



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING
October 4, 2017

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday October 4, 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 absent, Board Member Michael Gill served as acting Chairman, and Board Member Dionna Lewis was 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.

Acting Chairman Gill called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m.

The meeting agenda was approved and adopted.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017's were moved for approval and adopted without objection.

Acting Chairman Gill took a moment to recognize the profound heartbreak and sadness on behalf of our Chairman, Michael, over the loss of his daughter this past weekend. Our prayers on behalf of his friends and colleagues at the Board of Elections go out to him and his family.

Mr. Michael Sindram raised public matters before the Board:

- Mr. Sindram noted in austere times, budget cuts, if you will, The Post and The Times has been cut back. If they can be brought back, minimally a copy in the vestibule for visitors, for staffers, the central location, that would be a godsend and very helpful for all concerned.

Ms. Miller gave the Executive Director’s report.

- We did celebrate the sixth anniversary of National Voter Registration Day by planning and coordinating a month-long series which culminated last week. We hosted the agency's first-ever National Voter Registration Partnership Workshop on September 7th, with additional agencies throughout the District of Columbia. We had 123 voter registrations that we were able to process and we had 9 election worker applications.
- Representatives from the Denver office who we have been working with to try to get E-Sign in place came in the week of September 18th through 22nd. They worked with us and trained on the various components of E-Sign in order for us to get that in place. E-Sign will be the process by which circulators will be able to use a mobile app to circulate petitions and to gather petition signatures without using the actual paper but just by a mobile app.

- The voter registration system procurement will be awarded sometime after the first of the year due to changes made to the Statement of Work, which has been delayed from being released to the public.
- We are processing mailers to voters that have been identified with addresses other than that on our voter roll. We have 2,096 out-of-jurisdiction addresses of voters who live outside of the District of Columbia, whose names appear on our voter roll but have not updated their addresses, and 3,154 in-jurisdiction individuals that have been identified with different addresses. . We are not trying to throw anyone off the voter roll. We want them to confirm the information, to update the information, and the letters request that they then forward the information back to us by November 5th, and they will have a postage prepaid envelope in the envelopes that we provide to them, to do that.
 - **Acting Chairman Gill** thanked Ms. Miller for mentioning that the update of the voter rolls letters will be going out. We will be able to point them to your statement and what we are trying to accomplish here, which is obviously not to throw people off the voter rolls.

Mr. McGhie presented the General Counsel's report.

- **Mr. McGhie** gave a litigation status report: the only matter that we have in court is Paul Cohn v. the D.C. Board of Elections. That was an appeal by Mr. Cohn to the Board's order that was dated September 19th, in which the Board rejected his challenge to the initial petition, which was Initiative Number 77, which dealt with the minimum wage. Mr. Cohn timely filed his appeal with the Court of Appeals on September 22nd, and at this point we are just waiting on a briefing schedule from the Court of Appeals.

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

- New candidate committees who registered with the agency to participate in the 2018 election cycle include: Jeremiah Lowery, Jeremiah At-Large for City Council, September the 11th; Marcus Goodwin, Marcus Goodwin for D.C. City Council At-Large, September the 13th; Charles Allen, Reelect Charles Allen for Ward 6 City Council, September the 13th; Kenyan McDuffie, Kenyan McDuffie 2018 City Council Ward 5, September the 15th; Karl Racine, Karl Racine 2018 Attorney General, September the 18th; Valencia Rutledge, Mayor, September the 21st; and Muriel Bowser, Reelect Muriel Bowser Our Mayor, September the 22nd.
- OCF held two entrance conferences on September 7, and September 26, 2017. The participants on the 7th were: Todd Jones, Treasurer, Committee to Elect James Butler for Mayor; James Butler, Candidate, Committee to Elect James Butler for Mayor; William C. (Bill) Lewis, Treasurer, Ward 5 Democrats; George G. Boyd, Candidate, Ward 1 City Council. The Participants on the 26th were: Jeremiah Lowery, Candidate, Jeremiah At-Large; Karen Cordry, Treasurer, Jeremiah At-Large; Pat Johnson, Treasurer, Reelect Charles Allen for Ward 6; Marcus Goodwin, Candidate, Marcus Goodwin for D.C.; Ikenna Nwadibia, Treasurer, Marcus Goodwin for D.C.; Valencia Rutledge, Candidate for Mayor; Alethia Nanchoo, Treasurer, Karl Racine 2018; Adrian Jordan, Treasurer, Kenyan McDuffie 2018.
- OCF Audit Branch conducted 27 desk reviews.
- OCF has an ongoing field audit of the following committee: Vince Gray, 2016.

- OCF initiated the following periodic random audits for campaigns and PACs include: Brianne for DC 2018; Carley for Ward 5, 2017 Council; and Committee to Elect Lori Parker for DC Council. The PACs are: the Metropolitan Political Action Committee, the Republican Committee DC, and DC Legal.
- OCF issued one audit during the month of September: Carley for Ward 5 Council, issued on September 18, 2017.

Mr. William SanFord presented the General Counsel Report

- During the month of September, the Office of General Counsel received 1 referral. There were 3 informal hearings conducted, and three orders issued: : one order was issued for failure to timely file, in which no fine was imposed, and two orders were issued for failure to timely file reports, in which a total of \$6,300 in fines were imposed.
 - In the month of September, the Office of the General Counsel imposed fines against the following respondents: a fine of \$1,800 was imposed against the D.C. Recovery Act for Living Descendants of American Slaves Initiative Committee, and a fine of \$4,500 was imposed against Tyrell Holcomb, an ANC candidate.
- During the month of September 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.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.