



**Board of Supervisors of Elections  
Minutes  
WebEx Board Meeting  
January 21, 2021 6:00 PM**

**Boardmembers Present:** Robert Kurnick, Sofya Orlosky, Danniell Belay, Stephen H. Fisher, Will Simon

**Staff:** Assistant City Attorney Nicholas Dumais, Assistant City Clerk/Jacqueline Mobley, and Election Specialist Judy Penny

**Convene and Welcome**

Chair Kurnick convened the meeting via WebEx at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all those present.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of November 12, 2020 as amended.

Moved by Boardmember Orlosky, seconded by Boardmember Simon, and approved unanimously.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of December 17, 2020 as amended.

Moved by Boardmember Fisher, seconded by Boardmember Orlosky, and approved.

**Questions to Board**

No questions to the Board.

**Review of Annual Campaign Finance Report**

**Kuan Lee**

**Motion:** The Board directed staff to draft letter to Mr. Lee to resubmit the amended CFR dated September 10, 2020. The start balance from this report does not match the previous CFR filing. Please explain why there is a negative balance and resubmit the CFR as final.

Moved by Boardmember Orlosky, seconded by Boardmember Fisher and approved unanimously.

### **Brigitta Mullican**

Ms. Mullican's CFR was submitted as final and her account is closed however there is a loan balance showing.

Staff spoke with Ms. Mullican who explained that her Campaign Finance Account is closed and she should send an email to the Board with explanation.

Chair Kurnick suggested that an email be sent to Ms. Mullican and ask that she explain and show that she has forgiven her loan.

### **Matthew Perkins**

**Motion:** The Board directed Mr. Perkins to correct the balance forward and negative balance discrepancies on the campaign finance report summary sheet and resubmit as a final report as recommended in the meeting of December 17, 2020.

Moved by Boardmember Orlosky, seconded by Boardmember Belay and approved unanimously.

### **Discussion of Election Issues Being Considered by the Charter Review Commission**

Chair Kurnick presented an overview of the second Charter Review Commission (CRC) meeting. The CRC formed three workgroups to address election issues. Chair Kurnick would like to report back to the CRC, at their meeting, the Board's views regarding topics such as staggered terms for the Mayor and Council, the size of Council, and representative districts.

The Board discussed the possible implications of staggered terms, budgeting and transitioning concerns, impact on voter turnout, election costs, two versus four-year election cycle, the mission of the BOSE, and district representation.

### **Status of BSE 2021 Goal Assignments**

Election Specialist Judy Penny presented an overview of Rockville's history, definition and structure of a Municipality and Municipal Charter, Rockville's form of governmental structure, and a review of the types of elections.

Boardmemeber Orlosky presented the status, procedural changes, and activities of the State and Montgomery County Board of Elections. The State is in the process of developing an Information Technology Master Plan and recycling and auctioning of old election equipment.

Boardmember Belay presented recommendations for minor modifications to the Campaign Finance Report (CFR). The goal is to ensure that both the candidates and treasurers have a more clear and concise understanding of the form. IT Manger Janet Hare with assist with the modifications and a draft of the form will be submitted to the Board.

Boardmember Fisher submitted a draft and recommendation of a CFR for a campaign slate.

Boardmember Fisher provided a listing of apartment complexes within the Rockville city corporate boundaries. This data can be used as a snapshot for voter participation and mail distribution in these complexes. The question was raised regarding how the County and State distributed ballots to nursing homes? Is Rockville a member of the Election Administration Association?

Boardmember Orlosky recommended an update to the FAQ's to answer new questions.

Boardmember Simon presented an overview of the making Rockville elections more language accessible. The number of languages and dialects spoken in Rockville compared to Montgomery County. Recommendations were made to include translation services, like Montgomery County, for languages spoken within Rockville and best practices of language accessibility regarding voting and elections.

### **Old/New Business**

There is no old/new business for this evening's meeting.

### **Future Meeting**

Thursday, February 18, 2021 – BSE Meeting 6:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**Motion:** to adjourn.

Moved by Boardmember Orlosky, seconded by Boardmember Fisher and approved unanimously.