

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

October 1, 2025

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board” or “DCBOE”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 via Zoom and in the Board’s Hearing Room, located at 1015 Half Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, Suite 750. Board Chairman Gary Thompson and Board Member Karyn Greenfield were present. The Board’s Executive Director, Monica Holman Evans (“Director Evans”), General Counsel, Terri Stroud, the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”) Executive Director, Cecily Collier-Montgomery, and General Counsel, William SanFord, were also present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Board Chair Thompson and Board Member Greenfield 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 September 3.

IV. DIRECTOR’S REPORT (DIRECTOR EVANS)

A. September Engagements

On September 23, Director Evans attended an AI Workshop in Reston, Virginia. The workshop focused on the ways skills are changing in the workforce. Employee expectations have changed and technology skills often become obsolete within two years. We are becoming a society where people want on-demand learning. AI addresses the skill-gap. Skills are the currency to help businesses transform with AI. There was a discussion about how AI complements work by reinforcing adaptive skills.

On September 26, Director Evans and several staff members visited early voting at the Arlington County Board of Elections. In addition to observing Early Voting, they took an office tour and asked questions about implementation of Ranked Choice Voting (“RCV”). Director Evans also staffed an outreach event on September 28. She spoke with teens who did not know they could pre-register to vote at the age of 16 in the District of Columbia. Many teens expressed interest in registering to vote. However, several lived in Virginia or Maryland.

B. Voter Registration Rolls

In September, the Board registered 2,816 new voters and processed 4,067 registration changes. In total, 6,883 voter registration cards were prepared to be mailed. 268 registered voters moved out of DC, 519 voters canceled their DC registrations and registered with other jurisdictions, and 724 voters registered in DC after canceling their registrations in other states.

C. Online Voter Registration Rolls

We are continuing to register voters using our website portal. To date, we have processed over 99,460 applications using the portal, including new voter registrations and updates to existing registrations.

D. Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act

Total non-citizen registration is 962. In September, two non-citizen residents registered to vote. Some non-citizens have been removed from the registry due to our list maintenance efforts. The Board is continuing our outreach in DC communities to share information.

E. 2026 Election Cycle Planning

Beginning today October 1, DCBOE is implementing the Automatic Voter Registration (“AVR”) Expansion Act. Individuals who are eligible to register to vote will no longer be able to completely decline registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”). The names of individuals who decline will be forwarded to the Board. They will be placed into a “pending voter registration” status. We will contact these individuals. They may have their names removed from the pending list, they may register to vote, or they may do nothing at all. If they do nothing, they will receive a mail ballot for two general election cycles. The mail ballots will allow them to register and vote at the same time.

DCBOE is also monitoring pending legislation and information on the federal level. Legislation to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act has passed the House. Senator Britt introduced Senate Bill 2636, which prohibits individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and repeals the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022. There has been no further action in the Senate.

During the 2026 Election Cycle, DCBOE is scheduled to implement RCV. We have been meeting with other jurisdictions and resource entities to gather information and prepare.

F. List Maintenance

DCBOE is actively engaged in list maintenance to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the voter registration database. This ongoing effort is critical to keeping the voter

registration database accurate, and includes identifying and updating records for voters who have moved within or out of DC, duplicate registrations, and deceased individuals.

As part of the Board’s biennial mail canvas, DCBOE sent two rounds of mailers to ensure the accuracy of voter registration records. In the first round, 153,407 non-forwardable mailers were sent to voters who did not participate in the 2024 General Election. The second canvas mailer was sent to voters who did not respond to the initial mailing.

H. Cybersecurity

The Office of the Chief Technology Officer (“OCTO”) launched a new mandatory Cybersecurity Refresher Campaign. This campaign, which ran from July 22 through September 22, consisted of a self-paced training module designed to reinforce essential cybersecurity practices and protocols. 100% of BOE staff members timely completed the training.

No cybersecurity incidents were reported in September, and all systems remain secure and fully operational.

I. Electronic Registration Information Center (“ERIC”) Voter Participation Case Activity

DCBOE is actively working with ERIC member states to review cases and identify any potential instances of voters casting multiple ballots in DC and another jurisdiction or on behalf of a deceased individual during the 2024 General Election. This review is part of the Board’s ongoing efforts to safeguard election integrity and ensure that all votes cast are valid. We are currently reviewing 144 cases. Of these, approximately 19 cases across 16 states have been referred to the General Counsel for further investigation. We expect to be finished with this effort before the end of the year.

J. Voter Education and Outreach

During July, the Voter Education and Outreach Division (“VEOD”) participated in 32 outreach events on behalf of the agency. These events included eight outreach events on National Voter Registration Day, September 16. National Voter Registration Day ended with a registration drive at Nationals Park. We partnered with Prince George’s County, Maryland and Arlington County, Virginia to register voters.

K. Election Worker Division

The Election Worker Division is processing all election worker applications that have been received through our website or from outreach events. The Division is working with VR Systems on enhancements to our election worker portal.

The Division is updating training materials to reflect RCV and making revisions to the Election Worker Operations Manual.

L. Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) Vacancies

There are currently 16 ANC vacancies for the 2025-26 term at various stages of being filled. After the candidate filing requirements are satisfied, an open vote by registered voters of the affected single member district (“SMD”) will take place during the regularly scheduled ANC meetings.

The Board received a resolution with the results of the 7F08 election, naming Harold Cunningham as the winner. The Board certified the vacancy as filled with a posting in the DC Register on September 26.

V. GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT (TERRI STROUD)

A. Issuance of Petition for Initiative Measure No. 84, the “Time Stability Act of 2025”

On June 5, the measure was approved at a public board hearing and a written order was issued on June 9. On August 7, the Board formulated the measure’s short title, summary statement, and legislative form. On August 15, the formulations for the measure were published in the DC Register. No challenges were filed by the August 25 deadline. The formulations are therefore deemed approved and certified.

Petitioner Daniel Bernier adopted the petition in support of the measure as his own. The Board’s Registrar also discussed the requirements for circulation and the deadline by which the petition must be submitted with the correct number of signatures.

BOARD ACTION: Unanimously adopted the petition as formulated and published in the DC Register, and as adopted by the proposer.

B. Enforcement Hearings

1. In the Matter of Jocelyn Fant

The Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) presented a stipulation that had been entered between the General Counsel and Jocelyn Fant in which Ms. Fant acknowledged that she unintentionally voted a mail ballot that was delivered to a former resident of her apartment. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$100 for Ms. Fant voting another voter’s mail ballot.

BOARD ACTION: Voted unanimously to impose a fine of \$100.

2. In the Matter of Antonio Watkins

Mr. Watkins indicated that he could not be present today and has asked the matter be continued to the next Board meeting. The Board will address this matter during the November Board Meeting.

C. Litigation Status

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

This is an appeal from the U.S. District Court's denial of a challenge to legislation allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections on the basis of standing. On August 7, the parties filed a joint Status Report, and based on that report, the court ordered that the defendant's renewed motion to dismiss be filed by September 26, the plaintiff's opposition be filed by October 31, and the defendant's reply be filed by November 21.

2. Charles Wilson v. Muriel Bowser, et al. (DC Superior Court)

This is a remand from the DC Court of Appeals of a challenge to the Board's finding that Initiative Measure No. 83 ("I83") met proper subject requirements and its formulation of the measure. The Court of Appeals disagreed with the Superior Court's decision that the case was untimely filed as it was submitted before the 10-day period for judicial review. On April 8, the Board filed a motion to dismiss. On September 16, the Board filed an answer to the complaint. Interveners subsequently also filed an answer. On September 23, the Board filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings and a motion to take judicial notice of the agency record. During a status hearing on September 26, the court set October 13 as the deadline for plaintiffs to file a motion for discovery and granted the defendant until October 29 to respond. An additional status hearing was set for March 13, 2026.

3. Jason Christopher Long v. DC Board of Elections (DC Superior Court.)

This case was remanded back to DC Superior Court from the U.S. District Court for DC. This matter is the resubmission of a case previously dismissed without prejudice. Mr. Long seeks \$10,000 in damages for an overdraft fee caused by a stop payment on a \$500 check issued for his service as an election worker. To date, the Superior Court has not docketed any activity.

4. Sobin v. DC Board of Elections (U.S. District Court for DC)

This matter concerns a complaint in which the plaintiff alleges that the Board's petition circulation process requiring candidates to get to gather signatures violates the Americans with Disabilities Act and that an ANC election to be held in his SMD is illegal. On June 11, the Office of the Attorney General filed a motion to dismiss. On June 16, the Court directed the Plaintiff to respond by June 30. On June 23, the Plaintiff filed an opposition to the motion to dismiss and on June 30, Defendants replied to the opposition. There has been no further activity in this case.

5. Muhammad v. DC Board of Elections (DC Court of Appeals)

Ms. Muhammad filed a petition for review of a Board enforcement order imposing a \$150 civil fine because she failed to personally witness signatures on her nominating

petition. On September 17, the Court dismissed the matter for Petitioner's failure to file an appendix, which was after noting other deficiencies in the Petitioner's prosecution of this matter.

VI. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT (COLLIER-MONTGOMERY)

A. Office of the Director

1. The full report of the September 2025 activities of the OCF will be posted at ocf.dc.gov.

2. Proposed Legislation

OCF recently became aware of proposed legislation introduced on July 14 by Council Member Charles Allen and referred to the Secretary to the Council. The proposal is titled the “Campaign Finance Modernization Amendment Act of 2025” and will purportedly improve transparency in elections, adopt a customer-oriented approach to making information on elections available, and clarify or strengthen the Fair Elections Act. OCF is reviewing the legislation, and expects to present comments concerning its impact upon agency operations when appropriate.

3. Community Outreach

During the month of September, OCF participated in four community outreach events sharing information about the Fair Elections Program.

B. Fair Elections Program (“FEP”) Division

1. 2024 Disbursements

- a) OCF authorized the disbursement of the total sum of \$2,824,646.15 from the Fair Elections Fund in Base Amount and Matching Payments to the 19 candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program. The 2024 Election Cycle closed on November 5, 2024.

2. 2025 Special Election in Ward 8 Disbursements

- a) OCF authorized the disbursement of the total sum of \$447,742.90 from the Fair Elections Fund in Base Amount and Matching Payments to three candidates certified to participate in the July 15, 2025 Special Election. The Special Election Cycle ended on July 15, 2025.

3. Candidates Certified/Disbursements Made During the Month of September for the 2026 Election

- a) Sheila Bunn Ward 8 Principal Campaign Committee. (“PCC”). Matching payment in the amount of \$2,175.00 was authorized for disbursement.

2. 2025 Special Election in Ward 8 Preliminary Audit Findings Reports and Final Audit Reports Issued

- a) Friends of Salim Adofo PCC Preliminary Statement of Findings, issued on August 12, 2025.

C. Public Information and Records Management Division (“PIRM”)

1. New Candidates/Committees

- a) Traditional Campaign Finance Program (“TCFP”)
 - i. Office of Mayor - Rhonda Hamilton
 - ii. Office of Council Member, Ward 1 - Travis Porter
- b) FEP Candidates
 - i. Office of Council Member, Ward 3 - Matthew Frumin
 - ii. Office of Attorney General - John Paul Szymkowicz
 - iii. Councilmember At-Large - Nate Fleming
 - iv. Councilmember At-Large - Adeoye Ibrahim Yakubu-Owolewa
- c) Committee Registrations
 - i. Pro-Animal DC - Cady Witt, Treasurer
 - ii. DC Living Wage For All - Fekkek Mamdouh, Treasurer
 - iii. DC Voters To Stop Pay Cuts - Nikki Cole, Treasurer

D. Reports Analysis and Audit Division (“RAAD”)

1. Desk Reviews and Other Activities

- a) Completed 17 desk reviews of Reports of Receipts and Expenditures (“R & E Reports”) and issued nine Requests for Additional Information (“RFAI”) letters.

2. Ongoing Post-Election Audits

- a) Trayon White 2025
- b) Committee to Elect Eboni-Rose Thompson
- c) Re-Elect Trayon White 2024
- d) Jacque for DC 2024
- e) T. Michelle Colson SBOE Ward 4
- f) Eboni-Rose for SBOE Ward 7

E. OCF OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT (GENERAL COUNSEL WILLIAM SANFORD)

1. Monthly Intake/Output Report

During August, the OGC received three referrals, completed seven informal hearings, and issued seven orders in which no fines were imposed.

2. Open Investigations

a) In OCF FI 2025-001, docketed August 5, Complainant Sean Metcalf, Managing Director of Universal Media, LTD., alleges that the Respondents Tracy Lucas and the Tracy Lucas for Mayor of DC PCC made a false campaign finance filing. This matter remains pending.

3. Request for Interpretive Opinions

None.

4. Show Cause Proceedings

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The discussion in the public matters portion of the meeting can be found on pages 40 - 46 of the transcript.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.