

City of Hyattsville Board of Supervisors of Elections
Tuesday, July 11, 2023: 4pm
IN PERSON MEETING with Virtual Participation
City Building, 3rd Floor Mayor's Office

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order – 4:10pm - Present:
 - a. BOSE Members: Zach Peters (Chair), Erin Payne, Lisa Pineda, and Greta Mosher
 - b. City of Hyattsville Staff: Deputy City Clerk Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk Laura Reams
 - c. Public Meeting Observer
 - d. Virtual Participants for Ranked Choice Voting Presentation:
 - i. Presenters: Daniel Broder, T. Carter Ross
 - ii. BOSE Member: Greta Mosher
 - iii. City Council Members
- 2) Presentation on Rank Choice Voting
 - a. Daniel Broder presented on the concept of Ranked Choice Voting, and what are some of the advantages of Ranked Choice Voting
 - i. Used in Maine, Alaska, NYC, and San Francisco (among other places)
 - ii. In MD, only used in Takoma Park (since 2005)
 - iii. According to FairVote, education about ranked choice voting with the public has not been a hurdle to implementation in other areas
 - b. Chair Peters has a draft copy of the legislation for ranked choice and it can be shared around – FairVote has reviewed this legislation
 - c. Any next steps will require the following:
 - i. Support from and consultation with Hyattsville City Council – will need to be a majority
 - ii. Input from Hyattsville legal counsel after input from Council – legal counsel's hours are billable to the city
 - d. Follow-up questions and thoughts from BOSE and City Staff:
 - i. Will need to better understand the education efforts needed
 - ii. What kind of public comment period would be needed? How could this be incorporated into the tentative survey plans?
 - iii. 2025 city election will likely be too soon for implementation of ranked choice voting
 - iv. In the end, will need to bring back to BOSE for more discussion and need to determine how this would be prioritized relative to other priorities for the BOSE and city elections
- 3) After Action Review, Election 2023
 - a. Poll Pads – worked great!
 - i. Only issue was with mobile printers
 - ii. Poll pads were a huge time and training saver
 - iii. Less judges were required to hold election
 - b. Judges – they were seasoned and professional – went smoothly with this group of judges
 - c. Set up
 - i. Election “swag” table should be further away from exit/ballot scanner
 - ii. No tally sheet with ballot issuing judge table
 - iii. Recommend having a table next to ballot scanner so voters can directly place folder on table without having to hand it to the judge
 - d. Election Fest
 - i. Recommend that location be further away from actual voting – maybe across the street?
 - ii. Extra help from volunteers/staff/etc.?
 - e. Outreach/Communication - throwing “just” a voting event doesn't draw people – maybe consider tacking on to another event or re-branding it as another/additional event
- 4) Approval of Minutes
 - a. Short on time – Erin will send via email, respond with additional updates and details

- b. Minutes for 4/4, 4/19, 5/4, 5/11, and 7/11 will be approved at 9/5 BOSE meeting
- 5) New Business
 - a. What are the priorities for the BOSE moving forward? Here are some options:
 - i. Changing special elections
 - ii. Expanding locations
 - iii. Ranked choice voting
 - b. Timing of survey to residents to see what is a priority for them or are barriers to voting in elections – high priority for BOSE
- 6) Public Comment:
 - a. How did the Ranked Choice topic get brought up?
 - i. Dan Broder and T. Carter Ross brought it to BOSE and wanted to present
 - b. Citizen is interested in joining the Education or Environmental Committee
 - c. What is the process for placing a ballot question for the next election?
 - i. City staff clarified that Hyattsville City does not administer county elections, and would not be able to add ballot questions to that election
 - ii. Ballot questions need to be on a particular topic and within city jurisdiction/control/authority – allocation of federal funds does not fall under this
 - d. Ranked Choice POV: Candidate with plurality should win – shouldn't need majority
 - e. City staff helped citizen to talk through other issues not related specifically to Board of Elections
- 7) Adjournment – 5:17pm