

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

March 4, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board” or “DCBOE”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, March 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 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 10:33 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 February 4.

## IV. BOARD MATTERS

None

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

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

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

### A. Initiative Matters

#### 1. Adoption of Formulations

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

General Counsel Stroud presented the background regarding Initiative Measure No. 86, “Prohibiting the Force Feeding of Birds Act of 2026.” The measure was determined by the Board to meet proper subject requirements on January 14, 2026, with a written order issued on January 20, 2026. OGC staff prepared the required formulations, which were published in the D.C. Register on February 20, 2026 and

posted to the Board’s website. A courtesy copy was also provided to the proposer. The Board received a fiscal impact statement on January 21, 2026. General Counsel outlined the post-adoption process, including notification to the proposer and publication in a newspaper of general circulation, on the Board’s website, and in the D.C. Register. Publication in the D.C. Register, scheduled for March 13, 2026, will initiate a 10-day period for registered voters to seek review in Superior Court regarding the summary statement, short title, or legislative form.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board unanimously adopted the short title and summary statement as prepared.

## **2. Proper Subject Hearings**

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

General Counsel Stroud provided the procedural history of the proposed initiative, including prior versions and advisory opinions from the Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) and the D.C. Council’s General Counsel (“CGC”), both of which concluded the revised measure was a proper subject. The Board heard testimony from opponents, who raised constitutional concerns under the Takings Clause, Contract Clause, and Home Rule Act, as well as from proponents and counsel for the proposer. Following discussion, the Board determined to take the matter under advisement pending additional briefing and requested that the General Counsel request supplementary advisory opinions from the OAG and CGC.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted to take the matter under advisement pending the submission of additional written statements and supplementary advisory opinions from the OAG and CGC.

### **b. “District of Columbia Living Wage for All Amendment Act of 2026”**

General Counsel Stroud provided the procedural history of the proposed initiative and reported that the current version of the measure addressed deficiencies identified in a prior submission and that both advisory opinions found the measure to be a proper subject. No public comments were offered.

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

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

### **1. Second Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking**

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

- i. The purpose of the amendments is to establish regulations consistent with D.C. Law 25-295 (Ranked Choice Voting and Open the Primary Elections to Independent Voters Act of 2024) and the Petition Administration Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2026, and to clarify aspects of nominating petition and ballot measure processing procedures. The Board previously published emergency rulemaking on January 14, 2026

regarding ranked choice voting and related topics. General Counsel stated that this second emergency and proposed rulemaking covers the same topics and additional ones, and was updated to reflect the Petition Administration Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2026 and timely feedback received during the prior 30-day review period. General Counsel stated the second revised rulemaking would be submitted to the D.C. Register for publication and should appear on March 13, 2026, which will launch a 30-day review and comment period.

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

## **C. Enforcement Hearings**

### **1. In the Matter of Brian Campbell**

The OGC presented a stipulation entered into between the General Counsel and Brian Campbell. Mr. Campbell acknowledged that he did not contest the evidence that he cast mail ballots in both Maryland and the District of Columbia in the November 2024 general election. Mr. Campbell cooperated fully with the OGC's investigation and cancelled his Maryland voter registration. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$100 and no referral.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to adopt the stipulation and impose a civil fine of \$100.

### **2. In the Matter of Miah Robinson**

The OGC presented a stipulation entered into between the General Counsel and Miah Robinson. The OGC stated that Ms. Robinson voted in person in Maryland in the 2024 general election and also voted in person in the District of Columbia the same day. Ms. Robinson did not contest the evidence, cooperated with the investigation, cancelled her Maryland voter registration on January 23, and appeared at the hearing with counsel. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$500.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to adopt the stipulation and impose a civil fine of \$500.

### **3. In the Matter of Clarence Douglas**

The OGC presented a stipulation entered into between the General Counsel and Clarence Douglas. The investigation concerned a D.C. mail ballot return envelope bearing Mr. Douglas's name, though the ballot was issued to another individual. Mr. Douglas acknowledged that he inadvertently signed a ballot sent to his residence that he believed was his, cooperated fully with the OGC's investigation, and stated he did not otherwise vote in the election. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$100 and no referral.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to adopt the stipulation and impose a civil fine of \$100.

#### **4. In the Matter of Makisha Moten**

The OGC presented a stipulation entered into between the General Counsel and Makisha Moten. The OGC stated the evidence reflected that Ms. Moten voted in Maryland on October 28, 2024 and voted the next day at a D.C. vote center. Ms. Moten cooperated with the investigation and cancelled her D.C. voter registration. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$150 and no referral.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to adopt the stipulation and impose a civil fine of \$150.

#### **5. In the Matter of Eric Cleckley**

The OGC presented a stipulation entered into between the General Counsel and Eric Cleckley arising from a petition submitted for ballot access in the July 15, 2025 special election. The OGC stated that a discrepancy was identified on one petition sheet in which the printed circulator name differed from the individual who signed the circulator affidavit. Mr. Cleckley acknowledged signing the circulator affidavit for a petition sheet he did not circulate, cooperated with the OGC's investigation, and explained the circumstances as confusion as a first-time candidate. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$150 and no referral.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to adopt the stipulation and impose a civil fine of \$150.

#### **6. In the Matter of Felicia Brown**

The OGC presented a stipulation entered into between the General Counsel and Felicia Brown. The OGC stated the evidence reflected that Ms. Brown voted in person in Maryland on October 28, 2024 and voted by mail in the District of Columbia in the same election. Ms. Brown did not contest the evidence, cooperated with the investigation, and provided proof that she cancelled her Maryland voter registration. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$150 and no referral.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to adopt the stipulation and impose a civil fine of \$150.

#### **7. In the Matter of Louise Valentine-Simmons**

The OGC presented evidence indicating that Louise Valentine-Simmons voted in both Maryland and the District of Columbia in the 2024 general election. The OGC stated that Ms. Valentine-Simmons denied voting despite the evidence and was not responsive to further outreach after the pre-hearing conference. The General Counsel recommended referral to the Office of the Attorney General for further investigation and potential prosecution.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General for further investigation.

**8. In the Matters of Ayisha Owens, Jacqueline Threadgill, Jo Ann Elvis, Serena Gyi, Philip Anthony Harris, Destiny Khalilgucci, Lashawn Lopez, and Earlene Washington**

The OGC stated that these individuals did not appear for pre-hearing conferences and did not respond to subsequent hearing notices and follow-up outreach. The General Counsel requested that the Board continue these matters to the next Board meeting to permit additional outreach.

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to continue these matters to the next Board meeting.

**C. Litigation Status**

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

This matter is a remand from an appeal involving a D.C. court reversal of the U.S. District Court's denial on the basis of standing of a challenge to legislation allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections. On December 10, the Board moved to dismiss the Amended Complaint. A consent motion to extend the response and reply dates was granted on December 17. Plaintiffs filed their response to the motion to dismiss on January 20. The Board has been granted an extension of time to reply and must file by March 10.

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

The plaintiffs challenge the Board's finding that Initiative Measure No. 83 met proper subject requirements and the Board's formulation of the measure. A status hearing will be held on March 13. The case is fully briefed. An order from the Court is expected soon or additional information will be available on March 13.

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

This is a case where Mr. Long is seeking \$10,000 in damages for an overdraft fee caused by a stop payment on a \$500 check issued for his service as an election worker. To date, the Superior Court has not docketed any activity.

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

In January 2025, Mr. Sobin submitted a complaint in the U.S. District Court for D.C. alleging that the Board's petition circulation process requiring candidates to gather signatures violates the Americans with Disabilities Act, and that an advisory neighborhood commission election to be held in his single-member district is illegal. On February 20, the Court dismissed this case.

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

This is an action by the Department of Justice to obtain from the Board confidential personal identifying information on D.C. voters. Motions to dismiss are due March 13. Responses to the Motion to Dismiss are due April 3, and replies are due April 17.

**VII. 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 February 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

1. Monthly Intake/Output Report - During February 2026, the OGC received 35 referrals, completed five informal hearings, and issued five orders. Four orders were issued in which a total of \$14,500 in fines were imposed, and one order was issued in which no fine was imposed.
2. Request for Interpretive Opinions – None
3. Show Cause Proceedings – None

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The discussion in the public matters portion of the meeting can be found on pages 134 - 139 of the transcript.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

**BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted unanimously to enter 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 meets proper subject requirements.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.