

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

August 6, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board” or “DCBOE”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 via Zoom and in the Board’s Hearing Room, located at 1015 Half Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, Suite 750. Board Chairman Gregory McCarthy 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”) Director, Cecily Collier-Montgomery, and OCF General Counsel, William SanFord, were also present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

II. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Board Chair McCarthy 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 July 17.

IV. BOARD MATTERS

None.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. Petition Verification of Results of Initiative Measure #86 – Prohibiting the Force Feeding of Birds Act of 2026

Director Evans reported that Board staff completed the standard verification process for the Initiative Measure #86 petition and determined that it satisfied the statutory requirements for certification. The petition met the district-wide signature requirement and the required ward distribution in six of the eight wards. Although Wards 7 and 8 did not independently satisfy the five percent threshold, they were included in the district-wide statistical analysis, and the petition met the required confidence level.

At the request of Board Chair McCarthy, Director Evans summarized the petition verification process, explaining that signatures are individually verified and statistically

analyzed in coordination with the Office of Planning to determine whether the petition satisfies the statutory signature requirements.

BOARD ACTION: The Board voted unanimously to approve the Executive Director's recommendation that Initiative Measure #86 be accepted as numerically sufficient.

- B. Director Evans presented the [Executive Director's Report for July 2026.](#)

VI. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (TERRI STROUD)

A. Enforcement Hearings

1. In the Matter of Serena Gyi

Staff Attorney Pembroke presented a stipulated agreement resolving the matter following Ms. Gyi's request for reconsideration. Ms. Gyi acknowledged that she inadvertently cast a ballot issued in another voter's name, acknowledged responsibility for the election misconduct, and agreed to a \$100 civil fine. Ms. Gyi appeared before the Board and confirmed her agreement.

BOARD ACTION: The Board voted unanimously to grant the request to file the motion for reconsideration out of time, accept the stipulated agreement, and impose a civil fine of \$100.

2. In the Matter of Micaiah Lewis

Staff Attorney Jorge Quintana presented evidence indicating that a ballot issued to another voter had been cast using Ms. Lewis's signature. Despite multiple notices, Ms. Lewis did not participate in the Office of the General Counsel's investigation or appear before the Board. General Counsel recommended referral to the United States Attorney's Office.

BOARD ACTION: The Board voted unanimously to refer the matter to the United States Attorney's Office.

B. Litigation Status

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

This is a remand from the D.C. Circuit's June 20, 2025 reversal of a district court denial of a challenge to legislation allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections. We are awaiting the court's decision.

2. U.S. Dept. of Justice v. D.C. Board of Elections (U.S. District Court for D.C.)

This is an action by the Department of Justice to obtain confidential personal identifying information on D.C. voters. The Board is awaiting the Court’s decision.

3. John Guggenmos v. D.C. Board of Elections (D.C. Court of Appeals)

This matter is the appeal from the Superior Court proceeding concerning Initiative Measure No. 87.

4. Douglass v. D.C. Board of Elections (D.C. Superior Court)

This matter challenges both the Board’s determination that Initiative Measure No. 88, the Rent Control and Housing Eligibility Adjustment Amendment Act of 2026, met proper subject requirements and its adoption of that measure’s formulations. Pursuant to a briefing schedule issued on July 9, 2026, dispositive motions were filed on July 15, 2026, opposition motions were due on July 31, 2026, and replies are due August 7, 2026. The judge is entertaining a motion to submit an amicus brief by another party.

VII. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT (PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR COLLIER-MONTGOMERY)

- A. Director Collier-Montgomery presented the [Office of Campaign Finance \(OCF\) report](#) for July. The full report will be posted on the OCF website(www.ocf.dc.gov).
- B. OCF General Counsel SanFord presented the report of the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”).

1. Monthly Intake/Output Report

During July, OGC referred two matters for informal hearing, completed 14 informal hearings, and issued 14 orders. Six orders were issued in which a total of \$14,825 in fines were imposed, and eight orders were issued in which no fines were imposed. OGC imposed a fine of \$1,700 against Rossi for Mayor, an additional fine of \$1,275 against Rossi for Mayor, a fine of \$3,400 against Edward for DC, an additional fine of \$2,550 against Edward for DC, a fine of \$1,900 against Jacques for DC, and a fine of \$4,000 against the Committee to Elect Jacques Patterson.

2. Investigations

- a. Docket No. OCF-FI-2026-006: Complainant Douglas Ticker alleges failure to report expenditures by respondent Jacqueline Reyes-Yanes. The matter was docketed April 20, 2026, and expanded following an additional referral from the Fair Elections Program Division received May 11, 2026. The matter remains pending.
- b. Docket No. OCF-I 2026-007: Complainant Kevin Sobkoviak alleges improper coordination by respondents Janeese Lewis-George PCC, Safe and Affordable

PAC, Unite Here Local 25 Union, and SEIU 32BJ. The matter was docketed April 24, 2026, and remains pending.

- c. Docket No. OCF-I 2026-008: Complainant Shelly Jackson alleges no disclaimer on campaign literature and failure to register with OCF by respondent YAZAM d/b/a Empower. The matter was docketed April 28, 2026. A cease and desist order to Show Cause was issued May 11, 2026. The matter remains pending.
- d. Docket No OCF-FI-2026-009: Complainant William Singer alleges failure to identify political advertisements and failure to report an independent expenditure by respondent A United DC Research Council. The matter was docketed May 7, 2026. A cease and desist order and an order to show cause were issued May 13, 2026. The matter remains pending.

3. Request for Interpretive Opinions

None

4. Show Cause Proceedings

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The discussion in the public comment portion of the meeting can be found on pages 43 – 58 of the transcript.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.