

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

Attendees:

- Staff: Nate Groenendyk
 - BOSE: Zach Peters, Erin Payne, Lisa Pineda, Greta Mosher, Nicole Konigkramer
 - Public Comment: Malik Ferguson (RCV Supporter), Dan Broder (RCV Supporter – Lead Organizer for RCV MD in Hyattsville), Mike Bonds (RCV Supporter); Octavia Clapp (RCV Supporter)
1. Call to Order – 4:06pm
 2. Public Comment
 - a. Malik Ferguson (Ward 3) - Reiterates support for RCV; prefers Condorcet voting over Instant Runoff; shared Univ of Chicago study on Condorcet voting – can share details as needed
 - b. Dan Broder (Ward 2) – town/community rep for RCV MD – mentioned the results of June 23 primaries in MD – lots of multi-candidate races that were decided by plurality. If we can show that there is significant support for RCV at a local level, this could include state/county leaders to adopt it as well
 - c. Mike Bonds – RCV supporter; thinks any system is better than current system right now; supports a proportional system
 - d. Octavia Clapp – Pro-Condorcet voting; Canvassed in their building before the primary election and saw some results for additional people who turned out for the primary; would love to be involved for city elections – assist with canvassing.
 3. Approval of Minutes - Greta – Move; Nicola – second; Unanimous approval
 4. Research Update RCV
 - a. Nicola worked on framework in order to better compare across municipalities – will share document with Board. It has been interesting to see the similarities and marked differences between all the neighboring cities.
 - b. Zach reviewed the RCV research that was also discussed last time to provide context on conversation for today’s meeting.
 - i. Some information that is hard to capture to present to council – impact on decreasing negative campaigning. Something to think about when preparing presentation and recommendation for council.

- c. Zach shared statistics from previous races where the winner DID NOT receive the majority of the vote and number of votes it would take for the 2nd or 3rd place to get to a majority.
 - d. ACTION: In Takoma Park, how many times did the plurality winner not end up the majority winner in a race? Other comparable cities?
 - e. ACTION: Send around example of RCV ballot
- 5. New business
 - a. Next meeting – August 11
- 6. Adjournment – 4:47pm