

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

August 7, 2025

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (“the Board” or “DCBOE”) held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2025 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, and the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”) Operation and Policy Officer, Wesley Williams, were also present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 July 2.

IV. DIRECTOR’S REPORT (DIRECTOR EVANS)

A. Certification of the Ward 8 Special Election

Certification of the Ward 8 Special Election will occur tomorrow, August 8, at 9 a.m. Information to join virtually is available on the DCBOE website.

B. June Engagements

On July 21, Director Evans attended the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) Board Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where the Board approved changes to the Membership Agreement and the Bylaws.

From July 22 through July 24, Director Evans attended the Summer Meeting of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Agenda topics included Challenges to Election Security, Voting System Certification, and Voter Registration List Maintenance.

C. Voter Registration Rolls

In July, the Board registered 3,077 new voters and processed 4,616 registration changes. In total, 7,693 voter registration cards were prepared to be mailed. 224 registered voters

moved out of D.C., 420 voters canceled their D.C. registrations and registered with other jurisdictions, and 820 voters registered in D.C. after canceling their registrations in other states.

D. Online Voter Registration Rolls

We are continuing to register voters using our website portal. To date, we have processed over 98,860 applications using the portal, including new voter registrations and updates to existing registrations.

E. Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act

Total non-citizen registration is at 980. In June, four non-citizen residents registered to vote. Some non-citizens have been removed from the registry due to our list maintenance efforts. The Board is continuing our outreach in D.C. communities to share information.

F. 2025 Next Steps/Off-Election Year Planning

We are working with our voter registration vendor to implement the requirements of the new Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) Expansion Act, which goes into effect on October 1.

DCBOE is also monitoring pending legislation and information on the federal level. Legislation to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act (LRVRAA) has passed the House. Senator Britt introduced Senate Bill 2636 that prohibits non-citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the LRVRAA.

G. List Maintenance

DCBOE is actively engaged in list maintenance to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the voter registration database. This ongoing effort is critical to keeping the voter registration database accurate and includes identifying and updating records for voters who have moved out or have changed address within D.C., duplicate registrations, and deceased individuals. The Board utilizes data from the U.S. Postal Service National Change of Address system, DMV, and other reliable sources to flag and verify changes in voter status.

As part of the Board's biennial mail canvas, we sent two rounds of mailers. During the first round, 153,407 non-forwardable mailers were sent to voters who did not participate in the 2024 General Election. The Board received 28,705 responses, including 2,772 voters who confirmed their addresses by mail; 2,867 voters who reported moving within D.C.; 7,620 voters who moved out of D.C.; 212 voters identified as deceased; 3,613 mailers labeled "Return to Sender"; and 11,621 mailers returned as undeliverable. The second canvass mailer was sent to 21,983 voters who did not respond to the initial mailer. From this group, 6,819 mailers were returned, which included 431 address confirmations

by mail; 34 voters who moved within D.C.; 124 voters who moved out of D.C.; 28 voters identified as deceased; 1,621 mailers labeled “Return to Sender”; and 4,581 mailers returned as undeliverable.

H. ERIC Voter Participation Case Activity

The Board’s Data Team is actively investigating ERIC cases from multiple states to identify potential instances of voters who may have voted more than once in D.C., voters who voted in D.C. and another jurisdiction, or individuals who voted on behalf of a deceased person during the 2024 General Election.

I. Special Election Debrief Meetings

We have conducted a series of meetings with our vendors related to the recent Special Election. These meetings focused on what went well and what could have been improved. Based on the findings and recommendations, we will implement any necessary changes in future elections.

J. Voter Education and Outreach

During July, the Voter Education and Outreach Division (“VEOD”) participated in six outreach events on behalf of the agency. Many of these events were in Ward 8. These events included a visit to Inspire Senior Living and participation in the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Beat the Streets/Late Night Hype Event. In preparation for the Special Election for the Ward 8 Council Seat, the VEOD team targeted its outreach efforts in communities across Ward 8 through strategic partnerships and stakeholder engagement. VEOD utilized partnerships with high schools, colleges and universities, senior residential buildings, nursing homes, libraries, and community organizations.

K. Election Worker Division

The Election Worker Division trained 215 Election Workers and deployed 170 individuals for the Ward 8 Special Election. The Election Worker Division also reviewed the Site Coordinator surveys that were completed at Vote Centers. The Division is developing a report that summarizes the events at the various Vote Centers.

L. Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) Vacancies

There are currently 17 ANC vacancies for the 2025-26 term at various stages of being filled. After the candidate filing requirements are satisfied, an open vote by registered voters of the affected single member district (SMD) will take place during the regularly scheduled ANC meetings. The Department of Corrections and ANC 7F have scheduled an election to fill the 7F08 vacancy.

M. Ward 8 Special Election

The Ward 8 Special Election is over. Four Early Vote Centers were open from Friday, July 11 through Monday, July 14. There were 12 Election Day Vote Centers on Tuesday, July 15. Ballots mailed via the US Postal Service and postmarked by July 15 were able to be received at BOE until July 25.

55,992 registered Ward 8 voters were eligible to vote in the special election. There were 8,671 ballots cast. Voter turnout was 15.49%. We had 65% of voters voting by mail and 35% of voters who chose to vote in-person at Vote Centers.

V. GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT (TERRI STROUD)

A. Enforcement Hearings

1. In the Matter of Lydia Calitri

The Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) presented a stipulation that had been entered into between the General Counsel and Lydia Calitri in which Ms. Calitri acknowledged that she unintentionally voted a mail ballot that was delivered to a former resident of her apartment. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$100 for Ms. Calitri voting another voter’s mail ballot.

BOARD ACTION: Voted unanimously to impose a fine of \$100.

2. In the Matter of Ballots cast in the name of Claire Gudewich

OGC presented a stipulation entered into between the General Counsel and Claire Gudewich in which Ms. Gudewich acknowledged that she voted in both South Carolina and D.C. during the 2024 General Election. Ms. Gudewich explained that she believed her South Carolina absentee ballot would not be counted and, out of concern for her right to vote, voted in-person in D.C. The General Counsel recommended a civil fine of \$100 for voting twice in the same election.

BOARD ACTION: Voted unanimously to impose a fine of \$100.

B. Formulation of Short Title, Summary Statement, and Legislative Text – Initiative No. 84

The Board considered the formulation of the short title, summary statement, and legislative text for Initiative Measure No. 84, the “Time Stability Act of 2025.” OGC presented proposed formulations, including the legislative text, which were published in the D.C. Register and on the Board’s website, and prepared with input from the Office of the Attorney General. The proposer and the public were given an opportunity to comment; no objections or suggested changes were received.

BOARD ACTION: The Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed short

title, summary statement, and legislative text for publication which will initiate the statutory review period.

C. Litigation Status

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

This is an appeal from the U.S. District Court's denial of a challenge to legislation allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections on the basis of standing. On July 31, the district court ordered the parties to confer and file a status report by tomorrow, August 8.

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

This is the remand from the D.C. Court of Appeals of a challenge to the Board's finding that Initiative Measure No. 83 ("I83") met proper subject requirements and its formulation of the measure. The Court of Appeals disagreed with the Superior Court's decision that the case was untimely filed as it was submitted before the 10-day period for judicial review. On April 8, the Board filed a motion to dismiss the complaint. Several additional pleadings have been filed, including responses to the motion to dismiss, and motions to intervene and dismiss filed by the interveners. A status hearing is scheduled for August 15.

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

This case was remanded back to D.C. Superior Court from the U.S. District Court for D.C. This matter is the resubmission of a case previously dismissed without prejudice. Mr. Long seeks \$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. D.C. Board of Elections (U.S. District Court for D.C.)

In January 2025, Mr. Sobin submitted a complaint to the district court in which he alleged that the Board's petition circulation process requiring candidates to gather signatures violates the Americans with Disabilities Act, and a separate claim that an ANC election to be held in his SMD is illegal. On June 11, the Office of the Attorney General filed a motion to dismiss on behalf of the Board. On June 16, the court directed the plaintiff to respond by June 30. On June 23, the plaintiff filed an opposition to the motion to dismiss. On June 30, defendants replied to the opposition.

5. Muhammad v. D.C. Board of Elections (D.C. Court of Appeals)

Ms. Muhammad filed a petition for review of a Board enforcement order imposing a \$150 civil fine because she failed to personally witness signatures on her nominating petition. The court issued a briefing order in May directing that the appellant file her

brief within 40 days of that date, and that the board file it's brief within 30 days thereafter. The Petitioner failed to timely respond, and the Board moved to dismiss for failure to prosecute. The Petitioner then sought an extension of time to file her brief until July 17. When no brief was lodged by July 17, the Board renewed its motion to dismiss. On July 28, the court ordered petitioner to file her initial brief within 10 days.

VI. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT (PRESENTED BY WESLEY WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY)

A. Office of the Director

1. The full report of the July 2025 activities of the OCF will be posted at ocf.dc.gov.

2. Community Outreach

During the month of July, OCF participated in several community outreach events across the district with other district agencies sharing valuable insights about its campaign finance programs with attendees. There were four events. On July 7, OCF joined other District agencies participating in a Resources Workshop held at the Harvard Towers Community Hall. On July 11, OCF participated in the D.C. MPD/DPR Late Night Hype Community Outreach event held at the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center. On July 14, OCF joined other District agencies participating in a Community Resources Fair held at the Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center. On July 16, OCF held an information session at Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Library in partnership with the District's Public Library System.

B. Fair Elections Program ("FEP") Division

1. Authorized Base Amount and Matching Payments

a) 2025 Special Election Cycle for Ward 8

In July FEP disbursed matching payments of \$67,000. OCF has authorized the disbursement of \$335,375.90 from the FEP fund in base amount and matching payments.

C. OCF OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT (PRESENTED BY WESLEY WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL WILLIAM SANFORD)

1. Monthly Intake/Output Report

During July, the OGC received one referral, completed seven informal hearings, and issued seven orders. In those orders, no fines were imposed.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The discussion in the public matters portion of the meeting can be found on pages 52-54 of the transcript.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.