

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

February 4, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board” or “DCBOE”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 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 Senior Policy Advisor, Alice Miller, General Counsel, Terri Stroud, the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”) General Counsel, William Sanford, were also present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Board Chair Thompson 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 January 14.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

General Counsel Stroud presented an updated Delegation of Authority for Board consideration, clarifying the allocation of responsibilities between the Board and agency officers. She explained that, while the Board retains core functions such as certification of election results, rulemaking, and appointment of key officers, all other operational and administrative duties are delegated to the Executive Director, General Counsel, and staff, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(14). This update reflects current practices and replaces the previous delegation adopted in 2011.

BOARD ACTION: The Board voted unanimously in favor to approve the Delegation and to publish it in the D.C. Register where upon publication it shall become effective.

V. DIRECTOR’S REPORT (PRESENTED BY ALICE MILLER ON BEHALF OF DIRECTOR EVANS)

Senior Policy Advisor Alice Miller presented [the Executive Director's Report](#) on behalf of Director Evans.

V. GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT (TERRI STROUD)

- A. **Proper Subject Matter Determination Hearing for Proposed Initiative Measure, “The DC Equal Homeownership Act.”**

General Counsel Stroud presented the background on the processing of the measure, which was received on December 22, 2025. Advisory opinions provided by the D.C. Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) and the D.C. Council’s General Counsel (“CGC”) as to whether the Proposed Initiative met proper subject requirements were entered into the record. The OAG concluded that the measure was legislative in character and could be accepted. The CGC concluded that the measure was a policy statement and did not propose a law. General Counsel Stroud indicated that the Board’s Office of General Counsel (“OGC”) concluded that the measure did not propose a law and recommended that the Board reject the measure.

BOARD ACTION: The Board unanimously accepted the General Counsel’s recommendation and rejected the proposed initiative on the grounds that it does not propose a law.

B. Enforcement Hearings

1. In the Matter of Margo Falls

The OGC presented a stipulation that had been entered into between the General Counsel and Margo Falls, in which Ms. Falls acknowledged that she unintentionally voted a mail ballot issued to another voter in the 2024 general election. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$100 for erroneous voting.

BOARD ACTION: The Board voted unanimously to impose a fine of \$100.

C. Litigation Status

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

This case challenges legislation permitting noncitizens to vote in local elections and is before the DC Circuit on remand following a standing determination. Since the Board's last meeting, the plaintiffs filed their opposition to the Board's motion to dismiss on January 20. The Board's reply brief is due on February 17

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

The plaintiffs challenged the Board's proper subject determination and formulation of Initiative Measure No. 83 (“I83”). The Board and interveners timely filed reply briefs on the pending dispositive motions on January 16. The Board also filed a motion to expedite and a motion to strike portions of plaintiffs’ omnibus response. Intervenors responded to the motion to expedite on January 21, the Board replied on January 27, and plaintiffs filed an opposition to the Motion to Strike on January 30. The Court has scheduled a further status hearing for March 13.

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

This matter concerns a claim for damages related to an alleged overdraft fee tied to election worker compensation. The Superior Court has not docketed any activity since the matter was transferred back to it from the U.S. District Court for DC.

4. Sobin v. DC Board of Elections (U.S. District Court for DC)

The plaintiff alleges violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act related to the petition circulation process and challenges the legality of an ANC election. There has been no court action since the Board's last meeting and the motion to dismiss remains pending.

5. U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) v. DC Board of Elections (U.S. District Court for DC)

This action seeks production of the Board's full voter file, including personal identifying information. The DOJ served the Office of the Attorney General, which is handling the matter for the Board, on January 30. The Board was served in person on February 2. A status conference and a motions hearing on motions to intervene are scheduled for February 5.

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

- A. OGC General Counsel SanFord presented the [Office of Campaign Finance \(OCF\) report](#) for January 2026. The full report is posted on the OCF website (www.ocf.dc.gov).
- B. OGC General Counsel SanFord presented the report of the Office of the General Counsel
 - 1. **Monthly Intake/Output Report** - During January, the OGC received three referrals, completed three informal hearings, and issued three orders in which \$5,300 in fines were imposed.
 - 2. **Request for Interpretive Opinions** - None
 - 3. **Show Cause Proceedings** – None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The discussion in the public matters portion of the meeting can be found on pages 50 - 66 of the transcript.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.