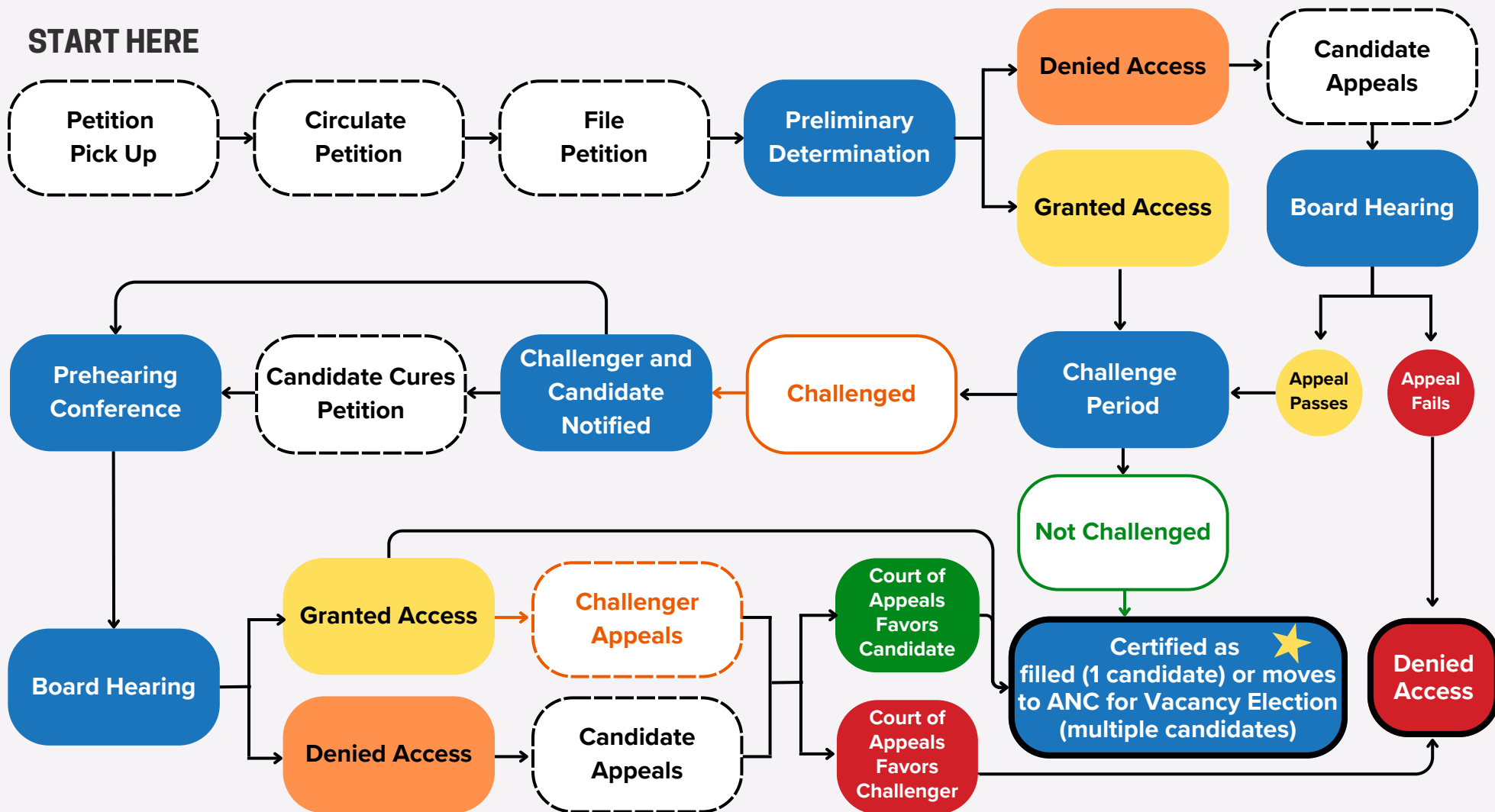


Process for Filling an ANC Vacancy

Note: At any point, candidates can withdraw and end the process to fill an ANC vacancy. While any challenge can also be withdrawn, if, by the time of withdrawal, the Board staff have reviewed the challenge and found it valid, the challenge cannot be ignored.

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For more in-depth information, including deadlines, please consult DCBOE's candidate materials online or call: dcboe.org | 202-727-2525.

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Process for Filling an ANC Vacancy

Glossary

Appeal Process The D.C. Court of Appeals' review of timely appeals by either a candidate or a challenger from a Board vacancy access determination.

ANC Vacancy A vacancy in an ANC office may occur for a number of reasons --, i.e., the Commissioner dies, resigns, moves out of the SMD, or otherwise loses the qualifications for office. DCBOE certifies any ANC vacancies that exist by publishing a notice in the D.C. Register. The notice lists the date that petitions are available, the filing deadline, and the dates for the petition challenge period.

Board Hearings A recorded, evidentiary proceeding at which the Board hears contested cases, including ballot access matters, and makes determinations accordingly.

Challenge Period A period during which any registered D.C. voter can challenge a candidate's qualifications or the validity of petition signatures.


Circulate Petition The gathering, on a DCBOE-issued petition, of a sufficient number (the number varies by office) of valid voter signatures. Signature validity rules are included in the information packet provided to each candidate.


Petition Cure Process A candidate opportunity to remedy or cure defects with respect to challenged petition signatures (for example, getting a voter's address updated or clarifying bad handwriting).

Prehearing Conference A mediation-type proceeding with DCBOE's Office of General Counsel during which challenges can be clarified or resolved and evidence is identified to be offered to the Board at a hearing.


Preliminary Determination An initial ballot access determination set forth in a letter and based on DCBOE staff's findings as to whether, on its face, a petition is numerically sufficient and that there is no other obvious defect with a candidate's qualifications for office.


Key


 Steps taken by candidate to move process forward


 Steps taken by challenger to progress challenge

 Steps taken by DCBOE to move process forward

 Conditional access to filling vacancy

 Final access to filling vacancy

 Conditional denial to filling vacancy

 Final denial to filling vacancy