

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

April 1, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board” or “DCBOE”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 via Zoom and in the Board’s Hearing Room, located at 1015 Half Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, Suite 750. Board Chairman Gary Thompson 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 Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

## II. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Board Chair Thompson and Board Member Greenfield constituted a quorum.

## III. CLOSED SESSION

**BOARD ACTION:** At the end of the last meeting, the Board entered closed session, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A) and (13), solely to deliberate and consult with counsel regarding whether the DC Housing Modernization and Accessibility Act of 2026. The Board voted unanimously to come out of closed session.

## IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board unanimously adopted the agenda and minutes from the last meeting held on March 4.

## V. BOARD MATTERS

None

## VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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

## VII. GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT (TERRI STROUD)

### A. Initiative Matters

#### 1. Proper Subject Hearings

##### a. “DC Housing Modernization and Accessibility Act of 2026”

Chair Thompson stated that the Board had been in closed session and had reviewed all memos submitted by the parties and others addressing the arguments under the U.S. Constitution, regarding the Takings Clause, the Contracts Clause, and the Due Process

Clause. Chair Thompson stated that the Board most recently received a supplemental advisory opinion from the Office of the Attorney General dated March 24, 2026.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board unanimously accepted the measure as a proper subject for initiative.

## **2. Issuance of Petition**

### **a. Initiative Measure No. 86, the “Prohibiting Force-Feeding of Birds Act of 2026.”**

General Counsel Stroud stated that the measure was submitted on December 11, 2025; the Board found it met subject requirements, adopted the short title, summary statement, and legislative form at a public meeting, and published them in the D.C. Register. No challenge was filed during the challenge period. Ms. Witt, the initiative proposer confirmed that she reviewed and adopted the petition issued of the measure as her own.

The Registrar of Voters read the petition issuance memorandum into the record, noting an estimated signature requirement of 23,803 (based on the February 28, 2026 monthly voter registration statistics report). The Registrar also stated that the 180-day circulation period expires Monday, September 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

## **3. Adoption of Formulations**

### **a. Initiative Measure No. 87, the “District of Columbia Living Wage for All Amendment Act of 2026istrict of Columbia Living Wage for All Amendment Act of 2026”**

General Counsel Stroud presented the formulations prepared by the Office of the General Counsel and requested that the Board consider adoption. Following adoption, the Board will notify the proposer of the final language for the short title, summary statement, and legislative form. The adopted formulations will then be published with a projected publication date of April 10, 2026. Publication in the D.C. Register will initiate a 10-day period during which any registered qualified elector may seek review in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, including objections to the formulations or to the Board’s proper subject determination. The 10-day review period is projected to end on April 20, 2026.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board unanimously adopted the proposed formulations as presented.

## **B. Approval of Political Party Name**

### **1. One Home Party**

General Counsel Stroud General Counsel Stroud presented Michael Arega’s application to approve “One Home” as the name for a new political party. Board staff reviewed the proposed name and the names of existing parties in the District of Columbia and found no basis to conclude that the name tends to confuse or mislead the public. General Counsel Stroud recommended that the proposed name be

approved.

**BOARD ACTION:** Unanimously approved “One Home” as the name for a new political party.

## **C. Rulemaking to Title 3 of the DC Municipal Regulations**

### **1. Third Revised Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking**

a. Chapters 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, and Section 9900 of Chapter 99

- i. General Counsel Stroud presented the third revised emergency and proposed rulemaking to Title 3 of the DCMR. She explained that the Board had adopted the bulk of the ranked choice voting (RCV) framework at its February and March meetings, and that this revised package adds provisions addressing the adjudication of write in rankings in the RCV context (sections 729.26 through 729.35). General Counsel Stroud stated that, if adopted, the emergency rulemaking would be submitted to the DC Register for publication and would remain in effect for 120 days, with a public comment period to follow.

**BOARD ACTION:** Voted unanimously to submit the third emergency and proposed rulemaking for publication in the D.C. Register.

## **D. Enforcement Hearings**

General Counsel Stroud introduced seven enforcement matters involving evidence of possible election law violations arising from the 2024 general election. Each matter had been previously presented at the Board's March regular meeting, at which time the Office of General Counsel (“OGC”) indicated it would return at today's meeting to seek referral to the D.C. Office of the Attorney General for further investigation and possible prosecution if the individuals at issue could not be reached. OGC presented the following matters:

### **1. In the Matter of Ayisha Owens**

Evidence from the ERIC voter participation report indicated that Ms. Owens voted in both the District of Columbia (in-person, November 5, 2024) and Maryland (by mail, September 26, 2024) general elections. Board staff reviewed signatures and could not conclude they were made by different persons. Ms. Owens was notified of a pre-hearing conference and of the March meeting presentation but did not appear at either proceeding.

### **2. In the Matter of Jacqueline Threadgill**

The ERIC report indicated that Ms. Threadgill voted in both the D.C. (in-person, November 5, 2024) and Maryland (by mail, October 15, 2024) general elections. Staff determined that the printed handwriting on the Maryland ballot resembled the handwriting on the D.C. Poll Pad. Ms. Threadgill did not appear at the pre-hearing conference or the March meeting.

### **3. In the Matter of Jo Ann Elvis**

The ERIC report indicated that Michelle Monique Elvis voted in both the D.C. and Maryland 2024 general elections. Investigation revealed that the signature on the D.C. mail ballot return envelope did not match that of Michelle Monique Elvis but did match the handwriting of another voter at the same address, Jo Ann Elvis. Ms. Elvis did not appear at the pre-hearing conference or the March meeting.

### **4. In the Matter of Phillip Anthony Harris**

The ERIC report indicated that a Phillip Harris voted in both the D.C. and Maryland 2024 general elections. Investigation revealed that the D.C. in-person Poll Pad signature did not match the Maryland in-person signature, and that the Maryland signature included the designation "V" consistent with another voter, Phillip Harris V, residing at the same address. Phillip Anthony Harris responded by email stating he did not understand the matter and denied any illegal voting activity, but did not appear at subsequent proceedings or the March meeting.

### **5. In the Matter of Destiny Khalilgucci**

The ERIC report indicated double voting in D.C. and Maryland. Investigation revealed that the D.C. mail ballot return envelope bore handwriting matching that of Destiny Khalilgucci rather than the voter to whom the ballot was issued. Ms. Khalilgucci had also voted in her own name in the same election. She did not appear at the pre-hearing conference or the March meeting.

### **6. In the Matter of Lashawn Lopez**

The ERIC report indicated double voting in D.C. and Maryland. Investigation revealed that the D.C. mail ballot return envelope bore a signature reasonably decipherable as a name other than that of the voter to whom the ballot was issued, and that the handwriting matched that of Lashawn Lopez, who had also voted in her own name in the same election. Ms. Lopez did not appear at the pre-hearing conference or the March meeting.

### **7. In the Matter of Earlene Washington**

The ERIC report indicated that Tristan Washington voted in both the D.C. and Maryland 2024 general elections. Investigation revealed that the D.C. mail ballot return envelope handwriting did not match Tristan Washington's Maryland signature but did match the handwriting of Earlene Washington, another voter at the same address. Ms. Washington did not appear at the pre-hearing conference or the March meeting.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to refer the matters of Ayisha Owens, Jacqueline Threadgill, Jo Ann Elvis, Phillip Anthony Harris, Destiny Khalilgucci, Lashawn Lopez, and Earlene Washington to the Office of the Attorney General for further investigation and possible prosecution, with each order providing the target an opportunity to file a motion for reconsideration prior to referral.

## **8. In the Matter of Bedig Galladian**

The OGC evidence indicated that Mr. Galladian signed and returned a D.C. 2024 general election mail ballot issued to another voter at his address. Mr. Galladian appeared at a pre-hearing conference, cooperated fully, and executed a stipulated agreement acknowledging that he erroneously voted a ballot issued to another voter without intent to do so. He did not vote in his own name in that election.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to accept the stipulated agreement entered into between OGC and Bedig Galladian, and determined that Mr. Galladian would not be referred for prosecution.

### **C. Litigation Status**

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

No change in the status of this matter since the last Board meeting.

#### **2. Charles Wilson v. Muriel Bowser, et al. (DC Superior Court)**

The Court rescheduled the status hearing from March 13 to May 15.

#### **3. Jason Christopher Long v. DC Board of Elections (DC Superior Court.)**

No change in the status of this matter since the last Board meeting.

#### **4. US Dept. of Justice v. DC Board of Elections (U.S. District Court for DC)**

No change in the status of this matter since the last Board meeting.

## **VIII. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT (PRESENTED BY WILLIAM SANFORD ON BEHALF OF DIRECTOR COLLIER-MONTGOMERY)**

**A.** Director Collier-Montgomery presented the [Office of Campaign Finance \(OCF\) report](#) for March 2026. The full report will be posted on the OCF website ([www.ocf.dc.gov](http://www.ocf.dc.gov)).

**B.** OCF General Counsel presented the report of the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”).

### **1. Investigations**

a. Docket No. OCF-I 2026-003 was opened on March 17. The complainant, JP Szymkowicz, alleges the improper use of government resources by the respondents, Brian Swann and Brian for DC, Principal Campaign Committee. The matter is still pending before OGC.

b. Docket No. OCF-I 2026-004 combined, was opened on March 24 through March 30. The complainants Elissa Silverman, Tim Krip, Amy Mauro, Michael Crawford, and Senovia Hurtado-Aviles, allege campaign contribution reporting

violations by the respondent, the Khalil Lee Principal Campaign Committee. The matter remains pending before OGC.

2. Request for Interpretive Opinions – None
3. Show Cause Proceedings – None

#### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The discussion in the public matters portion of the meeting can be found on pages 65 - 69 of the transcript.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.