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The District of Columbia Board of  
Elections convened via Video/Teleconference,  
pursuant to notice at 2:30 p.m. EDT, Gary  
Thompson, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY THOMPSON, Chair  
KARYN GREENFIELD, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

MONICA HOLMAN EVANS, Director  
TERRI STROUD, General Counsel  
WILLIAM SANFORD, General Counsel, Office of  
Campaign Finance

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2:33 p.m.

CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, well, good afternoon, everybody. Hopefully, you can hear me okay.

My name is Gary Thompson, the Chair of the Board of Elections. And thank you to those letting me know you can hear me. I'm usually there in person, so I'm doing this remote today along with Karyn Greenfield, my fellow Board member, and Kerry Stroud, our General Counsel.

It's winter's last gasp today. It's getting sunnier, so hopefully we're squarely inside of spring from now on.

We have a relatively short agenda today. First thing we do is adopt our agenda. We've seen this in advance, so at this time I'd move to adopt the agenda.

(No audible response.)

CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, and I got a second. All in favor including Karyn and I?

(No audible response.)

1 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, well,  
2 good.

3 Also, I move that we adopt the minutes  
4 from our last meeting, which we've had a chance  
5 to review. Okay? All in favor?

6 (No audible response.)

7 CHAIR THOMPSON: We're good?

8 (No audible response.)

9 CHAIR THOMPSON: And so, now, on to  
10 Board matters, starting with the Executive  
11 Director's report from Monica Evans.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and  
13 good afternoon, all. This is the Executive  
14 Director's report for March 2025.

15 Beginning with Executive Director  
16 engagements, the Board's equipment vendors were  
17 on site the week of March 31st. We were able to  
18 discuss the implementation of the Automatic Voter  
19 Registration Expansion Act and equipment software  
20 upgrades needed for future elections.

21 We also discussed plans to conduct a  
22 mock election in 2025.

1                   We are also planning for the Ward 8  
2                   special election to be held on July 15. However,  
3                   we have not yet received funding to conduct this  
4                   election. We are unable to finalize plans  
5                   without a budget.

6                   Many of the vote centers we  
7                   traditionally use in Ward 8 are unavailable due  
8                   to summer camps in the recreation centers.

9                   But we do hope to be in a position to  
10                  finalize the planning process soon.

11                  Voter registration rolls, in March, we  
12                  registered 1,691 new voters and processed 21,406  
13                  registration changes. In total, we prepared  
14                  23,907 voter registration cards to be mailed.

15                  Additionally, 67 registered voters  
16                  moved out of D.C., and 177 voters cancelled their  
17                  D.C. registrations and registered with other  
18                  jurisdictions, and 269 voters registered in D.C.  
19                  after canceling their registrations in other  
20                  states.

21                  Online voter registration, we are  
22                  continuing to register voters using our website

1 portal. To date, we have processed over 97,025  
2 applications using the portal. These include new  
3 voter registrations and updates to existing  
4 registrations.

5 In March, we registered two non-  
6 citizens to vote in local elections. Total non-  
7 citizen registration is 986.

8 Since the election, we have seen a  
9 noticeable decline in the number of non-citizens  
10 registering to vote. And we are also receiving  
11 inquiries regarding the process to cancel a  
12 registration.

13 Restore the Vote. The Restore the  
14 Vote Division worked with the Corrections  
15 Information Council, or CIC, on the joint after  
16 action report on the 2024 election cycle as  
17 required by the Restore the Vote Amendment Act.  
18 And the draft report is being circulated for  
19 comment.

20 The division is also working with the  
21 Department of Corrections and the Federal Bureau  
22 of Prisons to alert incarcerated D.C. residents

1 from Ward 8 of the upcoming special election.

2 Eligible residents will be able to vote in the  
3 special election and will receive a mail ballot.

4 2025 next steps and off year election  
5 year planning, we have received estimates to  
6 address our need to replace voting equipment that  
7 has reached the end of its life cycle. And we  
8 will address funding during our budget oversight  
9 hearing once it is scheduled.

10 As we continue planning for the 2026  
11 election cycle, we are taking steps to fully  
12 implement new legislation. We are currently  
13 reviewing the requirements of the Automatic Voter  
14 Registration Expansion Act. We are meeting with  
15 jurisdictions that have similar legislation.

16 Delaware Board of Elections recently  
17 shared their marketing materials with us.

18 We are reviewing our outreach plans,  
19 communication strategies, and election worker  
20 recruitment efforts ahead of the 2026 election  
21 cycle.

22 We are also finalizing our



1 communications plan for the Ward 8 special  
2 election.

3 As previously mentioned, we convened  
4 all of our vendors together to develop a strategy  
5 to conduct a mock election later this year.

6 List maintenance. List maintenance is  
7 an ongoing process. Our data team continues to  
8 focus on keeping voter registration records  
9 accurate and up to date by conducting essential  
10 tasks such as identifying registrants who have  
11 moved, whether in state or out of state,  
12 verifying deceased individuals, addressing  
13 duplicate records and identifying ineligible  
14 voters and inactive voters.

15 As part of our voter registration list  
16 maintenance efforts, we are conducting the  
17 biannual mail canvas to verify the residential  
18 addresses of voters who were eligible but did not  
19 participate in the 2024 general presidential  
20 election. This process includes sending a first  
21 class non-forwardable canvas mailer to the  
22 address on record. This initiative will help

1 maintain the integrity of the voter roll by  
2 identifying outdated or inaccurate address  
3 information.

4 To initiate this process 153,404 first  
5 class non-forwardable canvas mailers were sent to  
6 voters' recorded addresses on February 28th. And  
7 as a result, we have received 26,528 returned  
8 mailers through the Postal Service.

9 Technology and cyber security, our  
10 application for the migration to a dot gov domain  
11 has been approved. We will continue to work with  
12 OCTO to facilitate this process. Our teams are  
13 collaborating on the technical requirements  
14 ensuring that all necessary infrastructure and  
15 security measures are in place for a successful  
16 migration.

17 Additionally, we are evaluating the  
18 latest poll pad kiosk station to replace legacy  
19 poll pads. This will allow us to provide greater  
20 security to voters and enhanced usability for  
21 election workers.

22 Voter education and outreach, during

1 the month of March, the Voter Education and  
2 Outreach Division participated in 15 events on  
3 behalf of the agency. On March 11th, the Voter  
4 Education and Outreach Division participated in  
5 the naturalization ceremony at the U.S. District  
6 Court.

7 The division also attended the Black  
8 Family Wellness Expo hosted by The Links and  
9 participated in Civic Education Week at HD  
10 Woodson High School, Ballou Senior High School,  
11 Bard High School and Anacostia Senior High  
12 School.

13 Election workers, in preparation for  
14 the next election cycle, the election worker  
15 division has updated the election worker  
16 application. They are also compiling a list of  
17 necessary upgrades and enhancements to the  
18 election worker web platform.

19 The division is currently building the  
20 election in the election worker portal and adding  
21 classes in preparation for the call center to  
22 begin their work.

1           The division is also updating the  
2           training materials and finalizing the allocation  
3           of equipment.

4           ANC vacancies, we currently have 20  
5           active ANC vacancies for the 2025/2026 term.  
6           These positions are in different stages of being  
7           filled. After candidate filing requirements are  
8           met an open vote of registered voters of the  
9           affected SMD will be held during regularly  
10          scheduled ANC meeting.

11          Ward 8 special election, as mentioned  
12          earlier, we are actively planning for a special  
13          election in Ward 8. In total, 21 candidates  
14          picked up petitions and 2 have submitted an  
15          initial filing. The deadline to file is  
16          Thursday, April 17, at 5:00 p.m.

17          The challenge period will begin on  
18          Sunday, April 20 and will run through Tuesday,  
19          April 29, at 5:00 p.m.

20          In addition to our normal business  
21          hours of 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. from Monday  
22          through Friday, DC BOE will be open on weekends

1 during the challenge process. And those dates  
2 are Sunday, April 20, Saturday, April 26, and  
3 Sunday, April 27. And those hours will be from  
4 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

5 Individuals may visit the DC BOE  
6 website for more information regarding the  
7 election, current candidates, and pertinent  
8 dates.

9 And that concludes my report. Thank  
10 you.

11 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you  
12 very much. On to the general counsel's report  
13 from Terri Stroud.

14 MS. STROUD: Thank you and good  
15 afternoon everyone. Can you hear me okay?

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes.

17 Okay, thank you. The first item on my  
18 agenda is rulemaking to Title III of the D.C.  
19 Municipal Regulations. The first rulemaking is a  
20 rulemaking to Chapter 5. The purpose of this  
21 amendment is to include tuition and housing  
22 statements from D.C. colleges and universities as

1 valid and acceptable proof of residence. Some of  
2 these institutions print the student's voter --  
3 student voter's resident address on the tuition  
4 or housing bill, while others include it on a  
5 separate statement.

6 So, including both will ensure that  
7 all students can provide valid documentation and  
8 prevent disenfranchisement due to technicalities  
9 beyond the voter's control.

10 A notice of proposed rulemaking with  
11 respect to this rulemaking was published in the  
12 D.C. Register on February 14 at 72 DCR 001525.  
13 And we have received no written comments on the  
14 proposed rules during the public comment period.

15 And so, I would ask for a motion to  
16 permit my office to submit the final version of  
17 this rulemaking to the Office of Documents and  
18 Administrative Issuances for publication in the  
19 April 18th edition of the D.C. Register, at which  
20 time they will become immediately effective.

21 And I'll take a -- if you can make the  
22 motion?

1 CHAIR THOMPSON: So moved. Thank you  
2 for saying that.

3 MS. STROUD: Okay. Is there a second?

4 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yes.

5 MS. STROUD: Okay. And so, we'll take  
6 a roll call vote.

7 Mr. Chair?

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye.

9 MS. STROUD: Member Greenfield?

10 (No audible response.)

11 MS. STROUD: Okay, and with that, we  
12 will submit this rulemaking to the -- this final  
13 rulemaking to the D.C. Register as indicated.

14 The second rulemaking is a rulemaking  
15 to Chapter 9. And this amendment is to recognize  
16 the Council's determination that the -- that its  
17 expulsion of a member results in a vacancy that  
18 triggers the procedures for filling vacancies and  
19 provide clarity regarding the date upon which  
20 these vacancies occur.

21 A notice of proposed rulemaking with  
22 respect to this rulemaking was published in the

1 D.C. Register on February 28th, 2025 at 72 DCR  
2 002089. And we received no written comments on  
3 these rules during the public comment period.

4 And as with the last measure, I would  
5 ask for a motion to permit us to submit the final  
6 version of this rulemaking to ODAI for  
7 publication in the April 18th edition of the DCR,  
8 at which time they will become immediately  
9 effective.

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: The Chair so moves.

11 MS. STROUD: Okay.

12 And a second?

13 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Second.

14 MS. STROUD: Okay, roll call vote.

15 Mr. Chair?

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye.

17 MS. STROUD: Member Greenfield?

18 (No audible response.)

19 MS. STROUD: And with that, we will be  
20 submitting them to the D.C. Register. And again,  
21 they will both be published in the April 18th  
22 2025 edition of the D.C. Register at which point



1 -- time, they will become immediately effective.

2 The next item on my agenda has to do  
3 with the Initiative Number -- Initiative Measure  
4 Number 83 matter. As you were aware, that  
5 measure appeared on the ballot in the November  
6 2024 general election where it was approved by  
7 voters.

8 But there was a matter that had to be  
9 dealt with, which was the improprieties with  
10 respect to the circulation of that petition.  
11 Specifically, the fact that signatures had been  
12 whited out, as that's the terminology that was  
13 used in reference to these signatures or  
14 addresses in connection with these signatures.

15 And the Board will now -- the Office  
16 of the General Counsel is bringing an enforcement  
17 proceeding with respect to that against certain  
18 circulators involved in that.

19 And I will have senior staff attorney  
20 Christine Pembroke present the Board's position  
21 or matter before the Board -- or the Office of  
22 the General Counsel's case before the Board.

1 MS. PEMBROOKE: Good afternoon, can  
2 everyone hear me?

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes.

4 MS. PEMBROOKE: Okay.

5 So, on January 14th, 2025, the Board's  
6 Office of General Counsel, OGC, sent to Lisa Rice  
7 a notice of a February 12th, 2025 pre-hearing  
8 conference. The notice advised in part, that OGC  
9 was investigating possible violations of the D.C.  
10 Code provision that imposes criminal penalties  
11 for making a false statement as to a person's  
12 residency on an initiative petition.

13 The notice was sent because Ms. Rice  
14 had submitted to the Board, as the General  
15 Counsel alluded to, an initiative petition that  
16 included 4,802 signatures where the address  
17 entered on the petition by the signer had been  
18 whited out and written over to alter the address  
19 claimed by the signer to a different address.

20 The petition at issue had been  
21 submitted by Ms. Rice in support of Initiative  
22 Number 83, or the Make All Votes Count Act of

1       2024.

2                   Ms. Rice and her counsel, Joseph  
3       Sandler, appeared at the pre-hearing conference.  
4       In addition, Adam Eiding, Nikolas Schiller and  
5       Kirsten (phonetic) Furnish also appeared.

6                   As disclosed during the pre-hearing  
7       conference, those other individuals assisted Ms.  
8       Rice in organizing the gathering of and/or  
9       reviewing I-83 petition signatures.

10                  And in particular, Mr. Schiller  
11       trained the I-83 circulators who gathered  
12       signatures.

13                  During the pre-hearing conference, Mr.  
14       Schiller acknowledged that his training included  
15       that circulators should alter address information  
16       that was entered on the petition by the signers.  
17       And he and Mr. Eiding stated they believed that  
18       this practice was permissible based on the fact  
19       that they had been involved in prior ballot  
20       measure efforts where such alterations were made  
21       on the petitions in support of those measures and  
22       the Board had not rejected the signatures

1 associated with altered addresses.

2 In response to these claims, the OGC  
3 attorney present at the pre-hearing conference  
4 noted, among other things, that the Board's  
5 registrar of voters had, on March 20th, 2024,  
6 which was months before the I-83 petition was  
7 submitted, sent Mr. Schiller an email that was  
8 copied to the Board's General Counsel, Mr.  
9 Eidinger, Ms. Furnish and counsel for Ms. Rice,  
10 which included the following, quote, if a signer  
11 writes information on a petition sheet, a  
12 circulator should not be going behind them and  
13 changing what the signer wrote, close quote.

14 As the evidence that came out as a  
15 result of the pre-hearing conference included  
16 that Mr. Schiller, Mr. Eidinger and Ms. Furnish  
17 advised Ms. Rice that it was permissible to alter  
18 address information entered by signers on the  
19 petition, OGC's inquiry expanded to include those  
20 other three individuals.

21 OGC reviewed the entire I-83 petition  
22 to determine the number of instances where the

1 address entered by the signer had been changed.  
2 And the signatures were gathered by Ms. Rice, Mr.  
3 Schiller, Mr. Eidinger, and Ms. Furnish. And  
4 I'll just refer to those four individuals as the  
5 circulators going forward.

6 Eventually, these circulators entered  
7 into a stipulated agreement with General Counsel.  
8 By that agreement, the circulators waived their  
9 Fifth Amendment rights and stipulated to the  
10 following paraphrased facts.

11 One, the law establishes that, for the  
12 purposes of petition signature validity, the  
13 Board shall count a signature as valid if the  
14 signer's address on the Board's records show that  
15 the person was registered to vote from the  
16 address listed on the petition at the time the  
17 person signed the petition.

18 Two, the only mechanism recognized in  
19 law for curing a signature that is defective  
20 because the address on the petition does not  
21 match the address in the Board's records for a  
22 registered voter having the same name as the

1        signer, is to have the voter file a change of  
2        address form prior to the filing of the petition.

3                Three, the Board's written guidance on  
4        circulating and filing initiative petitions  
5        repeat that the determinative address for  
6        signature validity requirements is the address  
7        entered at the time the petition was signed and  
8        that the mechanism to cure a difference between  
9        an address on the petition and an address for a  
10       person having the same name in the Board's  
11       records was to have the voter at issue submit a  
12       change of address form prior to the filing of the  
13       petition.

14               Four, the Board's written guidance on  
15       circulating and filing initiative petitions  
16       instructs that the signer is to enter the address  
17       information on the petition.

18               Five, during the process of gathering  
19       signatures for Initiative 83 and before  
20       submission of the petitions to the Board for  
21       approval, the circulators engaged in an effort to  
22       check that each signer's address on the petition

1 matched the signer's current address on the  
2 Board's records.

3 If the address was different, then the  
4 circulators placed white correction tape over the  
5 address written by the signer at the time the  
6 petition was signed, and hand wrote an address  
7 from the Board's records on the correction tape.

8 On March 20th, 2024, the circulators  
9 were provided with authoritative notice that this  
10 practice was impermissible, thereby making any  
11 inaction by the Board staff in response to  
12 address alterations on petitions for prior  
13 matters irrelevant.

14 Six, the circulators of the petition  
15 sheets did not gather personal identifying  
16 information from petition signers, such as dates  
17 of birth or Social Security numbers that would  
18 enable them to definitively confirm that the  
19 person signing the petition, who has the same  
20 name as the voter in the Board's record is, in  
21 fact, a registered voter.

22 Seven, ultimately, Rice filed a

1 petition with 4,802 signature lines with address  
2 information that had been written over to attempt  
3 to match the address entered by the signer with  
4 an address from the Board's records.

5 Eight, there were 23 instances on the  
6 petition sheets circulated by Mr. Schiller, with  
7 altered addresses. For example, 4113 18th  
8 Street, Northeast was changed to 1301 Trinidad  
9 Avenue, Northeast and 2026 Savannah Place,  
10 Northeast was changed to 2029 Huidekoper  
11 (phonetic) Place, Northwest.

12 Mr. Eidinger circulated sheets with 20  
13 petition signatures with altered addresses. For  
14 example, 2502 14th Street, Northeast, Number 5  
15 was changed to 110 Riggs Road, Northeast and 1525  
16 Two Street, Northwest, Number 2, was changed to  
17 1202 Orange Street, Northeast.

18 Ms. Furnish submitted petition sheets  
19 with 68 signatures with altered addresses. For  
20 example, 1717 T Street, Northwest, Number 12 was  
21 changed to 1734 Hobart Street, Northwest and 2337  
22 Champlain Street, Northwest was changed to 1419



1 Swann Street, Northwest.

2 Ms. Rice circulated sheets with 14  
3 signatures with altered addresses. For example,  
4 1901 C Street, Southeast was changed to an  
5 address on Van Street, Southeast and 7 O Street,  
6 Northwest was changed to 3461 22nd Street,  
7 Southeast.

8 The circulators inappropriately made  
9 the foregoing address changes sometime after the  
10 signer had signed the petition, such that the  
11 circulators entered addresses that were not the  
12 addresses listed on the petition at the time the  
13 person signed the petition, as required by law.

14 This practice went beyond the  
15 initiative laws and the Board's guidance and what  
16 the Board's guidance permits and violated  
17 election laws.

18 By the stipulation, the circulators  
19 also agreed to send a letter to each individual  
20 who was trained to gather signatures on the I-83  
21 petition that explains that the practice of  
22 altering a signer's address violates the election

1 laws and can trigger criminal prosecution, and  
2 that they must complete Board-offered circulator  
3 training if they intend to gather petition  
4 signatures in the future.

5 And that's all I have in terms of the  
6 background of this matter.

7 MS. STROUD: Okay, thank you, Ms.  
8 Pembroke.

9 Was there anything that the Office of  
10 the General Counsel wanted to submit for the  
11 record?

12 MS. PEMBROOKE: Yes, there are a few  
13 items that we would like to be admitted into  
14 evidence in the record.

15 The first being the executed  
16 stipulations.

17 The second being the March 20th, 2024  
18 email exchange in which Mr. Eidinger, Ms.  
19 Furnish, and Ms. Rice, and Mr. Schiller -- Ms.  
20 Rice's counsel and Mr. Schiller were notified  
21 that their circulators should not be altering  
22 information entered by petition signers.

1                   A January 16, 2024 email exchange  
2                   between Ms. Rice and Mr. Schiller regarding  
3                   alterations to the address on the petition of a  
4                   particular voter. The Excel sheet that the  
5                   Office of General Counsel prepared which  
6                   identified by petition sheet line where these  
7                   circulators had altered address information. And  
8                   the transcript of the February 12, 2025 pre-  
9                   hearing conference.

10                   So, with that, I would ask if the  
11                   Chair would admit that information into the  
12                   record.

13                   CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes, so admitted.

14                   I just had a quick question, does the  
15                   stipulation recite or comment on intent on the  
16                   part of the circulators?

17                   MS. PEMBROOKE: I would have --

18                   CHAIR THOMPSON: That would be --

19                   MS. PEMBROOKE: -- look at it again to  
20                   say for sure.

21                   And the reason I say that is because  
22                   the offense of violating or falsifying address

1 information is a strict liability offense. So,  
2 their intent really isn't relevant.

3 And that was the primary statutory  
4 provision that we were proceeding on.

5 So, off the top of my head, I don't  
6 recall that the stipulation went to whether they,  
7 you know, were doing this purposefully.

8 I know that during the proceedings,  
9 part of their defense was that they didn't  
10 understand that this was an impermissible  
11 practice. But again, with respect to the  
12 particular charge of 1001.14(b), intent is not  
13 relevant.

14 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes, I appreciate  
15 that. I thought that was the case. Thank you.

16 MS. STROUD: And Mr. Chair, if it's  
17 your pleasure, then at this time, we could hear  
18 from the circulators through their counsel?

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes, all right.

20 Yes, Mr. Sandler?

21 MS. STROUD: And Mr. Hayford, I  
22 believe, is present for Mr. Eidinger.

1 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay.

2 So, whoever we need to promote, and --  
3 whoever would like to go first.

4 MR. SANDLER: Okay, can you hear me?

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: We sure can, Mr.  
6 Sandler, yes, please go ahead.

7 MR. SANDLER: Yes, thank you, Mr.  
8 Chairman.

9 I just want to confirm that Ms. Rice,  
10 the proposer and the circulator, you know, has  
11 entered into this stipulation voluntarily as a  
12 means to resolve this matter, is satisfied with  
13 the stipulated facts as the basis, you know, for  
14 the record.

15 And we would respectfully request that  
16 the Board adopt the General Counsel's  
17 recommendation.

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: I appreciate that.

19 Yes, I don't have any questions.  
20 Anything else?

21 MS. STROUD: I don't know if Ms.  
22 Hayford wanted to speak? I know that he's

1 present.

2 CHAIR THOMPSON: And I see a Kevin  
3 Hancock here as well, if you want to speak?

4 (No audible response.)

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: Someone named Roman  
6 just said nothing further.

7 And also, I see Kevin Hancock, you  
8 know, if he wants to unmute and speak, that's  
9 okay.

10 He's just listening in, as he says in  
11 the chat.

12 So, I think we're -- we've heard from  
13 everybody we need to hear from.

14 MS. STROUD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

15 In light of the stipulated agreement,  
16 it would be my recommendation that the Board  
17 impose a penalty that amounts to \$300 per each of  
18 the 100 and, let's see, I believe 126 or 162, I  
19 can't quite --

20 MS. PEMBROOKE: I think it was 127.

21 MS. STROUD: 120 -- I'm sorry, you  
22 said 126?

1 MS. PEMBROOKE: I thought it was 127.

2 MS. STROUD: Okay.

3 Let me bring up that exact number.

4 MR. SANDLER: The stipulation says  
5 126.

6 MS. STROUD: 126, okay.

7 And so, that would amount to a fine of  
8 \$37,800. And I recommend, consistent with the  
9 stipulated agreement, that the Board impose a  
10 penalty against the circulators in that amount.

11 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you  
12 so much.

13 I accept the recommendation and move  
14 that we adopt it. And I'll just comment briefly  
15 to thank everybody for working together towards  
16 this stipulated result.

17 It's, you know, makes our job a lot  
18 easier. I think it's the right result in light  
19 of the strict liability nature of the infraction.  
20 But I also wanted to add the comment that I  
21 personally don't infer anything about the  
22 circulators' intent in terms of it being, you

1 know, deceptive or wrongful or anything like  
2 that. It's just, it's something that happened.

3 And when we noticed it happened, you  
4 know, we said at the time that we would revisit  
5 the issue, you know, in due course and so here we  
6 are and I'm glad we followed through.

7 But also, at the same time, the  
8 circulators submitted a lot of valid signatures,  
9 way more than necessary to clear the relevant  
10 thresholds to put I-83 on the ballot.

11 So, you know, that's behind us. This  
12 is this is follow-up work to address this white  
13 out issue and I'm glad we could do it  
14 cooperatively and everybody knows now going  
15 forward, including the training, that everyone  
16 will now follow, you know, to -- if there are any  
17 kind of changes like that to do it through a  
18 voter change of address form.

19 So, I just wanted to say thank you to  
20 Mr. Sandler and Ms. Rice and everybody from the  
21 I-83 team and everyone else that worked so hard  
22 to bring all this together. I think it's the



1 right result. So that's, you know, I positively  
2 adopt the recommendation and so move that we  
3 imposed the penalty.

4 MS. STROUD: Is there a second?

5 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Second.

6 MS. STROUD: Okay, and we'll take a  
7 roll call vote with respect to the motion to  
8 adopt the recommendation of the General Counsel.

9 Mr. Chair?

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: The Chair votes aye.

11 MS. STROUD: Member Greenfield?

12 (No audible response.)

13 MS. STROUD: And with that, the Board  
14 imposes a fine of \$37,800 against the Initiative  
15 83 circulators with respect to the signatures at  
16 issue.

17 And that concludes this enforcement  
18 proceeding with respect to Initiative 83.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: And I notice from the  
20 chat someone named John Capozzi asked for  
21 permission to be recognized and speak to the  
22 Board. I would defer to General Counsel on that.

1 MS. STROUD: I would say that we could  
2 hear that during public matters as this matter is  
3 closed. And so, that can be raised during the  
4 public matters section of the meeting.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, so thank  
6 you, Mr. Capozzi, just hold on and we'll get back  
7 to you in a few minutes.

8 MS. STROUD: Thank you. And the next  
9 item on my agenda is litigation status. We have  
10 seven matters, two of which will be concluded as  
11 of -- two of which are concluded, but we just  
12 have to report on how they were closed out.

13 The first is Stacia Hall vs. the  
14 Board. That matter is in the U.S. Court of  
15 Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. This is an appeal  
16 from the U.S. District Court's denial of a  
17 challenge to legislation allowing non-citizens to  
18 vote in local elections.

19 Oral argument in this matter was held  
20 on March 14th and a decision is pending.

21 The second matter is Charles Wilson  
22 vs. Muriel Bowser, et al., including the Board.

1 That matter was in the D.C. Court of Appeals on  
2 February 6th. The Court vacated the order of the  
3 Superior Court and remanded the matter back to  
4 that Court for further proceedings to address  
5 appellants' proper subject claims.

6 On February 11th, the Board sought en  
7 banc review of the February 6th decision.

8 On February 26th, the Court ordered  
9 that the appellants file a response to the  
10 Board's petition for en banc review by March  
11 12th. The plaintiffs filed that response on  
12 March 6th. On March 31st, the Court issued an  
13 order denying the petition -- Board's petition  
14 for en banc review.

15 The third matter is Charles Wilson vs.  
16 Muriel Bowser, et al., vs. the D.C. Superior  
17 Court. This is the remand of the case just  
18 described. To date, the Superior Court has not  
19 acted on the remand, but the Board filed a motion  
20 to dismiss on -- yesterday, April 8th, 2025.

21 The next matter is Long vs. the Board,  
22 and that's in the D.C. Superior Court. This case

1 was remanded back to this Court from the U.S.  
2 District Court for D.C. on February 3rd.

3 This matter is the re-submission of a  
4 case previously dismissed without prejudice, in  
5 which the plaintiff sought \$10,000 in damages for  
6 an overdraft fee caused by a stop-payment on a  
7 \$500 check issued for his service as an election  
8 worker. To date, the Superior Court has not  
9 acted on the remand.

10 The fifth matter is Deirdre Brown vs.  
11 the Board, that's in the D.C. Court of Appeals.  
12 On August 7th, the petitioner sought review of  
13 the certification of Initiative Measure Number  
14 83. This matter has been fully briefed and oral  
15 argument is scheduled for April 24th, 2025.

16 The next matter is Sobin vs. the  
17 Board. That's in the U.S. District Court. Other  
18 than the granting on February 21st, 2025 of the  
19 plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis,  
20 there has been no activity in this case.

21 The final matter is Young-Bey vs. the  
22 Board. That's in the D.C. Court of Appeals.

1 This is a challenge to the general election  
2 results for an ANC race that was reported as  
3 closed at the February Board meeting because the  
4 Board had issued a decision -- the Court had  
5 issued a decision in favor of the Board and  
6 denied all the hearing requests.

7 On January 28th, 2025, the Court  
8 issued its mandate. However, Young-Bey, on  
9 February 6, 2025, filed a motion to recall the  
10 mandate. He didn't serve the Board with that  
11 motion, though. On March 18th, the Court denied  
12 Young-Bey's motion.

13 And that concludes the litigation  
14 status and my overall report. Thank you.

15 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you  
16 very much.

17 On to the campaign finance report, and  
18 it looks like General Counsel, Bill Sanford, is  
19 going to give us that report.

20 MR. SANFORD: Good afternoon Mr. Chair  
21 and distinguished Board Member Greenfield,  
22 appearing on behalf of the Director of the Office

1 of Campaign Finance, during the month of March  
2 2025, the Office of Campaign Finance participated  
3 in several community outreach events across the  
4 District of Columbia.

5 On the 14th of March, the Office of  
6 Campaign Finance joined District agencies by  
7 participating in the Harvard Towers Group  
8 Community Outreach event in the Mount Pleasant  
9 neighborhood.

10 On March 14th, the Office of Campaign  
11 Finance joined District agencies by participating  
12 in the Jubilee Housing Group's educational  
13 outreach event held in the Adams Morgan  
14 neighborhood.

15 On March 18th, the Office of Campaign  
16 Finance gave a presentation at the Advisory  
17 Commission Single Member District 3A01.

18 On March 28th 2025, the office joined  
19 other District agencies by participating in the  
20 Metropolitan Police Department and D.C.  
21 Department of Recreation's Late Night Hype Beat  
22 the Streets program.

1                   In the Fair Elections Program during  
2                   the month of March 2025, the Office of Campaign  
3                   Finance prepared for the special election of 2025  
4                   in Ward 8 for Ward 8 Council. And as of today's  
5                   date there are two certified participants in the  
6                   Fair Elections Program. The two certified  
7                   participants in the Fair Elections Program for  
8                   the special election in Ward 8 are Sheila Bunn.  
9                   To date, Ms. Bunn has received \$46,735 in  
10                  matching funds and \$20,000 in the base amount.

11                  The second certified participant,  
12                  Salim Adolfo, Salim Adolfo Principal Campaign  
13                  Committee, to date has received \$40,071.65 in  
14                  matching funds and \$20,000 in base amount.

15                  During the month of March 2025, the  
16                  Fair Elections Division conducted 48 desk reviews  
17                  and issued 11 requests for additional information  
18                  to committees. During the month of March, as of  
19                  March 31st, the Office of Campaign Finance has  
20                  received a total of \$871,502.58 in remitted  
21                  funds.

22                  Currently, there are five post-

1 election audit reports that were issued by the  
2 Fair Elections Division for the 2020 election in  
3 the month of March 2025.

4 In addition, there were five election  
5 audit reports related to the 2022 election that  
6 were issued in March of 2025 by the Fair Election  
7 Division.

8 In the Public Information and Records  
9 Management Division there were three required  
10 filers in the tradition program. All three  
11 required filers timely filed their reports for  
12 the March 10th required filing date.

13 In addition, there were eight required  
14 filers under the Fair Elections Program and all  
15 eight required filers timely filed their reports  
16 on March 10th, on or before March 10.

17 There are currently eight candidates  
18 in the traditional program seeking the office of  
19 Ward 8 Council. They include the following  
20 candidates, Khadijah Clark, Kara Johnson  
21 (phonetic), Oliver Roy, Doc Adams, Armonte  
22 Williams -- Wilson, Jennifer Muhammad, Michael



1 Reese, and Shenoy Emmanuel (phonetic).

2           There are currently six candidates who  
3 have registered under the Fair Elections Program  
4 for the Ward 8 special election, and they include  
5 the following: Salim Adofo, Sheila Bunn, Dion  
6 Jordan, Michael Austin, Lawrence Grayson, and  
7 Charnal Chaney.

8           There is currently one recall  
9 committee registered with the Office of Campaign  
10 Finance and that committee is the Committee to  
11 Recall D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb.

12           In the Reports Analysis and Audit  
13 Division, during the month of March, the RAD  
14 Division conducted 23 desk reviews, which  
15 included 1 political action committee, 3  
16 constituent services committees or funds, 12  
17 principal campaign committees, 4 independent  
18 expenditure committees, and 3 initiative  
19 referendum recall committees.

20           RAD also issued 2 requests for  
21 additional information and resolved 20 cases and  
22 referred 2 cases to the Office of the General

1 Counsel during the month of March 2025.

2 In the month of March 2025, the RAD  
3 Division had the following cases under review:  
4 the Committee to Elect Eboni-Rose Thompson; the  
5 Re-elect Trayon White 2024 Principal Campaign  
6 Committee; Jacque 4 DC (phonetic) 2024 Principal  
7 Campaign Committee; Michelle Colson State Board  
8 of Education Ward 4; and Eboni-Rose (phonetic)  
9 for State Board of Education Board Ward 7.

10 During the month of March 2024, the  
11 Office of the General Counsel received 2  
12 referrals, completed 14 informal hearings, and  
13 issued 14 orders, which included the following.

14 Eight orders were issued, no fines  
15 were imposed, and six orders were issued in which  
16 a total of (audio interference).

17 During the month of March, the Office  
18 of Campaign Finance imposed fines against the  
19 following respondents.

20 A fine of \$750 was imposed against  
21 Ward 2 Democrats. A fine of \$1,900 was imposed  
22 against Markus for One Ward 8. A fine of \$1,650

1 was imposed against the Committee to Elect  
2 Rondell Magic Jordan. A fine of \$1,900 was  
3 imposed against the Committee to Elect Paul  
4 Johnson. A fine of \$1,900 was imposed against  
5 Patricia Eguino for D.C. Council. And finally, a  
6 fine of \$400 was imposed against Sriqui  
7 (phonetic) for Ward 3 State Board of Education.

8 During the month of March 2025, there  
9 were no open investigations pending before the  
10 Office of Campaign Finance, there were no  
11 requests for interpretive opinions received, and  
12 no show cause proceedings were conducted.

13 The contents of the Director's full  
14 report and the General Counsel report will be  
15 published at the Office of Campaign Finance  
16 website under the data and report section by  
17 close of business on today's date, the 9th of  
18 April 2025.

19 And that should conclude my report.

20 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, thank you very  
21 much.

22 That brings us to public comment and

1 I'll -- we're going to start with John Capozzi  
2 who had his hand raised earlier.

3 And anybody else who would like to  
4 comment, just raise your Zoom hand and we'll  
5 promote you.

6 So, let's start with John Capozzi.

7 MR. CAPOZZI: Can you all hear me now?

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: We sure can, hello.

9 MR. CAPOZZI: Hello, hey, Chairman  
10 Thompson, and Commissioner Greenfield, and  
11 everyone.

12 I just wanted to say a couple things  
13 today. Appreciate you resolving the matter that  
14 came up earlier.

15 And I was going to mention, I noticed  
16 that the two things that were put out for public  
17 comment in the register didn't receive any public  
18 comment, although I thought they were actually  
19 important initiatives. I would hope that the  
20 Board would consider other places besides the  
21 federal -- the D.C. Register to make sure that  
22 there actually is more of a chance for public

1 comment.

2 I guess when zero people comment, I'm  
3 not sure if that's an achievement. I know that  
4 might make it easier for you guys, but I think  
5 it's always better if the public has a better  
6 chance to do that, than, you know, if they don't  
7 actually follow the D.C. Register, even though  
8 that's the legal requirement.

9 And then in the future, I mean, I've  
10 been one of those people that's been active for  
11 decades now gathering signatures in the city.  
12 And so, at no time did I ever see in a petition  
13 that the voter's intent is not kind of what we  
14 look at.

15 And I did notice in the proceedings  
16 you mentioned altering signatures, I guess in  
17 this case, it looked like it was related to  
18 addresses. But when I've circulated petitions,  
19 I've gotten people to sign the petition. If  
20 they're unable or they're in a hurry or  
21 something, I've filled out the address part for  
22 them based on what they've told me. Right?

1           Also, the same thing with the ward and  
2           the date information that's listed on the  
3           petition.

4           And so, unless -- the person who's  
5           signing's intent is really what we're looking at,  
6           which is what I look at when I get a signature  
7           from someone, I asked them if they're a D.C.  
8           voter, if they say they are, it's like great.  
9           Here's what the petition is. Here's what I want  
10          you to do in terms of signing it. Please put the  
11          address down that you are registered at because,  
12          you know, that's going to be something that's  
13          important.

14          And so, if later when you look up the  
15          person's name and, you know, you can tell that  
16          it's -- sometimes it's a unique name, so it's not  
17          hard to be confused with another person. When  
18          you see that the address is not the same as the  
19          person has indicated on the petition that they've  
20          written down, then I guess I would ask the Board  
21          to look at the intent of the voter in terms of  
22          why did they sign the petition with the address

1       that they put, which is not the one that's  
2       registered at the Board of Elections at this  
3       time.

4               I mean, I think we know that, in D.C.,  
5       we have a lot of people that are transient. They  
6       move a lot for different reasons. And so,  
7       putting down an address that is not what is their  
8       current registered address, is not an intent of  
9       the voter to deceive anyone or to cause problems,  
10      it's really their best idea of where they think  
11      they're registered at time.

12             And so, if the Board is looking at  
13      that, to me, they should either put instructions  
14      on the petition that says, you know, under some  
15      kind of penalty, if people alter this part of the  
16      petition that's, you know, that's, you know,  
17      that's the law, right, the way you've stated it.

18             Because otherwise, I don't know if the  
19      circulator knows that like, the idea is that, if  
20      a voter signs a petition, their intent is  
21      actually to have their signature count.

22             And so, unless the address that they

1 put is the correct address, then it's not going  
2 to count. I guess that's clear from the Board at  
3 this point.

4 And so, you put the onus on the voter,  
5 let's say, you know, I circulate a petition. I  
6 see that the address is wrong. I have to contact  
7 the voter. Right? I have to ask them to send in  
8 the change of address, okay, by the time the  
9 petition is filed.

10 And so, I just think that's taking a  
11 lot of time and effort that you're asking a  
12 circulator to do when the intent of the voter is  
13 to sign the petition and to have their signature  
14 count.

15 And so, to me, there's got to be some  
16 procedure that is a better cure than what you've  
17 described. And for example, like, you know, I  
18 mean, a technical change in the law is something  
19 that they do routinely in passing legislation.  
20 It says, you know, you can make a technical  
21 change.

22 And so, I took it, if someone's



1 address, if it's wrong as not a change in their  
2 signature.

3 And also, if they're worried about the  
4 voter's intent of signing the petition when they  
5 put the wrong address, signature matching is  
6 available. I mean that's something you guys can  
7 do to make sure that the voter's intent was to  
8 sign the petition.

9 Whereas, it seems like they're  
10 concerned that, you know, somehow it's not valid  
11 when a signature match would be the ultimate  
12 determiner of that as opposed to someone's  
13 address or the ward they put in the box or the  
14 actual date of the signing of the petition.

15 So, I just want you guys to keep that  
16 in mind in the future. There's a lot of people  
17 out there gathering a lot of signatures for a lot  
18 of, you know, different, you know, like when you  
19 -- initiatives, candidates, you know, et cetera.  
20 And so, if these instructions aren't clear, and I  
21 didn't receive that email in March, I've never  
22 seen anything like that in writing from the

1 Board.

2 So, we won't get into my background  
3 of, you know, putting in petitions in the past,  
4 but you know, changing someone's address was not  
5 changing the intent of the voter. And I think  
6 that's what I'm hoping the board will take into  
7 consideration in the future.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you  
10 so much.

11 I certainly know with respect to the  
12 rulemakings that there was a stage where they  
13 were proposed rulemakings and they were noticed  
14 for our meeting. And we did allow public comment  
15 at the time.

16 And then, of course, the proposed  
17 rulemakings were published in the D.C. Register.

18 So, but I appreciate your point and  
19 thank you for your comments.

20 So, anything from --

21 MR. CAPOZZI: Thank you.

22 MS. STROUD: And Mr. Chair, I would

1 also note that the same day that we -- they were  
2 entered as proposed rulemaking, before we sent  
3 them to the D.C. Register, they were published on  
4 our website in the dedicated section of our  
5 website where we keep proposed rulemaking.

6 So, even before the publication in the  
7 D.C. Register, which was not until like a week or  
8 so later, they were on our website. So, they --  
9 the public had longer than the 30 days because  
10 they were published on our website in advance of  
11 the publication in the D.C. Register.

12 CHAIR THOMPSON: And I, too, am  
13 excited about them, especially the first one  
14 because it cures the American University issue  
15 which was, you know, a difficult one given the  
16 common address. So, glad that's behind us.

17 And the other one was an important  
18 clarification in light of recent events, so.  
19 Okay, I see we have somebody named DCWAT who can  
20 be promoted. Hello, maybe tell us your name and  
21 your address and give us your comment, about  
22 three minutes, if you can limit it?

1 MS. BRIZILL: I don't know if you're  
2 referring to me, Mr. Chairman. This is Dorothy  
3 Brizill.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, go ahead, Ms.  
5 Brizill, I think you live in Maryland, but go  
6 ahead.

7 MS. BRIZILL: I don't know what to say  
8 about some things you say, Mr. Chairman, but I'll  
9 just move on.

10 I would like a clarification of the  
11 Initiative 83 matter which was discussed.

12 Both Ms. Stroud and the other  
13 individual from the Legal Counsel's Office went  
14 through things very quickly. And I have -- had a  
15 couple of questions.

16 Namely, will the stipulation that was  
17 signed and approved by the Board be posted on the  
18 website since it is not an administrative report?  
19 But will it be available to be read?

20 MS. STROUD: An administrative order  
21 will issue in this matter and it will incorporate  
22 the stipulated agreement.

1 MS. BRIZILL: Could I ask a couple of  
2 questions? When you introduced the matter, Ms.  
3 Stroud, you indicated that that the improprieties  
4 associated with the circulation of the petitions  
5 for Initiative 83, you used the term  
6 improprieties.

7 Do you believe that they were just  
8 improprieties and not violations of laws and  
9 regulations or past practices that had been in  
10 existence for years by the Board of Elections?

11 CHAIR THOMPSON: If I could interrupt,  
12 also, Ms. Brizill, if you could let us know all  
13 your questions and then, we'll comment and then -  
14 - instead of a long back and forth conversation.

15 So, did you have any other questions  
16 before you wanted us to make our comment?

17 MS. BRIZILL: I understand. I  
18 listened very intently, I didn't see you do that  
19 with Mr. Capozzi's question. You had him, you  
20 know, raise different issues along the way.

21 You want me to give you my list of  
22 questions right now?

1 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes, please.

2 MS. BRIZILL: I would like to see the  
3 stipulation. I would like to know why Ms. Stroud  
4 simply referred to the white out of addresses and  
5 other matters on the petitions as improprieties  
6 and not violations of District law, regulations,  
7 and past practices. Were the four individuals  
8 you mentioned, Ms. Rice, Mr. Eidingen, Mr.  
9 Schiller, and Ms. Furnish the only four  
10 individuals that you have decided to cite, since  
11 there were many other circulators who had white  
12 outs on the petition?

13 Mr. Schiller in his prehearing  
14 conference defended the practice by saying they  
15 had done it before.

16 Was the Board aware that it had been  
17 done before? And is the Board going to  
18 investigate this matter since two of the  
19 individuals, especially Mr. Schiller and Mr.  
20 Eidingen, have been involved in other initiative  
21 measures?

22 I found it very curious, Mr. Thompson,

1 your question about intent. What was their  
2 intent? I mean, I think you'd have to be from  
3 Mars not to know what their intent was. Their  
4 intent was to submit as many signatures as  
5 possible and hope that no one would catch any  
6 fraudulent nature attached to the petition of  
7 signatures.

8 What is the actual number of  
9 signatures that the General Counsel and/or the  
10 Register of Voters believe had something done to  
11 them in terms of some tampering? Either there  
12 was white out on the signature line, white out on  
13 the address line, white out, period, on  
14 individual signatures.

15 Because I'm not clear what -- where  
16 the number 4,802 petition signatures comes from.

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, yes, thank  
19 you so much for your comments, Ms. Brizill, and I  
20 defer to General Counsel Stroud to comment on any  
21 of that or some of it.

22 MS. STROUD: Mr. Chair, I'm just going

1 to say for the record that an administrative  
2 order in this matter will issue wrapping up this  
3 matter. And any questions may be addressed there  
4 and, if not, then she can follow up. But that's,  
5 you know, what I want to say with respect to  
6 those questions with respect to this matter.

7 MS. BRIZILL: So much for an open and  
8 transparent process, right?

9 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you, Ms.  
10 Brizill.

11 We have another hand raised from  
12 Sandra, SS, Seegars. And we welcome Ms. Seegars,  
13 and please give us your comment.

14 MS. SEEGARS: Hello, I'm trying to be  
15 seen, where's the -- can y'all see me? No?

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: We can't see you, but  
17 we can hear you.

18 MS. SEEGARS: Okay, that's good  
19 enough, I guess.

20 Hello, everyone, it's nice seeing you,  
21 Happy New Year since I haven't seen you this  
22 year, except for Terri.



1                   Second, Happy New Year to you, Terri.

2                   I have three concerns. The first one  
3 is, the qualification of candidates and electors  
4 Section 1-1001.08J, like junior, 2, where it says  
5 nomination under this subsection for candidates  
6 for election in the general election to any  
7 office referred in paragraph one of this  
8 subsection shall be no -- shall be of no force  
9 and effect with respect to any person whose name  
10 has appeared on the ballot of the primary  
11 election for the office held within eight months  
12 before the date of such general election.

13                  So, they're saying that, if they ran  
14 in the primary, they cannot change their party  
15 and run in the general. That's what I  
16 understand it mean.

17                  So, my question is, shouldn't this law  
18 cover expelled or recalled elected officials by  
19 giving them a sit out period as well? That's the  
20 question for that one.

21                  And let me see, the other one is,  
22 number two is, the nomination petitions. The

1 line -- the new ones with the ticket on the  
2 front, the lines are too close together on a one-  
3 sided petition.

4 The Board of Elections has crammed ten  
5 lines for signers, the heading and the  
6 circulator's affidavit on one sheet.

7 Before, the petition was two-sided and  
8 the line spacing was wider. The way it is now,  
9 the signatures can appear illegible.

10 So, I'm hoping that they can change  
11 that and make the lines wider.

12 And the third thing is the coding on  
13 the voter roll, to me, is incorrect. I was told  
14 that, in 2020, you all had a new company and they  
15 chose the code.

16 Okay, for instance, there is an X for  
17 voters who are ineligible to vote and an N for  
18 voters who did not vote.

19 In the Ward 2 special election, Ward  
20 8 voters were ineligible to vote. Therefore, an  
21 X should have been next to their name. Instead,  
22 the Board of Elections has an N, which suggests

1       that they did not vote but should have.

2               So, they have it, to me, mixed up. I  
3       think the N should go for people who didn't vote  
4       that should have voted, and the X for ineligible.

5               So, those are my three concerns.

6               MS. STROUD: Ms. Seegars, I'll address  
7       the first one and then I'll defer to the  
8       Executive Director for the balance of those  
9       questions.

10              So, this is a special election to  
11       elect -- to fill a vacancy on the seat, if that's  
12       what you're referring to.

13              MS. SEEGARS: Yes.

14              MS. STROUD: Okay.

15              And that statute refers to general  
16       elections.

17              MS. SEEGARS: It refers to primary and  
18       general. A person in the primary election, if  
19       they run and lose, they cannot switch parties --

20              MS. STROUD: Right, but this election  
21       is a special election to fill a vacancy, is that  
22       what you're --

1 MS. SEEGARS: That's not --

2 MS. STROUD: So, we're not talking  
3 about --

4 MS. SEEGARS: After somebody was  
5 expelled, now they can turn right around and run  
6 again. There should be a sit out period for  
7 them, too, I'm thinking.

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes, I'll just --  
9 (Simultaneous speaking.)

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: The statute doesn't  
11 provide for a sit out period --

12 MS. SEEGARS: I know, it should,  
13 though. I'm saying it should.

14 CHAIR THOMPSON: -- in circumstances  
15 that support a vacancy.

16 MS. SEEGARS: I know, I'm not --  
17 (Simultaneous speaking.)

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: That would be for our  
19 council --

20 (Simultaneous speaking.)

21 MS. SEEGARS: -- any -- okay. Anybody  
22 expelled and creates a recall and creates a new

1 special election, that person recalled or  
2 expelled should have to sit out as well.

3 MS. STROUD: That is not what the  
4 statute -- the Home Rule Act provisions governing  
5 qualifications for the office at issue's  
6 mandates.

7 MS. SEEGARS: Well, where did you all  
8 get the one about the primary and the general.  
9 That just came about recently.

10 MS. STROUD: I'm not sure I  
11 understand.

12 MS. SEEGARS: Okay, when did you all  
13 decide that if a person runs in a primary  
14 election and they lose, then they --

15 MS. STROUD: So, there's two things.  
16 You're talking about a statutory provision in the  
17 election statute that talks about who can run in  
18 a general election. But this is not a general  
19 election, it's a special election.

20 And the qualifications for who can  
21 hold the office that you're referring to is  
22 outlined in the Home Rule Act.

1 MS. SEEGARS: Meaning, if a person is  
2 expelled or recalled, there's no law saying they  
3 cannot -- they can't run the next time around in  
4 the special election.

5 MS. STROUD: That's correct.

6 MS. SEEGARS: And that can't be  
7 changed?

8 MS. STROUD: You can ask the council,  
9 that would be for the council to do.

10 MS. SEEGARS: Okay, okay.

11 And what about the other two?

12 Thanks, Terri.

13 MS. EVANS: Yes, I can address those.

14 So, regarding the signature areas on  
15 the petition sheets and the width, we can  
16 absolutely look into that.

17 And then, as far as coding under the  
18 voter roll, we did change companies after 2022.  
19 And so, there were a number of items that we have  
20 still been correcting. It is my understanding  
21 that the current vendor has fixed the 2022 Ward 2  
22 special election voter legend codes.

1                   And we are working on correcting all  
2                   other historical data.

3                   MS. SEEGARS: I'm looking at it to see  
4                   who voted. And I said, oh, I didn't vote and  
5                   then I found out I wasn't supposed to vote. And  
6                   I saw the N for the Ward 2 special election.

7                   And should I request a new voter roll  
8                   that would have the correct information?

9                   MS. EVANS: You can do that, yes.

10                  MS. SEEGARS: Okay, thank you.

11                  MS. EVANS: Thank you.

12                  CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you,  
13                  Ms. Seegars.

14                  I don't see any other hands raised.

15                  Going once? Going twice?

16                  Well, thank you so much. I think  
17                  before we adjourn, I think our next meeting is  
18                  Wednesday, May 7th at 10:30 a.m. if I have that  
19                  correct, tentatively. You know, we'll -- there  
20                  may be reasons to change it, but that's where we  
21                  have it right now. And we may have some special  
22                  meetings that we need in light of the signatures

1 or petitions that'll be submitted.

2 So, we'll keep everybody notified on  
3 any meetings we have in that regard for any  
4 challenges or anything that comes up.

5 So, anything else from the Board of  
6 Elections team?

7 MS. STROUD: No, sir.

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: With that, I move we  
9 adjourn. All in favor?

10 (Chorus of aye.)

11 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, everybody  
12 have a great day.

13 MS. STROUD: Thank you, good night.

14 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
15 went off the record at 3:37 p.m.)  
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