

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Joseph Bishop-Henchman,	)	
Challenger	)	Administrative
	)	Order #26-059
	)	
v.	)	Re: Challenge to Nominating
	)	Petition Submitted for
	)	Reginald Shaw-Richardson
Reginald Shaw-Richardson,	)	
Candidate.	)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

This matter came before the District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board”) on September 3, 2026. It is a challenge to the nominating petition submitted by Reginald Shaw-Richardson (“the Candidate”) to run for the office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (“Commissioner”) for Single Member District (“SMD”) 5D01 in the November 3, 2026 General Election (“the General Election”). The challenge was filed by Joseph Bishop-Henchman (“Challenger”) pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1). Board Members Karyn Greenfield and Mike Wakefield attended the hearing. The parties appeared *pro se* and the Board’s General Counsel also appeared at the hearing.

While the hearing was in session, the Candidate indicated on the record that he had electronically submitted a *Candidate Withdrawal Form* to the Challenger and Board staff. Upon review of the form, the staff attorney assigned to the matter noted that it did not contain a proper written or digital signature. The Board accordingly requested that the Candidate, who was under oath, read the language contained in the form into the record and confirm that he was adopting it to withdraw his candidacy. The Candidate complied.

Consistent with the Candidate's withdrawal of his candidacy under oath at the hearing through a reading of the Board's *Candidate Withdrawal Form* into the record it is hereby:

ORDERED that Reginald Shaw-Richardson not be placed on the ballot in light of his withdrawal of his candidacy for the office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for SMD 5D01 in the General Election.¹

The Board issues this written order today, which memorializes its oral ruling rendered on September 3, 2026.

Date: September 4, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Greenfield', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Karyn Greenfield
Presiding Board Member

¹ Mr. Shaw-Richardson's testimony under oath reading the form and adopting its contents for this matter effectuated the withdrawal of his candidacy as a matter of law. However, at the hearing, the Board additionally requested that Mr. Shaw-Richardson submit a properly signed form and Mr. Shaw-Richardson submitted the form on the evening of September 3, 2026.