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The District of Columbia Board of  
Elections convened via Video-Teleconference,  
pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m. EDT, Gary  
Thompson, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY THOMPSON, Chair  
MIKE GILL, Member  
KARYN GREENFIELD, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

TERRI STROUD, General Counsel  
CHRISTINE PEMBROKE, Senior Staff Attorney  
MARISSA CORRENTE, Registrar

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(10:06 a.m.)

CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, welcome, everybody. Happy Friday. I think it's Friday, September 9th. This is a Special Board Meeting to consider a number of nominating petition challenges. I see our court reporter is present.

COURT REPORTER: Good morning.

CHAIR THOMPSON: Good morning. Also present are Board Members Karyn Greenfield and Mike Gill, which means we have a quorum. This meeting has been duly noticed and the agenda circulated, which reflects our consideration of up to six different ANC challenges. I'd move that we follow the agenda. Is there a second?

MEMBER GREENFIELD: Second.

CHAIR THOMPSON: Any changes to the agenda? No, all in favor?

CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye.

MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

MEMBER GILL: Aye.

CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. So I believe

1 many of these, or some of these, may be withdrawn  
2 But I guess we'll find out by diving in. The first  
3 matter is Shaquan Hudson versus Kendall Simmons.

4 MS. STROUD: Yes, good morning. My  
5 name is Terri Stroud. I'm the General Counsel for  
6 D.C. Board of Elections. And the first item on the  
7 agenda is Shaquan Hudson versus Kendall Simmons,  
8 who is a candidate for Advisory Neighborhood  
9 Commissioner for Single Member District 8E-04.  
10 And so if we could ascertain whether or not the  
11 parties are present. I believe I did see Ms.  
12 Hudson on earlier, but I don't see her now.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay.

14 MS. STROUD: And I do not see Ms.  
15 Simmons present, unless she's on a using a number,  
16 in which case I --

17 CHAIR THOMPSON: If you are using a  
18 phone number, could you put yourself in chat, and  
19 let me know, otherwise raise your hand.

20 COURT REPORTER: This is the court  
21 reporter.

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, we're on

1 mute. I'm going to unmute everyone. Hold on.

2 MS. STROUD: I will note for the record  
3 that I did see that the court reporter is on.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes. Okay, well,  
5 let's table that and move on to Anthony Muhammad  
6 versus Allyson Carpenter. Are either Mr. Muhammad  
7 or Ms. Carpenter present?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, that's  
10 another one that we think might be withdrawn, so  
11 we'll table that for a second and move on to James  
12 Harnett versus Alfonso Way, Jr.

13 MS. STROUD: Mr. Chair, we did receive  
14 a withdrawal for that matter. That matter was  
15 withdrawn so we can amend the agenda accordingly.  
16 I think the agenda that I posted on our website does  
17 have just the four matters that are before the Board  
18 today. We did get a withdrawal in the matter of  
19 Harnett v. Way.

20 CHAIR THOMPSON: Oh, okay. And also,  
21 okay, the last one here, Rosenberg versus Hazelton,  
22 is that a --

1 MS. STROUD: That was withdrawn as  
2 well.

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: Oh, okay. All right,  
4 moving on then to Robbie Woodland versus Betty  
5 Murray, are Ms. Woodland and Ms. Murray present?

6 MS. STROUD: Ms. Woodland, I see is --

7 MS. WOODLAND: Yes, I'm here. I'm  
8 sorry. Good morning.

9 MS. STROUD: And Ms. Murray, are you  
10 present?

11 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, so Ms.  
12 Woodland is the challenger. The candidate, Betty  
13 Murray, does not appear to be present. General  
14 Counsel Stroud, can we proceed?

15 MS. STROUD: We can proceed, but I  
16 would like to have Ms. Christine Pembroke come to  
17 the table and discuss the circumstances under which  
18 the parties were provided with notice of this  
19 hearing. We do have the authority to proceed ex  
20 parte. But I just wanted to get on the record of  
21 the circumstances surrounding which notice was  
22 provided of today's hearing.

1 MS. PEMBROKE: Good morning, everyone.  
2 Yes, both parties were notified that there would  
3 be a hearing before the Board. And the initial  
4 letter sent to them notifying them of the  
5 challenge, they were subsequently informed at the  
6 pre-hearing conference that the Board would be  
7 addressing this matter.

8 They've received at least two emails  
9 notifying them of this morning's proceedings. I  
10 have not heard back from Ms. Murray as to her  
11 attending this morning's hearing. I can, if the  
12 Board steps away, try and call her. I can do that.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: If it will only take  
14 a minute or two, sure, just to be sure.

15 MS. PEMBROKE: All right.

16 MS. STROUD: Sure. And we, just for  
17 the record, pursuant to 3 D.C. Municipal  
18 Regulation, Section 43.4, if a party fails to  
19 appear at the hearing, the Board may proceed ex  
20 parte. That's how the regulation reads in the  
21 pertinent part. And so the Board is authorized to  
22 proceed with this matter ex parte.

1           But Ms. Pembroke has stepped away to  
2 determine whether or not she can contact the  
3 candidate, Ms. Murray, to see if she will be  
4 present.

5           CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. So why don't  
6 we table that for a moment, and see if -- finally,  
7 the last one on the agenda is Betty Murray versus  
8 Markus Batchelor.

9           MS. STROUD: And the candidate in the  
10 previous matter that we just tabled is the  
11 challenger in the next matter --

12          CHAIR THOMPSON: Right.

13          MS. STROUD: -- Markus Batchelor,  
14 who's a candidate for Advisory Neighborhood  
15 Commissioner for Single Member District 8C-06.  
16 Mr. Batchelor, are you present?

17          COURT REPORTER: All participants can  
18 unmute themselves.

19          CHAIR THOMPSON: Well, it's the Friday  
20 before our beautiful early fall weekend, ha, ha.

21          MEMBER GILL: I don't blame people.

22          CHAIR THOMPSON: Ha, ha.

1 MS. STROUD: I believe that Ms. Murray  
2 has joined. Ms. Murray, if you are present, I  
3 think that genuine assistors is the --

4 Ms. Murray?

5 MS. MURRAY: Good morning. Yes,  
6 ma'am, I'm here.

7 MS. STROUD: Okay, so we do have the  
8 parties present for the matter that is captioned  
9 3C on our agenda, Robbie Woodland versus Betty  
10 Murray, candidate for Advisory Neighborhood  
11 Commissioner for Single District 8C-06. And so we  
12 will proceed as follows.

13 We will have the parties identify  
14 themselves --

15 MS. MURRAY: I'm not sure why so, no,  
16 my volume --

17 MS. STROUD: Can you hear me, Ms.  
18 Murray?

19 MS. MURRAY: Yeah, let me try to put on  
20 my earbuds. Excuse me while I'm getting ready  
21 though. I'm not sure why. I think while I was on  
22 hold it rung -- made the volume low. So I do

1 apologize. Let me try to put my earbuds and see  
2 it that makes it better.

3 MS. STROUD: Okay, thank you.

4 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. STROUD: And if you could let us  
6 know once you have your earbuds on.

7 MS. MURRAY: I'll just hold it closely  
8 to my ear while we are attempting this process.  
9 One second, please. It's not loud enough.

10 MS. STROUD: Okay, while we are waiting  
11 for Ms. Murray to get adjusted audio-wise, Ms.  
12 Woodland, if you could state your name and address  
13 for the record.

14 MS. WOODLAND: Sure. My name is  
15 Robbie Woodland. My address is 1100 Mississippi  
16 Avenue, Southeast.

17 MS. STROUD: Okay, thank you. And,  
18 Ms. Murray, are you ready?

19 MS. MURRAY: I can hear well enough to  
20 state my name. My name is Betty Murray. My  
21 address is 1325 Savannah Street, Southeast.

22 MS. STROUD: Okay. And I'm going to

1 swear the parties in, if both of you could respond  
2 to the following statement. I swear and affirm  
3 that the testimony that I will provide today is the  
4 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

5 MS. WOODLAND: I do.

6 MS. MURRAY: I do.

7 MS. STROUD: Thank you. And so what  
8 we'll do is we will have the representative from  
9 voter services, our Registrar, Ms. Corrente, read  
10 her findings report into the record. And then each  
11 party will be given five minutes to respond to the  
12 Registrar's findings. And so with that, Ms.  
13 Corrente, we'll hear from you.

14 MS. CORRENTE: Thank you, Counsel  
15 Stroud. So I'm going to be reading a memo dated  
16 September 8th, 2022. And it's titled, Challenge  
17 to Petition Submitted by Betty Murray, Candidate  
18 for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Single  
19 Member District 8C-06, updated.

20 On August 9th, 2022, Betty Murray  
21 submitted a nominating petition to appear on the  
22 ballot as a candidate in the November 8th, 2022,

1 general election for the office of Advisory  
2 Neighborhood Commissioner, or ANC, Single Member  
3 District, or SMD, 8C-06.

4 The minimum requirement to obtain  
5 ballot access for this office is 25 signatures.  
6 The petition contains 61 signatures. The petition  
7 was posted for public inspection for ten days as  
8 required by law.

9 The petition was challenged on August  
10 22nd, 2022, by Robbie Woodland, a registered voter  
11 in the District of Columbia. Ms. Woodland filed  
12 challenges to 55 of the 61 signatures submitted,  
13 enumerated by line and page number on individual  
14 challenge sheets filed for each petition page.

15 The signatures were challenged  
16 pursuant to Title 3, D.C. Municipal Regulation  
17 1607.1 of the Board's regulations on the following  
18 grounds. The signer, according to Board's record,  
19 is not registered to vote at the address listed on  
20 the petition at the time the petition was signed.

21 The signature is not dated. The  
22 signature is a duplicate of a ballot signature.

1 The petition does not include the name of the signer  
2 where the signature is not sufficiently legible for  
3 identification. The circulator of the petition  
4 failed to complete all required information in the  
5 circulator's affidavit.

6 The signature is not made by the person  
7 whose signature it purports to be, and the signer  
8 is not a registered voter in the ward for Single  
9 Member District from which the candidate seeks  
10 nomination at the time the petition is signed.

11 My review of the challenges indicates  
12 that 44 of the 55 challenges are valid.

13 Four are valid because the signer is not  
14 registered to vote.

15 Five are valid because the signer's  
16 voter registration was designated as inactive on  
17 the voter roll at the time petition was signed.

18 Thirteen are valid because the signer  
19 is not registered to vote at the address listed on  
20 the petition at the time the petition was signed.

21 Two are valid because the petition does  
22 not include the name of the signer where the

1 signature is not sufficiently legible for  
2 identification.

3 One is valid because the circulator of  
4 the petition was not a qualified petition  
5 circulator at the time the petition was signed.

6 One is valid because the circulator of  
7 the petition failed to complete all required  
8 information in the circulator's affidavit.

9 Four are valid because the signature is  
10 not made by the person whose signature it purports  
11 to be.

12 And 14 are valid because the signer is  
13 not a registered voter in the Single Member  
14 District from which the candidate seeks nomination  
15 at the time the petition was signed.

16 This leave's the candidate's  
17 nominating petition with 17 signatures, eight  
18 signatures below the number required for ballot  
19 access.

20 On September 7th, 2022, the date of the  
21 pre-hearing conference, Ms. Murray submitted 13  
22 signed testimonials from signers of the petition

1 attesting to the validity of their signatures.

2 Eight of the testimonials aligned with  
3 signers whose signatures were found to be okay in the  
4 original review and credited to the candidate.

5 Two aligned with signers who are not registered to  
6 vote at the address listed on the petition at the  
7 time the petition was signed.

8 One aligned with a signer whose voter  
9 registration was designated as inactive on the  
10 voter roll at the time the petition was signed.

11 And two and aligned with signers whose  
12 signatures were found not to match. Even if those  
13 two signatures that were found not to match were  
14 credited back to the candidate, she would still be  
15 below the minimum signature requirement to obtain  
16 ballot access.

17 MS. STROUD: Thank you, Ms. Corrente.  
18 And so now, based on the Registrar's findings, it  
19 appears that the candidate does not have enough  
20 signatures for ballot access. The number of  
21 signatures needed, again, for ballot access was 25.  
22 And the candidate has 17.

1                   And despite having made 13 submissions  
2                   in an effort to cure signatures, no signatures  
3                   could be cured. And even if the signatures that  
4                   were found to be signature mismatches were credited  
5                   to the candidate, that would still leave the  
6                   candidate six below ballot access.

7                   But again, they were not found to match.  
8                   And so even all of the submissions considered would  
9                   not be sufficient to grant the candidate ballot  
10                  access.

11                  And so at this time, we will hear from  
12                  Ms. Murray as the candidate for five minutes and  
13                  then we will allow the challenger to respond.

14                  MS. MURRAY:     Good morning.     Can  
15                  everybody hear me?

16                  MS. STROUD:    Yes.

17                  MS. MURRAY:    Okay, beautiful. Thank  
18                  you all, and good morning to everyone on the call.  
19                  I do appreciate this opportunity to be able to cure  
20                  whatever was being challenged.

21                  As we speak, I am actually sending over  
22                  as well the voter registration card for six of the

1 people that you all said that were not -- that Ms.  
2 Woodland had challenged, that she said that were  
3 not registered to vote.

4 And these registered voters are  
5 registered voters. They have went on to the  
6 website, and they have emailed me a copy of their  
7 card. So I would like to submit those as well.

8 I would like to put on the record as  
9 well, at the pre-hearing it was my assumption that  
10 the pre-hearing was just that, the pre-hearing.  
11 And that we will be given or allowed the opportunity  
12 to submit or cure whatever challenges that were  
13 brought upon us before this hearing this morning.

14 So if I would have the opportunity to  
15 do that, Ms. Christian, if you can check your email,  
16 you will see. And I can go through the names as  
17 well of six of those people that were challenged  
18 that live right here, literally, in my immediate  
19 court, that was put on the petition as not  
20 registered voters. But they have provided their  
21 registered, I'm sorry, registered voter card

22 You all, please forgive me, Ms.

1 Christian, and whoever else is aware on the phone,  
2 I literally just got out of the hospital. I was  
3 in there for six days. So I'm on pain medication,  
4 and I'm doing my best to get through, you know, this  
5 hearing.

6 So again, these challenges with six of  
7 the folks, they have already sent me their  
8 registration cards. If I can submit those, and the  
9 two would be credited, I think that it would be  
10 sufficient to be on the ballot.

11 Am I getting the numbers correct? That  
12 will be my first thing that I would like to say  
13 within my five minutes.

14 The second thing would be I know that  
15 you all have made it very clear that certain things  
16 would warrant a challenge, including dates, things  
17 that are not legible. I would also like to ask,  
18 does that include times as well, time stamps as  
19 well, or times that people put on documents as well?  
20 Does that include that as well, or are we getting  
21 passes on the time?

22 I have been told, you know, that some

1 things are, quote, unquote, we may be able to grace  
2 and then some things we may not be able to, I guess.

3 So my first question would be would I  
4 be able to submit these six registered voters  
5 information that she challenged to say that they  
6 are not registered voters? But those six people  
7 have gone online and sent me over their actual  
8 registration cards. Would I be able to submit  
9 those?

10 MS. STROUD: Well, so, Ms. Murray, so  
11 you're saying that you want to cure six signatures  
12 because the individuals were registered, and the  
13 Registrar found them not to be registered? I just  
14 want to be clear.

15 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

16 MS. STROUD: Okay. So right now, you  
17 have 17 ballot signatures. And so going back to  
18 the six that you would be attempting to cure and,  
19 like, we are just getting this information from you  
20 now for the hearing, but even if you were to cure  
21 these six signatures, you would still be beneath  
22 the number required for ballot access.

1 MS. MURRAY: Right, so the other two is  
2 what we have two more which I submitted. I think,  
3 as you stated, I submitted, whether it was 13 or  
4 14, signed documents that you all accepted on  
5 yesterday. We actually have three more of those.

6 Again, I just got out of the hospital.  
7 I'm dealing with my auntie's passing on yesterday.  
8 So this was a lot of this morning's runaround before  
9 10:00 a.m. And I'm doing my best. I thought that  
10 the hearing would probably be at maybe noon or 1:00  
11 o'clock, however, it's at 10:00 a.m.

12 And what you sent me on yesterday with  
13 your findings, you sent me these findings while I  
14 was literally at a funeral. So it was impossible.  
15 And your all were aware of that, so it was  
16 impossible for me to try to cure even what you had  
17 sent with, you know, it being sent to me yesterday  
18 in the middle of me being at a funeral.

19 MS. STROUD: Well, so my understanding  
20 is that you were -- the challenge was filed on  
21 August 22nd, which would mean that the last day for  
22 you to file any cures was September 1st. And so

1 we're a week past the deadline for any cures. But  
2 the Registrar did review the submissions that you  
3 submitted, and she updated her findings to reflect  
4 the accounting for the submissions that you made.

5 MS. MURRAY: Uh-huh.

6 MS. STROUD: And so, you know, at this  
7 point, we're beyond the opportunity to cure. And  
8 that would only be with respect to signers who  
9 actually lived within the SMD, and you were to file  
10 changes of address for those. And I don't see that  
11 any changes of address were filed within that  
12 timeframe.

13 And so any opportunity to cure whatever  
14 signatures could be cured, we're past that  
15 timeframe, because it ended on September 1st. And  
16 I know that that messaging was provided in the  
17 initial letter that you sent -- that we sent to you  
18 with respect to the challenge being filed to your  
19 petition.

20 MS. MURRAY: Uh-huh. Okay.

21 MS. STROUD: So we don't have, you  
22 know, as of yet, and you said yourself during the

1 proceeding, so we can't look at what you provided,  
2 but, yeah, we don't have the information that you  
3 provided. You know, we're here at the hearing.  
4 And maybe if we knew which ones you were, you know,  
5 disputing, but the fact remains that there is no  
6 opportunity at this point to cure any signatures.

7 MS. MURRAY: Okay. So the  
8 pre-hearing, and please correct me if I'm wrong,  
9 but I thought that Ms. Christian explained that the  
10 pre-hearing was basically for us to try to get to  
11 whatever we needed to get to to not end up at the  
12 hearing. And with that being said, we were not  
13 able to do that for various reasons.

14 However, what I did submit on that day  
15 was actually submitted. And I appreciate you all  
16 for accepting those at that time. But I thought  
17 that that hearing was for us to go over what we may  
18 be able to cure before the actual hearing.

19 MS. STROUD: And that did happen, and  
20 what you -- we wanted to, you know, make you aware  
21 of the Registrar's findings and get your response  
22 to see if you had anything that you could dispute.

1 And you did submit 13 signed statements from  
2 voters. And the Registrar did review those. And  
3 they --

4 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. STROUD: -- they were taken into  
6 account in her updated findings.

7 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am. So I'm  
8 asking did you all not receive, as of yet, the  
9 registration cards that I also submitted where you  
10 all stated that these pretty much my direct  
11 neighbors were not registered voters which was  
12 challenged. And all of these folks are registered  
13 voters. And they submitted their cards. And I  
14 sent them over to Ms. Christian.

15 MS. STROUD: Are they registered in the  
16 Single Member District that you are seeking office  
17 in? I guess that's --

18 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am. They're my  
19 direct neighbors. Like, I'm in 1325, so there were  
20 signatures challenged in my own building, which is  
21 1325. My direct neighbor, I am Apartment Number  
22 5, she is Apartment Number, one, two, three,

1 Apartment Number 3.

2 Herself, her adult daughter, and adult  
3 son are all three registered voters. It was a  
4 challenge put in that they were not registered  
5 voters. And they have sent me their registered  
6 voters cards. And I sent that over to Ms.  
7 Christian.

8 MS. STROUD: Okay. And I just want to,  
9 for the record, state that the Attorney's name is  
10 Ms. Christine Pembroke.

11 MS. MURRAY: Ms. Christine, thank you.

12 MS. STROUD: So what we're going to do  
13 now is we're going to hear from Ms. Woodland.

14 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. STROUD: And the Board is not going  
16 to rule immediately. They will go into executive  
17 session once we're through with the hearings. And  
18 we will take that opportunity to see what you sent  
19 to Ms. Pembroke.

20 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. STROUD: And we will take that into  
22 consideration.

1 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

2 MS. STROUD: But we'll hear from Ms.  
3 Woodland, and we will get back to you.

4 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. STROUD: Ms. Woodland, you have --  
6 (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 MS. WOODLAND: Good morning. Thank  
8 you. I am asking that the Board of Elections  
9 uphold the Registrar's findings and not allow  
10 ballot access. And even if you do allow ballot  
11 access, I'm requesting that these individuals come  
12 directly into the Board of Elections, fill those  
13 documents out there.

14 Or, if they have to come into the Board  
15 of Elections with the documents already completed,  
16 that those documents are notarized and they also  
17 come with your ID.

18 MS. STROUD: Okay, thank you, Ms.  
19 Woodland. Is that all?

20 MS. WOODLAND: Well, I just really want  
21 to stress that I really would like for the Board  
22 of Elections to please do not allow ballot access.

1 I do believe that I did my due diligence to make  
2 sure I did everything correctly, submitted  
3 everything in the timeframe that I was supposed  
4 to submit everything.

5 And I do believe that my opponent had  
6 the same allotted amount of time that I did to  
7 accurately complete everything that needed to be  
8 completed before we got to this point. I am really  
9 requesting not to allow ballot access.

10 MS. STROUD: Thank you. Mr. Chair, if  
11 you or any of the other Board members have questions  
12 for the parties --

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: No. Yeah, thank you  
14 both to Ms. Woodland and Ms. Murray. We appreciate  
15 your being here. We will take this under  
16 advisement in executive session and consider all  
17 of the evidence that we have in hand as to whether  
18 there are a sufficient of signatures to gain ballot  
19 access.

20 MS. STROUD: Thank you. And so with  
21 that, we'll move to the next matter which is Ms.  
22 Murray versus Markus Batchelor.

1                   And, Ms. Murray, you've already been --  
2                   you've identified yourself for the record. I just  
3                   wanted to check if Mr. Batchelor was present.

4                   MS. STROUD: And so, Ms. Murray, we  
5                   will swear you in with respect to this matter which  
6                   is the matter of Betty Murray versus Markus  
7                   Batchelor, candidate for Advisory Neighborhood  
8                   Commissioner for Single Member District 8C-06.

9                   As I indicated earlier, if Mr. Markus  
10                  Batchelor is not present, the Board is authorized  
11                  to proceed ex parte with respect to this matter.

12                  All parties were noticed of this  
13                  meeting, both in the initial correspondence that  
14                  they got regarding the challenge and in subsequent  
15                  correspondence that identified both the date and  
16                  the time of this hearing, including as recently as  
17                  yesterday.

18                  And so with that, if Ms. Corrente would  
19                  read into the record her findings with respect to  
20                  this matter, and then we'll hear from the parties.

21                  MS. CORRENTE: Thank you. So I'm  
22                  going to read a memo that's dated September 1st,

1 2022. It's titled Challenge to Petition submitted  
2 by Markus Batchelor, candidate for Advisory  
3 Neighborhood Commissioner, Single Member District  
4 8C-06.

5 On August 10th, 2022, Markus Batchelor  
6 submitted a nominating petition to appear on the  
7 ballot as a candidate in the November 8th, 2022,  
8 general election for the office of Advisory  
9 Neighborhood Commissioner, or ANC, Single Member  
10 District, or SMD, 8C-06.

11 The minimum requirement to obtain  
12 ballot access for this office is 25 signatures.  
13 Petition contained 39 signatures.

14 MS. STROUD: Oh, one second, excuse me.  
15 Mr. Batchelor, I just noticed he's coming in. Mr.  
16 Batchelor?

17 MR. BATCHELOR: Yes?

18 MS. STROUD: Hi, we are actually at  
19 your matter right now. We had begun to proceed ex  
20 parte, as the Board is authorized to do. But now  
21 that you're here, I will have you state your name  
22 and address for the record.

1                   And then we're going to have the  
2 Registrar of Voters begin to read her report with  
3 respect to this matter again. And then I will  
4 swear both parties in. And after she's read her  
5 report, we'll hear from the parties.

6                   And so if you could state your name and  
7 address for the record.

8                   MR. BATCHELOR: Sure, my apologies,  
9 Markus Batchelor, 1241 Alabama Avenue, Southeast,  
10 Apartment A, Southeast Washington.

11                   MS. STROUD: Okay, thank you so much.  
12 And with that we will continue to hear from the  
13 Registrar of Voters regarding her findings in this  
14 matter.

15                   MS. CORRENTE: Thank you. So I'll  
16 just start over with this, thank you, with this memo  
17 rather. So it's dated September 1st, 2022. The  
18 subject is Challenge to Petition Submitted by  
19 Markus Batchelor, candidate for Advisory  
20 Neighborhood Commissioner, Single Member District  
21 8C-06.

22                   On August 10th, 2022, Markus Batchelor

1 submitted a nominating petition to appear on the  
2 ballot as a candidate in the November 8th, 2022,  
3 general election for the office of Advisory  
4 Neighborhood Commissioner, ANC, Single Member  
5 District, SMD, 8C-06.

6 The minimum requirement to obtain  
7 ballot access for this office is 25 signatures.  
8 The petition contained 39 signatures. The  
9 petition was posted for public inspection for ten  
10 days as required by law. The petition was  
11 challenged on August 22nd, 2022, by Betty Murray,  
12 a registered voter in the District of Columbia.

13 Ms. Murray filed challenges to 16 of  
14 the 39 signatures submitted, enumerated by line and  
15 page number on individual challenge sheets filed  
16 for each petition page. The signatures were  
17 challenged pursuant to Title 3, D.C. Municipal  
18 Regulation 1607.1 of the Board's regulations on the  
19 following grounds.

20 The signers' voter registration was  
21 designated as inactive on the voter roll at the time  
22 the petition was signed. The signer, according to

1 the Board's records, is not registered to vote at  
2 the address listed on the petition at the time the  
3 petition was signed. The signature is a  
4 duplicate.

5 The petition does not include the name  
6 of the signer where the signature is not  
7 sufficiently legible for identification. The  
8 signature is not made by the person whose signature  
9 it purports to be.

10 The circulator of the petition was not  
11 a qualified petition circulator at the time the  
12 petition was signed. And the signer is not a  
13 registered voter in the ward or single member  
14 district from which the candidate seeks nomination  
15 at the time the petition is signed.

16 Ms. Murray also challenged signatures  
17 on the grounds that the signer is not registered  
18 to vote in the same party as the candidate. This  
19 is only a ballot for a partisan position during a  
20 primary election.

21 My review of the challenges indicates  
22 that five of the 16 challenges are valid. One is

1 valid because the signer is not registered to vote,  
2 and four are valid because the signature is not made  
3 by the person whose signature it purports to be.

4 This leaves the candidate's nominating  
5 petition with 34 signatures, nine signatures above  
6 the number required for ballot access.

7 MS. STROUD: Thank you, Ms. Corrente.  
8 So now I'm going to swear the parties in if both  
9 of you could respond to the following.

10 I swear or affirm that the testimony  
11 that I will give with respect to this matter is the  
12 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

13 MR. BATCHELOR: I do.

14 MS. STROUD: And Ms. Murray? Ms.  
15 Murray, if you could unmute yourself.

16 MS. MURRAY: I apologize. Yes, ma'am,  
17 I do.

18 MS. STROUD: Okay, thank you. So with  
19 that we will hear from you first, Ms. Murray, as  
20 the challenger, your response to the finding.

21 MS. MURRAY: Yes. At the pre-hearing  
22 I've already acknowledged that he meets the

1 requirement, even with the ones that were  
2 challenged which is totally fine. And so I'll be  
3 sending you over the withdrawal form to not  
4 challenge his signatures.

5 (Simultaneous speaking.)

6 MS. MURRAY: -- his petitions at the  
7 point. Yes, ma'am, no problem. Thank you.

8 MS. STROUD: Thank you so much.

9 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am.

10 MS. STROUD: Did you have anything you  
11 wanted to say?

12 MR. BATCHELOR: No, ma'am. I  
13 appreciate the Boards' attention to the matter.

14 MS. STROUD: Okay. And so with that,  
15 we will await the challenge withdrawal form that  
16 Ms. Murray has indicated that she would submit.  
17 And upon receipt of that, that would close this  
18 matter.

19 Thank you all for your participation  
20 in today's proceedings.

21 MS. MURRAY: Actually, we thank you.

22 MS. STROUD: So I think we will go back

1 to the first items on our agenda that we tabled.  
2 And I will just ascertain whether or not the parties  
3 for the first matter are present, Shaquan Hudson  
4 and Kendall Simmons, are either of you present?

5 MS. STROUD: Okay. So again, the  
6 Board is authorized to proceed ex parte with  
7 respect to this matter.

8 I will say for the record that, with  
9 respect to this matter, Ms. Hudson did indicate  
10 that she would be withdrawing her challenge to the  
11 nominating petition submitted by Kendall Simmons  
12 in light of the Registrar's findings.

13 We have not received that withdrawal.  
14 And so we will just put on the record the  
15 Registrar's findings, and proceed ex parte with  
16 this matter, and issue an order forthwith.

17 Thank you, Ms. Corrente.

18 MS. CORRENTE: Thank you. So I'm  
19 going to be reading the memo that's dated September  
20 2nd, 2022. The subject is Challenge to Petition  
21 Submitted by Kendall Simmons, candidate for  
22 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, Single Member

1 District 8E-04.

2 On August 10th, 2022, Kendall Simmons  
3 submitted a nominating petition to appear on the  
4 ballot as a candidate in the November 8th, 2022,  
5 general election for the office of Advisory  
6 Neighborhood Commissioner, ANC, Single Member  
7 District, SMD, 8E-04.

8 The minimum requirement to obtain  
9 ballot access for this office is 25 signatures.  
10 The petition contained 49 signatures. The  
11 petition was posted for public inspection for ten  
12 days as required by law.

13 The petition was challenged on August  
14 22nd, 2022, by Shaquan Hudson, a registered voter  
15 in the District of Columbia. Ms. Hudson filed  
16 challenges to 27 of the 49 signatures submitted,  
17 enumerated by line and page number on individual  
18 challenge sheets filed for each petition page.

19 The signatures were challenged  
20 pursuant to Title 3, D.C. Municipal Regulation  
21 1607.1, of the Board's regulations on the following  
22 grounds. The signer's voter registration was

1 designated as inactive on the voter roll at the time  
2 the petition was signed.

3 The signer, according to the Board's  
4 records, is not registered to vote at the address  
5 listed on the petition as the time the petition was  
6 signed. The petition does not include the name of  
7 the signer where the signature is not sufficiently  
8 legible for identification.

9 And the signer is not a registered voter  
10 in the ward or single member district from which  
11 the candidate seeks nomination at the time the  
12 petition is signed.

13 My review of the challenges indicates  
14 that 23 of the 27 challenges are valid. Two are  
15 valid because the signer is not registered to vote.

16 Six are valid because the signer's  
17 voter registration was designated as inactive on  
18 the voter roll at the time petition was signed.

19 Six are valid because the signer is not  
20 registered to vote at the address listed on the  
21 petition at the time the petition was signed.

22 One is valid because the signature is

1 not made by the person whose signature it purports  
2 to be.

3 And eight are valid because the signer  
4 is not a registered voter in the single member  
5 district from which the candidate  
6 seeks nomination at the time the petition is  
7 signed.

8 This leaves the candidate's nominating  
9 petition with 26 signatures, one signature above  
10 the number required for ballot access. And that  
11 ends the reading of the memo.

12 MS. STROUD: Thank you, Ms. Corrente.

13 So in light of the Registrar's finding  
14 that the candidate, Kendall Simmons, had  
15 sufficient signatures to obtain ballot access in  
16 the contest for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner  
17 for Single Member District 8E-04, it would be the  
18 recommendation of the Office of the General Counsel  
19 that, once the Board deliberates, they find that  
20 the candidate has sufficient numbers and grant her  
21 ballot access, in light of no testimony or evidence  
22 presented that would dispute the Registrar's

1 findings.

2 And again, I would say for the record  
3 that although we do not have a withdrawal form from  
4 Ms. Hudson, she had indicated that she would submit  
5 one.

6 And so does the Board have any  
7 questions?

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: No questions, thanks.

9 MEMBER GREENFIELD: No, I don't have  
10 any.

11 MS. STROUD: Thank you. And so the  
12 next matter of the agenda is Anthony Muhammad  
13 versus Allyson Carpenter, candidate for Advisory  
14 Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member  
15 District 8C-05. And are either Mr. Muhammad or Ms.  
16 Carpenter present?

17 Not hearing any indication that either  
18 party is present, I will again say for the record  
19 that the Board is authorized to proceed ex parte  
20 pursuant to 3 DCMR 403.4.

21 And so what we'll do to put the matter  
22 on the record is have the Registrar of Voters read

1 her findings with respect to this matter into the  
2 record. And then hearing that, the Office of the  
3 General Counsel will give its recommendation.

4 MS. CORRENTE: Thank you. So the memo  
5 that I'll be reading is dated September 1st, 2022.  
6 The subject is Challenge to Petition Submitted by  
7 Allyson Carpenter, Candidate for Advisory  
8 Neighborhood Commissioner Single Member District  
9 8C-05.

10 On August 10th, 2022, Allyson Carpenter  
11 submitted a nominating petition to appear on the  
12 ballot as a candidate in the November 8th, 2022,  
13 general election for the office of Advisory  
14 Neighborhood Commissioner, ANC, Single Member  
15 District, or SMD, 8C-05.

16 The minimum requirement to obtain  
17 ballot access for this office is 25 signatures.  
18 The petition contains 30 signatures.

19 The petition was posted for public  
20 inspection for ten days as required by law. The  
21 petition was challenged on August 22nd, 2022, by  
22 Anthony Muhammad, a registered voter in the

1 District of Columbia. Mr. Muhammad filed  
2 challenges to 12 of the 30 signatures submitted  
3 enumerated by line and page number on individual  
4 challenge sheets filed for each petition page.

5 The signatures were challenged  
6 pursuant to Title 3, D.C. Municipal Regulation  
7 1607.1 of the Board's regulations on the following  
8 grounds.

9 The signer's voter registration was  
10 designated as inactive on the voter roll at the time  
11 the petition was signed. The signer, according to  
12 the Board's records, is not registered to vote at  
13 the address listed on the petition at the time the  
14 petition was signed. The signature is a duplicate  
15 of a valid signature. The signature is not dated.

16 The petition does not include the  
17 address of the signer. The petition does not  
18 include the name of the signer where the signature  
19 is not sufficiently legible for identification.

20 The circulator of the petition failed  
21 to complete all required information in the  
22 circulator's affidavit, and the signer is not a

1 registered voter in the ward or single member  
2 district from which the candidate seeks nomination  
3 at the time the petition is signed.

4 Mr. Muhammad also challenged  
5 signatures on the grounds the signer is not  
6 registered to vote in the same party as the  
7 candidate, but this is only a valid challenge for  
8 a partisan position during a primary election.

9 My review of the challenge indicates  
10 that eight of the 12 challenges are valid.

11 Five are valid because the signer is not  
12 registered to vote at the address listed on the  
13 petition at the time the petition was signed.

14 Two are valid because the petition does  
15 not include the name of the signer where the  
16 signature is not sufficiently legible for  
17 identification. And one is valid because the  
18 signature is not dated.

19 This leaves the candidate's nominating  
20 petition with 22 signatures, three signatures  
21 below the number required for ballot access.

22 MS. STROUD: Thank you, Ms. Corrente.

1 So the Registrar has read her report into the  
2 record. And I will also note for the record that  
3 in an email that the Board -- that we received, Ms.  
4 Carpenter did indicate that she would withdraw.

5 We informed her that we would need to  
6 have a signed candidate withdrawal form. And she  
7 indicated that she would be submitting that, but  
8 she had not as of this hearing.

9 And so the Office of the General  
10 Counsel's recommendation will be that, in light of  
11 the findings of the Registrar, that Ms. Carpenter  
12 does not have sufficient number of signatures to  
13 obtain ballot access in the contest for Advisory  
14 Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member  
15 District 8C-05, falling short by three, that the  
16 Board deny Ms. Carpenter ballot access for that  
17 contest.

18 And so with that matter being closed,  
19 I would like to return to matter of Woodland v.  
20 Murray. And if Ms. Pembroke could come forward,  
21 she has printed the documents that Ms. Murray sent  
22 over. And we can look at them, and make a

1 determination with respect to the import of these  
2 documents.

3 And if you could state your name and  
4 address for the record, Ms. Pembroke, and your work  
5 address.

6 MS. PEMBROKE: Christine Pembroke.  
7 What is the street address here?

8 MS. STROUD: 1015 Half Street.

9 MS. PEMBROKE: 1015 Half Street,  
10 Southeast, Washington D.C.

11 So, Ms. Woodland sent over an email.  
12 This is what she did at the pre-hearing. She sent  
13 us an email as the pre-hearing was going on with  
14 a bunch of attachments. And so we struggled to get  
15 through those at the pre-hearing. And so she sent  
16 over a number of attachments to an email. They  
17 were in a screen shot format that we had difficulty  
18 accessing.

19 But what they seem to be is voter  
20 registration information about three or four  
21 family residents of 1325 Savannah Street,  
22 Southeast. There's three or four individuals that

1 all have the last name Stringer. Malaka Stringer,  
2 Dana Lavon Stringer, and they seem to be duplicates  
3 of these, and then Andrew Stringer.

4 So I'm not seeing that there are six  
5 individuals here. I'm only seeing three. And I  
6 don't know if the Registrar, in reviewing those,  
7 can confirm if that voter information is out of date  
8 or does not align with our records.

9 MS. STROUD: Okay.

10 MS. PEMBROKE: And I'm just -- and  
11 again, as with the pre-hearing, she did not  
12 identify the petition line or the names of the  
13 individuals that were involved.

14 She was advised that the kind of back  
15 and forth that was happening at the pre-hearing  
16 couldn't happen before the Board, that she had to  
17 be prepared to specify which petition line she was  
18 talking about.

19 In fact, I think I said that to her a  
20 number of times, that what was happening at the  
21 pre-hearing could not happen before the Board.  
22 She needed to be very clear about what kind of

1 signatures she was -- which signatures she was  
2 trying to cure and why.

3 MS. STROUD: Okay.

4 MS. WOODLAND: I'm sorry, can I make a  
5 comment, please? This is Robbie Woodland. Can I  
6 make a comment that, for the record, she's  
7 referring to Betty Murray and not me.

8 (Simultaneous speaking.)

9 MS. WOODLAND: Yes, ma'am.

10 MS. PEMBROKE: I'm sorry.

11 MS. WOODLAND: Thank you, ma'am.

12 CHAIR THOMPSON: So let me just pause  
13 for a second. As I understand it, there's  
14 information now about three individuals, all with  
15 the last name Stringer, that may be registered  
16 voters. But they're not necessarily the same  
17 individuals that were the subject of the ballot  
18 challenge to four signers that were determined not  
19 to be registered voters and five others that were  
20 determined to be inactive.

21 These could be three, not necessarily  
22 in that same universe. They could be three people

1 that were found to be registered voters and not the  
2 subject of a successful challenge.

3 MS. CORRENTE: Right. And I can give  
4 a quick update. We located the three names.  
5 Andrew Stringer was found to be inactive on our  
6 voter roll. And so that was the classification.  
7 Dana Stringer was found to be okay. So that  
8 signature was actually fine. And then Malika  
9 Stringer was one of those signature does not  
10 matches that Ms. Murray submitted paperwork for in  
11 her first submission at the pre-hearing  
12 conference.

13 MS. STROUD: Yes. So I'm not sure. Was  
14 Dana Stringer one of the individuals? Or was that  
15 not an individual that was covered?

16 MS. CORRENTE: Yeah, Dana Stringer  
17 was the one that was found okay.

18 MS. STROUD: Okay. So Dana Stringer  
19 was found to be okay. Andrew Stringer --

20 MS. CORRENTE: Inactive.

21 MS. STROUD: -- was inactive. So that  
22 couldn't be cured.

1 MS. CORRENTE: Correct.

2 MS. STROUD: And Malika Stringer was a  
3 finding that the signature did not match. So these  
4 individuals that Ms. Murray is attempting to  
5 present information for in the record today are  
6 individuals who were covered by the 13 submissions  
7 that she submitted. And the Registrar's findings  
8 cover these individuals.

9 (Audio interference.)

10 MS. STROUD: Hello?

11 CHAIR THOMPSON: Hold on one second.

12 Okay, anything else from the Registrar or Ms.  
13 Stroud? Otherwise we'll ask, I think, Ms. Murray  
14 to comment if she'd like.

15 MS. STROUD: No, Mr. Chair, I have  
16 nothing further. Ms. Corrente?

17 MS. CORRENTE: No, Mr. Chair, I have  
18 nothing further.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay.

20 MS. STROUD: Ms. Murray, if you could  
21 make a comment or respond to the Registrar's  
22 findings with respect to the information that you

1 submitted via email to today to Ms. Pembroke.

2 MS. MURRAY: Yes, ma'am. The  
3 information that I submitted today to Ms. Pembroke,  
4 I am and was fully prepared to go over by line  
5 which sheet they were on, what the challenge was,  
6 and submit the cure for those which was the  
7 registered voters card.

8 I believe Ms. Dana Stringer is actually  
9 on the line. And I believe her son as well is near  
10 her which was -- I believe you all just said that  
11 Ms. Dana was okay, but her son and daughter were  
12 still being challenged.

13 I submitted six documents, not just  
14 those three, on today. And so if those six, if  
15 those other, I'm sorry, four could be submitted as  
16 well, for example, Page 6, Number 7, Page 6 of 7,  
17 Number 9, that young lady, her name was submitted  
18 as a non-registered voter. I've also submitted  
19 her voter registration card as well already.

20 I know that my personal issues with my  
21 medical issues is not anyone's problem on this  
22 phone, but I do appreciate, Ms. Pembroke, for your

1 patience and everybody else's patience, nor is the  
2 passing of my aunt's death.

3 I know that you all stated September  
4 the first was the deadline for certain things. I  
5 do want to make note that during that time I was  
6 already literally ill. I spent six days in the  
7 hospital. So the day of the hearing was actually  
8 my release date.

9 So during all of this time where I could  
10 have had my due diligence of curing some of these  
11 things, I apologize, but I was ill. I did my best  
12 of what I could do of curing these things. And I  
13 made it very clear, even on the hearing, that I am  
14 one of the new candidates. Although I'm out here  
15 doing the work gracefully, I am one of the new  
16 candidates that's running for ANC.

17 And so therefore, a lot of work going  
18 on here I'm new to. But while being sick and  
19 dealing with my aunt's death, I was trying to do  
20 my best to get everything cured. With that being  
21 stated, I made mention to Ms. Pembroke before.

22 And I also would like to put on the

1 record Ms. Woodland had made it clear that, even  
2 if the challenges were cured and accepted enough  
3 to be on the ballot, that she was requesting that  
4 those individuals come down to the office in person  
5 to submit their IDs.

6 I would actually like to go against  
7 that. And the reason being I'm going to be honest,  
8 I came down to Board of Elections to even apply  
9 for ANC and wasn't even asked for my ID. And I  
10 brought that up to Ms. Pembroke to ask her, everyone  
11 that's registering to even run for ANC, none of us  
12 are being asked for our ID.

13 The second thing would be, and I'll make  
14 note, please, is that I see that we -- my signature  
15 was even challenged. And the challenge was based  
16 on the date. With that being said, even if it is  
17 accepted, and I hope that it is, it has been made  
18 clear that some things you all, and I'm not -- I'm  
19 speaking off what was told to me, some things you  
20 all are able to give grace for.

21 And if we're going to do that, I made  
22 mention, and it was a question as well, I wasn't

1       sure if Ms. Woodland had submitted someone that was  
2       -- and I'm not sure if I'm using the proper word,  
3       but that was her, I guess, registered agent to  
4       assist her on her matters or affairs with her  
5       petition.

6               But I question the time that was stated  
7       on her petition, I'm sorry, that was stated on her  
8       ballot of submission, that you all stamped, stating  
9       that she was there at 3:50.

10              And I actually, on the tenth, was in  
11       your office from 3:10 to at least 5:20, to the  
12       closing of business with Ms. Denise and a few other  
13       -- Ms. Denise, and I can't actually name the five  
14       other people that was in the office on that day.  
15       And so I made it clear. I said Ms. Woodland wasn't  
16       in here at 3:50, because I was here during that  
17       time. So if we're questioning dates, are we  
18       questioning time too if these documents are sworn  
19       and documented stamps according to the Board.

20              I've not yet really have gotten clarity  
21       on that, other than the fact that I know she  
22       submitted it before 3 o'clock which was the

1 deadline.

2 But my leery of falsifying documents  
3 to say that you were there at a time that you wasn't,  
4 that Ms. Woodland wasn't there, that would be  
5 falsifying a document to state that you're there  
6 at one time, and you're not when the document was  
7 stamped by your office verifying that she was  
8 there.

9 And so with that being stated, again,  
10 I'm true to the best I can to try to support our  
11 community. But I see that there's a lot of stuff  
12 that go into this that's going on that I'm, like,  
13 really oblivious by, especially being on a phone  
14 call on, oh, I'm sorry, on Wednesday with Ms. King,  
15 orchestrating the pre-hearing. And, Ms. King, you  
16 did a wonderful job, thank you.

17 I would say that the only thing I was  
18 a little baffled by Ms. Woodland being able to throw  
19 her indirect threats and give me her physical  
20 address to tell me to pull up on her. And I asked  
21 her at that time what do you want me to do, pull  
22 up on you to pray? Because I'm not going to pull

1 up on you to fight. So I'm not sure why you're  
2 giving me --

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right.

4 MS. MURRAY: -- your address. I find  
5 that to be very alarming.

6 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay.

7 MS. MURRAY: So I asked the Board, I  
8 asked the Board what do we do in that sense? If  
9 we are having this type of behavior on a hearing  
10 call what, besides perhaps going to the police,  
11 what do we request of the Board to be able to kind  
12 of keep control of us being threatened or being  
13 invited to someone's house for conflict.

14 So this all going on at one time. It  
15 just happened Wednesday, and after Wednesday we're  
16 here Friday. And so I'm trying my best to cure  
17 what the issues are. As I stated, I just sent over  
18 the six that was being challenged, and even mine  
19 that was being challenged.

20 And I wanted to know were those two that  
21 you all stated, and I'm assuming that one of them  
22 was my signature as well that was being challenged.

1 Will that be accepted as well?

2 (Simultaneous speaking.)

3 MS. STROUD: Oh, Mr. Chair, I'm sorry.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: I was just going to  
5 say, Ms. Murray, thank you so much. First and  
6 foremost, all the best wishes with your health, I  
7 hope you recover well, and also condolences on the  
8 passing of your aunt.

9 We appreciate you, you know, relaying  
10 this information today. Even though it was at a  
11 time, as noted, we'll take a close look at it when  
12 we go into executive session. And I think we've  
13 heard, we certainly have heard you, and appreciate  
14 your additional information.

15 I think we'll give Ms. Woodland a chance  
16 to reply or add any additional comments. And then  
17 I think, unless barring any other witnesses, we'll  
18 close the record.

19 MS. WOODLAND: Okay, thank you. I can  
20 speak now?

21 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah, please go  
22 ahead.

1 MS. WOODLAND: Okay, thank you. Thank  
2 you so much. So in response to her accusation of  
3 me, I guess, being a mean girl, I do believe that  
4 Ms. Pembroke and Ms. Marissa Cambo comment to the  
5 fact that, when we had that pre-hearing, I sat there  
6 very quietly and I allowed her to speak.

7 But when it was my turn to talk, she kept  
8 interrupting each and every thing that I said, so  
9 much so that Ms. Pembroke had to constantly remind  
10 her that it was my turn to speak, and they wanted  
11 to hear exactly what I had to say, in which she kept  
12 interrupting my conversation and would not allow  
13 me speak.

14 Now moving forward to the information  
15 that she did submit, at first I wanted to be a little  
16 merciful and allow her to try to cure whatever it  
17 was that she needed to cure provided that they can  
18 show their IDs and come directly into the office.

19 I've now changed my mind about that.  
20 I'm asking that the Board of Elections completely  
21 stick the Registrar's original finding. She had  
22 enough time to adequately submit all of that

1 information.

2 Even though she said that she had to go  
3 into the hospital, I do have a video footage that  
4 her neighbors did send me the night that the  
5 ambulance was called to come and pick her up which  
6 was well after the hours that the Board of Election  
7 had closed.

8 So she had still enough time to submit  
9 all of her documents. I did my due diligence like  
10 I was supposed to, under my rights for challenging  
11 a petition. I submitted everything legally. It  
12 wasn't anything fraudulent that I did.

13 The Board of Elections did not put time  
14 stamps on my paper for dates or times that I was  
15 not there. Every single time I came to the Board  
16 of Elections, this was documented. So this is  
17 nothing more but a ploy to buy her more time or try  
18 to force her way onto the petition. Thank you.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right. Thank you  
20 so much. Thank you everybody. I think we've  
21 heard everything we need to hear to go into  
22 executive session. Anything from General Counsel

1 or the Registrar in this matter?

2 MS. STROUD: Yes, I will --

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: Anything else?

4 MS. STROUD: No. I thought Ms.  
5 Corrente had something, but she doesn't. And I  
6 just would like to remind the Board that they must  
7 vote to enter into executive session --

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: Right.

9 MS. STROUD: We could establish a time  
10 in which we would be back on the record.

11 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. Yeah, so  
12 here's what we'll do for those who are listening.  
13 I'm going to move to go into executive session now,  
14 and then the three Board members will discuss.

15 Probably 20 minutes to half an hour  
16 we'll come back on the record and state our findings  
17 or make motions and, if need be, further discuss  
18 our determination.

19 So why don't we say, it's 11:09 now, why  
20 don't we say 11:40 for good measure? If folks want  
21 to -- this meeting will end, but you can dial back  
22 in at 11:40 to hear us issue our determinations.

1                   So with that I would move that, pursuant  
2 to D.C. Code 2-575(b), Sub 13, the Board enter  
3 into executive session to deliberate upon the  
4 challenges to ANC ballot access that we've heard  
5 this morning. I think mainly three matters, two  
6 for formality's sake but obviously mostly  
7 concerning Woodland versus Murray. Is there a  
8 second?

9                   MEMBER GILL: Second

10                  CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor?

11                  MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

12                  CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye.

13                  MEMBER GILL: Aye.

14                  CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you,  
15 everybody. We're going to end this meeting now,  
16 go into executive session, and we'll be back at  
17 11:40.

18                  (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
19 went off the record at 11:11 a.m. and resumed at  
20 11:42 a.m.)

21                  CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, welcome  
22 back, everybody. Step one is I move to resume the

1 public meeting. Is there a second?

2 MEMBER GILL: Second.

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor?

4 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye.

6 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

7 CHAIR THOMPSON: We are out of  
8 executive session and back in the public meeting.

9 MS. STROUD: Excuse me, Board members,  
10 we need to know the court reporter is here. I  
11 believe we just want to record for our purposes.

12 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. All right,  
13 sorry. I jumped in too fast. So I moved to resume  
14 the public session. It was seconded and passed.  
15 And so we are back on the record. Thank you,  
16 everybody for sticking around.

17 We're going to proceed with our  
18 determinations. Number one, in the matter of  
19 Shaquan Hudson versus Kendall Simmons, neither  
20 party was here.

21 The motion is to accept the  
22 recommendation of the Registrar that the candidate

1 does have enough signatures, ballot signatures to  
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3 proceed to the ballot, therefore we would reject  
4  
5 the challenge. Is there a second?

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7 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Second.

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9 MEMBER GILL: Second.

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11 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor. Aye.

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13 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

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15 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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17 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right. The

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19 second matter, Anthony Muhammad versus Allyson

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21 Carpenter, also neither were present.

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1                   At this time I would move to accept the  
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3       recommendation of the Registrar that the candidate  
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5       only has 22 ballot signatures and thus cannot  
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7       appear on the ballot, thus upholding the challenge.  
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9       Is there a second.

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MEMBER GILL:    Second.

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CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor?

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MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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MEMBER GILL:    Aye.

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CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye.

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agenda, is Robbie Woodland versus Betty Murray. And

our motion is to accept the findings of the

Registrar that there were 17 valid signatures

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Malika Stringer curing a mismatch issue which  
brings the number of valid signatures to 19, but  
unfortunately still not enough to clear the 25  
signature threshold.

Therefore the motion is to uphold the  
challenge and disqualify the candidate from the  
ballot.

MEMBER GILL: Second.

CHAIR THOMPSON: Any other comment  
from any Board members?

MEMBER GREENFIELD: No.



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MEMBER GILL: Aye.

CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye. Okay. So

that's three to zero on that one.

And, finally, Betty Murray versus  
Markus Batchelor. The parties were present. And  
we understand the challenge had been withdrawn.

But for good measure, we're going to go ahead and  
rule on this.

And the motion is to accept the  
recommendation of the Registrar that the candidate  
has enough ballot signatures to appear on the

1 ballot and therefore reject the challenge. Is

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3 there a second?

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5 MEMBER GILL: Second.

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7 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor?

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9 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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11 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

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13 CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye. All right,

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15 well, that addresses all four of the matters.

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17 Before we adjourn, it's a beautiful day and it looks

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19 like a gorgeous weekend ahead. So I hope everybody

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MS. STROUD: Beautiful day, indeed.

Take care.

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