



**Board of Supervisors of Elections
Minutes
WebEx Board Meeting
April 15, 2021 6:00 PM**

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

Staff: Assistant City Attorney Nicholas Dumais, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell, Election Specialist Judy Penny

Convene and Welcome

Chair Kurnick convened the meeting via WebEx at 6:02

Chair Kurnick welcomed and introduced two guests: Rockville Postmaster Gabe Hamilton, and USPS Facility Manager Kristy Park.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of March 18, 2021 as submitted.

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

Questions to Board

No questions to the Board.

Campaign Finance Report

Staff received an email from Mr. Kuan Lee stating that he needed additional time to respond to the BSE letter dated March 29, 2021. The BSE agreed to revisit this matter at its next meeting.

Revisions to CFR Form

The Board reviewed and agreed to the changes made by Technology End User Service Manager Janet Hare to the affidavit, title page, and summary page of the Campaign Finance Report.

Motion: To add an additional page to the Campaign Finance Report for comments and explanations of entries.

Moved by Boardmember Fisher, seconded by Boardmember Orlosky, and approved by a vote of 3:1.

Report on Meeting

Chair Kurnick and Boardmember Simon reported on their meeting with Dr. Gilberto Zelaya, the outreach and public information officer of the Montgomery County Board of Elections. At that meeting, they discussed ways of making voting more accessible to those who do speak only languages other than English or Spanish.

Boardmember Orlosky reported on the activities of the County and State Boards of Elections. Currently, both are mainly focused on the results of the 2020 general elections.

Proposed Amendments to City Code

Chair Kurnick recommended one change to the City Charter: changing the deadline for submitting nominating petitions from 60 to 90 days prior to Election Day, to allow additional time for campaigning.

Chair Kurnick also recommended the following changes to the Rockville City Code:

1. Amending the definition of campaign materials to include “electronic communications.”
2. Deleting the provision stating that a resident may register to vote in Rockville, but not in Montgomery County, since Rockville does not currently maintain its own voter database.
3. Adding to the ballot an option to vote for “none of the above.”
4. Adding a provision prohibiting campaigning within 50 feet of a ballot drop box.
5. Deleting the provision placing a \$2,000 limit on aggregate contributions, in response to the Supreme Court’s decision in *McCutcheon vs. Federal Election Commission*, holding that a similar limit in federal law was unconstitutional.
6. Adding a provision requiring candidates and committee to submit their CRFs electronically.
7. Amending the provision on disclaimers to require more informative disclaimers on campaign literature – disclaimers similar to those required by federal law.

Guest Speaker

The Postmaster of Rockville, Gabe Hamilton and the USPS manager for Rockville Kristy Park, provided an overview of the USPS handling, security measures, and distribution of election mail.

Old/New Business

There was no old or new business for this evening's meeting.

Future Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2021 – BSE Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Motion: to adjourn.

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