Columbia Minimum Wage Act of 2016." On April 4, 2016, Judge Ross issued an order granting the Defendant's motion for reconsideration in favor of granting ballot access for Initiative Measure No. 76. The Plaintiff filed notice of appeal on April 22, 2016, and a motion for substitution of plaintiff, and we are currently awaiting a briefing schedule from the court.

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

- Six new candidates and committees registered with OCF during the month of May:
 - Unite Here, Local 23 DC, Independent Expenditure Committee, registered on April 28, 2016.
 - Jacques Patterson/Committee to Elect Jacques Patterson, School Board at Large, registered on May 6, 2016.
 - Committee to Preserve Ward Five, Recall Committee/Kenyan McDuffie, registered on May 10, 2016.
 - Mary Lord/Mary Lord 2016, School Board at Large, registered on May 17, 2016.
 - Ward Eight Matters, Political Action Committee, registered on May 17, 2016.
 - W. Randy Short, Committee to elect W. Randy Short, City Council at Large, registered on May 20, 2016.
- OCF held two entrance conferences for new registrants in May.
 - **May 5, 2016:** George Iverson, Treasurer for Carolina 2016; and Jill Homan, candidate for the Republican National Committee Woman.
 - **May 18, 2016:** Adam Yalowitz, Treasurer, Unite Here, Local 23 DC Independent Expenditure Committee; William Hunt, Treasurer, Committee to Preserve Ward Five; and Robert Richards, Candidate Ward Seven, DC Republican Committee.
- OCF Audit Branch conducted 7 desk reviews of financial reports that have been filed.
- The ongoing full field audits of newly elected officials are as follows: LaRuby May 2015; Brandon Todd for Ward 4; Brianne for D.C.
- OCF has ongoing periodic audits of the following committees: Potillo for Council, 2016; Trayon White for Ward 8 2016; Robert White At-Large 2016; Re-Elect Vincent Orange 2016; and Grosso At-Large 2016.
- The audit branch issued 2 final audits. Office of Ward Eight, Council Member LaRuby May, Constituent Service Fund issued May 3, 2016; and Ward Four, Constituent Services Fund issued on May 13, 2016.

Mr. Sanford presented the statistics from the Office of the General Counsel of OCF.

- The General Counsel received 2 referrals from the Reports, Analysis and Audit Division.

- The Office completed 5 informal hearings and issued 18 orders including: 8 orders for failure to timely file reports in which no fines were imposed; and 9 orders for failure to timely file a report in which fines totaling \$17,100 were imposed; one order for Failure to
- Timely Respond to a Request for Additional Information was issued in which no fine was imposed.
- The OGC carried a total of seven open investigations and no new investigations were opened during the month.

Ms. Dorothy Brizill thanked the Board and the Staff for their decision in the Gambling Initiative case. She requested Ms. Collier-Montgomery to give some indication on where things stand in terms of closing out the Gray for Mayor 2010 audit. Ms. Collier-Montgomery responded by acknowledging the audit was complete in January with findings referred to the General Counsel for further investigation. Mr. Sanford responded that the committee was represented by Counsel during hearings on the matter and that the office would issue an order at the time of completion of the review of those hearings.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.