

City of Hyattsville Board of Supervisors of Elections
Tuesday, March 17, 2026: 4pm
In Person: Multipurpose Room City Building
4310 Gallatin Street

Attendees:

- Staff: Quianna Taylor
 - BOSE: Zach Peters, Erin Payne, Nicola Konigkramer, Greta Mosher
 - Public Comment: Dan Broder (Volunteer Local Organizing Lead RCV), Owen Anderson (Deputy Director for RCV MD), Octavia Clapp (RCV Supporter), Malik Ferguson (RCV Supporter)
1. Call to Order – 4:00pm
 2. Introductions
 3. Public Comment:
 - a. Malik Ferguson – instant runoff voting has downsides, prefers Condorcet method of voting
 - b. Octavia Clapp – in agreement with Malik’s statement
 - c. Owen Anderson – most data about instant runoff because that is the most common type of RCV
 - i. RCV in general – value of ranking itself as a way to get more information from voters and increase engagement in the election
 - ii. RCV is associated with a lot higher voter engagement and more people running
 - iii. More equal footing for candidates
 - d. Dan Broder
 - i. Has been organizing in Hyattsville for about 3 years
 - ii. Hyattsville residents wish to see thoughtful and deep analysis with a recommendation to the council
 4. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. Move to approve: Zach Peters
 - b. Second: Lisa Pineda
 5. Filling Vacancy Legislation Update
 - a. Executive committee meeting – Some members of council, mayor, Zach, two city staff joined
 - i. In support of 365-day vacancy if the council members were paid more during the vacancy.

- ii. General Counsel Skip Cornbrooks said that additional payment would not be okay under the current charter – so at this point, that option is not able to move forward.
 - b. Options moving forward:
 - i. Request 365 days even without guarantee of payment (that would be handled or decided by someone else)
 - ii. OR request 290 days as a compromise
 - c. Resigning Council Seat to run for Mayor – not a lot of traction currently, but this is the main option from the Board’s perspective on this issue
 - i. Maybe start with the ExCom again – they can reach out
 - ii. Ask from council members what their concerns are about the resignation or why they prefer an alternative (like appointments) so that BOSE can respond.
 - d. Small group meeting on Friday with some members of Council to address 365 vacancy (without guaranteed additional pay or 290 compromise) and then resigning to run for mayor issue
6. Research Update RCV – Next Steps
- a. Zach did look up Condorcet voting – provided some explanation
 - b. Laura and Nate had pulled together historical data from elections; Dan Broder had done the same thing (all the way back to 1997) – Zach tried to square those two sets of data
 - i. Main story: Quite similar between the two sets of data
 - ii. Elections 2001 through 2025:
 - 1. 82 races (Laura), 84 races (Dan)
 - 2. 30 (35.5%) races had 3 or more candidates (Dan), 34% of races had 3 or more candidates (Laura)
 - 3. Of those, 13 races didn’t meet majority (15.5% of all races from 2001 through 2025 have a winner that did not meet majority [50.1%])
 - a. This is also 45% of races with 3 or more candidates.
 - iii. Nicola will have data on April 7th for College Park, Takoma Park, and Greenbelt
 - 1. She shared notes from the College Park RCV meeting
 - 2. ACTION (ALL): If possible, listen to CP RCV meeting and/or review notes ahead of the next BOSE meeting. We can put that on as an agenda item to review these notes as a part of the next meeting.

- iv. College Park decided not to adopt RCV last year, but open to reconsidering.
 - 1. What would be the threshold to consider for a city to be a good candidate for RCV or not? – this was a question posed to RCV MD
 - c. ACTION (ERIN): Create a project management timeline for research
 - d. Quianna will look into when BOSE might be able to provide an update on the current research
7. New Business –
- a. April 25 – Hyattsville Anniversary Celebration
 - i. BOSE could have a table
 - ii. ACTION: Confirm who will attend from BOSE and when
8. Adjournment: 5:00pm