

City of Hyattsville Board of Supervisors of Elections

Tuesday, February 7, 2023: 4pm

IN PERSON MEETING

City Building, 3rd Floor Mayor's Office

AGENDA

1) Call to Order – 4:04pm - Present:

- BOSE Members: Zach Peters (Chair), Erin Payne, Lisa Pineda, Juan Castillo, and Greta Mosher
- City of Hyattsville Staff: City Clerk Laura Reams, Deputy City Clerk Nate Groenendyk
- Guest (for item 4): Laura Wray-Lake (UCLA Researched on Adolescent Voting/Civic Engagement)

2) Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes for the following BOSE meetings:
 - Nov 2, 2021
 - Nov 18, 2021
 - Jan 4, 2022
 - Feb 1, 2022
 - Feb 10, 2022
 - May 3, 2022
 - May 24, 2022
 - Dec 6, 2022
 - Jan 10, 2023
- Greta Mosher moved to approve all minutes above, Zach Peters seconded the motion.
- Motion was approved unanimously by BOSE members.

3) Election Outreach Calendar Update

- Teen Leadership group
 - There is meeting next Thursday with a presentation on voting in Hyattsville. Nate, Laura, Zach, and Juan will attend. They will use the base of a previous presentation but will update it for the teen group audience.
 - At the presentation, could float the idea of the teen leadership group hosting a mayoral candidate forum (because it covers all wards)
- Possibility of holding a "Heurich Mini Fest"
 - Spanish-speaking population focused mini-event that would share information about the election, have voter registration booth, music etc.
 - BOSE members were in support of the event and were interested in learning more – agreed that this would be a good addition to the No Excuses Tour
 - Event could be advertised with local churches and other media (particularly Spanish language) media outlets

4) Research/Survey of 16-17 year old voters with Laura Wray-Lake

- BOSE met virtually with Laura Wray-Lake, researcher from UCLA who conducts research/surveys on adolescents and voting/civic engagement with the Vote 16 network
- The discussion focused on potential survey ideas to get a sense of what 16-17 year olds heard about the election, if they voted, etc, and Laura Wray-Lake presented a couple options:
 - Option 1: Post-election survey of young people in Hyattsville area high schools (primarily Northwestern) to ask if they were aware of election outreach and whether or not they voted.
 - Option 2: Understand the 16/17 voter population better – what are the reasons/barriers they did or didn't vote?
- Some challenges/alternatives were proposed:

- Northwestern HS serves more than Hyattsville city residents – could be hard to differentiate in a survey, but could be interesting to see if Hyattsville adolescents are more engaged?
- How to differentiate? Laura Wray-Lake has the ability to embed a map in the survey platform that could allow students to identify where they live as part of the survey.
- Another option – tag on questions about 16/17 year olds within a larger Hyattsville voter/household survey?
- Follow-up actions were determined:
 - Make contact with Northwestern HS to explore possibility of distributing a survey to students – Laura Wray-Lake happy to speak with them from a research POV if that would help

5) E-Poll Books

- Benefits of using an E-Poll Book:
 - No cards to pull
 - Less pollworkers required for check-in
 - It would print a VAC
- KnowInk – BOSE and the city is still waiting on a quote and the presentation from this company in order to make a decision. Presentation will be the following Monday, February 13. BOSE had a demonstration with Takoma Park who had used KnowInk in previous city elections and was helpful information on the technology.
- Electech has provided a quote and one difference is that Electech uses actual laptops, rather than iPads.
- City Clerk Reams emphasized that a decision will need to be made for the February 20th BOSE meeting if the election will use an E-Poll Book and if so, which company to choose.

6) Upcoming BOSE Meetings/Events

- Chair Peters brought up scheduling a meeting with Dan Broder to discuss ranked-choice voting. It was determined that the best timing for this meeting would be in June after the election. Chair Peters said he would reach out to Dan with this proposal.
- Deputy City Clerk Groenendyk announced that the I Voted Sticker Contest would be launching and shared the submission information and form with the BOSE. The contest is open to elementary, middle, and high school students. All entries will be shared in a collage on election day, but only the winner will have their sticker reproduced.
- City Clerk Reams said they will be doing a new order of “swag” for registration and other election related events – will be in accordance with election colors/branding.
- City Clerk Reams said she hadn’t heard from the Hyattsville Life & Times about hosting any candidate forums yet, but would let the BOSE know as soon as there was any information.
- Next BOSE meetings are February 13 at 10am for the KnowInk demonstration and Feb 22 (Wednesday) for a follow up BOSE meeting.

7) New Business?

- Ballot boxes – City Clerk Reams recommended that maybe the Ballot Box in Ward 4 should be placed at Felegy Elementary instead of Heurich Park for easier and higher traffic access. The BOSE was in support of this move if the school would be in agreement.
- City Clerk Reams shared that Ballot Scout would be going out of business soon, but should likely be able to support through the May election. She would confirm with them soon, but the alternative plan would be to work with Ballot Tracker (like Takoma Park does), but the preference is to keep Ballot Scout for this election.

8) Adjournment – meeting was adjourned by Chair Peters at 5:08pm.