

City of Hyattsville Board of Supervisors of Elections
Wednesday, April 16, 2024: 4pm
IN PERSON MEETING
City Building, 3rd Floor Mayor's Office

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order – 4:05pm - Present:
 - BOSE Members: Zach Peters (Chair), Erin Payne, Juan Castillo, Lisa Pineda, and Greta Mosher
 - City of Hyattsville Staff: Deputy City Clerk Nate Groenendyk
- 2) Approval of the Minutes
 - Chair Peters moved to approve minutes from March 2024 BOSE meeting.
 - Greta Mosher seconded the motion.
 - The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.
- 3) Campaign Finance Update - Former candidate Lisbeth Melendez still hasn't resolved the issues with her finance report. The clerk's office has made several attempts and will continue to do so. If the issues with the financial report cannot be resolved, the Ethics Committee will be next and will recommend a fine for BOSE to carry out.
- 4) Election Charter Change Language
 - BOSE and staff discussed language on how BOSE members are elected – main point to keep: terms are staggered
 - Other updated language discussed:
 - Mayoral vacancy (180 days for election if more than 1 year before the end of term)
 - Council member vacancy – discussion of three different scenarios
 - Next step: will go before council (but plan to also introduce this to some council members for feedback before a formal council meeting)
 - Language on election code – discussed the idea that perhaps the text related to a runoff election should just go in the charter and not the city code.
 - Goal timing for changes:
 - July council meeting presentation
 - 21 days notice for public hearing and comment
 - Discussed in August
 - Adopted in September (charter) & October (code)
 - What to emphasize when presenting to Council is to help them understand what of these changes will positively impact the next election.
- 5) New Business
 - Ongoing point under discussion – when mailed ballots can be accepted. Close of business the following day?
 - Laura Reams transitioning to new role as Deputy City Administrator!
- 6) Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 4:59pm