

City of Hyattsville Board of Supervisors of Elections
Tuesday, April 7, 2026: 4pm
In Person: Multipurpose Room City Building
4310 Gallatin Street

Attendees:

- Staff: Quianna Taylor, Nate Groenendyk
- BOSE: Zach Peters, Erin Payne, Lisa Pineda, Greta Mosher, Nicole Konigkramer
- Public Comment: Octavia Clapp (RCV Supporter), Malik Ferguson (RCV Supporter)

1. Call to Order – 4:01pm
2. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. Move to approve: Greta Mosher
 - b. Second: Erin Payne
3. Public Comment:
 - a. Malik Ferguson - Explained Condorcet vs. Instant Runoff (briefly) - 13 of 82 elections didn't have a majority winner – other advantages include encouraging more people to run (James and Quinn Voter Satisfaction Efficiency index).
 - b. Octavia Clapp – reiterated her support for Condorcet RCV – Hyattsville could be a trailblazer. She also supports recall elections. She also supports non-partisan canvassing for voters – maybe BOSE could come up with materials. Finally, she brought up election timing and recommending the city time municipal elections with major/federal elections.
4. Filling Vacancy Legislation Update
 - a. Friday meeting with small group of Council members:
 - i. 290- and 365-day vacancies for CM seats and resignation to run for mayor not well received
 - ii. Kareem has the best understanding of being a solo CM because of the vacancy with Jimmy McClellan's resignation.
 - iii. Some proposed looking into appointments as an option
 1. General warning from Skip and others that appointments can seem quite political
 2. There are other municipalities that do use appointments – look into those?
 - iv. In theory, charter is already written so that it is 290 days, but there is some ambiguity. Would be helpful to get the legal reading/interpretation of the charter.

1. **ACTION**: Zach will write something up to send to Skip Cornbrooks on the question around the interpretation of the charter.
5. Research Update RCV – Next Steps
 - a. **ACTION**: Nate to ping other municipalities for responses
 - b. Neighbor municipality analysis:
 - i. College Park – completed!
 - ii. **ACTION**: Consolidate Greenbelt/Takoma Park analysis
 - iii. **ACTION**: Think through criteria/characteristics for comparison with Hyattsville (for analysis) – ALL
 - c. Idea – Zoom call with other BOSE or Chairs of BOSE to get their perspectives on RCV
 - d. Tentative Timeline:
 - i. May – discuss criteria
 - ii. June – discuss analysis
 - iii. October (at latest) – have a non-recommending update for Council to get questions and feedback
 - iv. Post-2027 election – make formal recommendation to put any changes into action (to have 2 FULL years for any changes)
6. New Business –
 - a. April 25 – Hyattsville Anniversary Celebration
 - i. BOSE will have table 4-6pm
 - ii. Greta, Nicola, Zach to attend – Erin tentative
 - iii. **ACTION**: Nicola to draft 1-pager on Hyattsville Elections to send to Quianna. Could be ready to give out at Anniversary.
7. Adjournment: 4:54pm