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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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MONDAY

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The District of Columbia Board of Elections convened via videoconference, pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m. EST, Gary Thompson, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY THOMPSON, Chair  
KARYN GREENFIELD, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

MONICA HOLMAN EVANS, Executive Director  
TERRI STROUD, General Counsel

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2 (10:00 a.m.)

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. Good morning  
4 everybody. We are recording. I'm Gary Thompson,  
5 chair of the D.C. Board of Elections. And with us  
6 is Karyn Greenfield, my fellow Board member. And  
7 we have a quorum.

8 We have a simple agenda today, which we  
9 both have reviewed. And I'd move that we adopt that  
10 agenda for this special meeting.

11 MEMBER GREENFIELD: I second.

12 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. We're all in  
13 favor of that, so onward to the one item on the  
14 meeting, and I'll turn it over to Terry Stroud, our  
15 General Counsel.

16 MS. STROUD: And I am going to turn it over  
17 to our Executive Director, Monica Holman Evans.

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: Excellent.

19 MS. EVANS: Good morning. Good morning.

20 The first and only order of business is the  
21 certification of vacancy in the office of  
22 Councilmember At-Large of the D.C. Council on

1 January 4, 2026.

2 Kenyan McDuffie resigned as an at-large  
3 member of the D.C. Council. We received the  
4 resignation letter that same day. The resignation  
5 created a vacancy in at-large councilmember seat.

6 At this point, the Board needs to declare the  
7 seat vacant. Therefore, I ask for the Board to make  
8 a motion and vote to certify the vacancy.

9 Mr. Chair?

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: And just to clarify, I  
11 think you said January 4th. Was it the 4th or the  
12 5th? I don't know if it matters. I think he sent  
13 a letter saying effective January 5th.

14 MS. EVANS: We received the letter on the  
15 4th. Let me see. No, you are correct. January  
16 5th. So, on January 5th, Kenyan McDuffie resigned  
17 as an at-large member of the D.C. Council.

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. Well, in light of  
19 his very clear resignation, I move that we certify  
20 a vacancy in that at-large Council seat.

21 MEMBER GREENFIELD: And I second.

22 MS. STROUD: And we will take a roll call

1 vote with respect to that. Mr. Chair?

2 CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye.

3 MS. STROUD: Madam Greenfield?

4 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

5 MS. STROUD: And, with that, the vacancy  
6 is certified.

7 MS. EVANS: Yes. And so, just to put on  
8 the record, the special election calendar will be  
9 posted on the D.C. Board of Elections website by  
10 the end of the day. Just to convey some important  
11 dates.

12 The Board will make nominating petitions  
13 available on Tuesday, January 20th, and on  
14 Wednesday, March 18th. We will have that as the  
15 last day to file nominating petitions. And then,  
16 of course, this election will coincide with our  
17 primary election, which will be held on June 16th,  
18 2026. Thank you.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. And we gather  
20 again quite soon, on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Or  
21 is it 10:30?

22 MS. EVANS: 10:30.

1 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. Anything else  
2 before we adjourn?

3 MS. STROUD: We see a hand raised in the  
4 chat.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: It's not a meeting for  
6 public comment. Why don't we -- unless it's about  
7 this issue. Well, we've already -- I'll hear from  
8 the person. And if it's a general public comment,  
9 I guess we'll just take it, and then -- but I'd note  
10 that we have public comment on Wednesday.

11 So, go ahead and -- it says KL. Yeah, it  
12 looks like a question about this.

13 Hey, good morning. Can you let us --  
14 please let us know your name and where you live?

15 KL, can you hear us?

16 MS. EVANS: KL, you've been asked to  
17 unmute. Okay, KL has said the audio isn't working.

18 KL, would you like to type your message?

19 We see that you have -- yes, in the Q&A if you could  
20 just put your question or comment.

21 MS. STROUD: Why don't we do this? If you  
22 have any questions, you can email them to

1 OGC@DCBOE.org and your question will be answered.

2 As the Chair stated, there's no public comment  
3 during this meeting, so we will take your question  
4 via email, again at OGC@DCBOE.ORG.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: And you're welcome back  
6 on Wednesday to make your comment then. So, okay.

7 Well, you're welcome. KL says thank you.

8 So, happy Monday everybody out there.

9 Have a good week. Hang in there. We can do it.

10 And we'll see you on Wednesday. And, with that,  
11 I move we adjourn.

12 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Second.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor?

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
16 went off the record at 10:07 a.m.)

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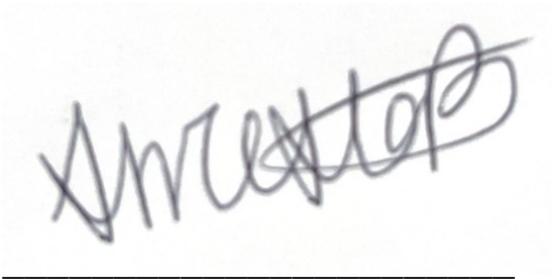
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