



**OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 26, 2023 – Presented Testimony on the Fair Elections Program at the Roundtable on Elections convened by Councilmember Anita Bonds, Chairperson, the Committee on Executive Administration and Labor, of the Council of the District of Columbia.

Community Outreach

The Office of Campaign Finance attended a planning meeting for the 2023 Beat the Streets Summer Community MPD Outreach Program on June 28, 2023 with other Agencies and the Metropolitan Police Department; and presented at a Branch of the District of Columbia Public Library during the Month of June 2023. Information on the Agency’s Traditional and Fair Elections Programs was shared. The Library Branch visited is listed below:

- Petworth Library – June 21

FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the FEP’s production stats for June 2023:

AUTHORIZED BASE AMOUNT AND MATCHING PAYMENTS

2020 Election Cycle. By way of background, the 2020 Election Cycle was the first election cycle during which the Fair Elections Program was fully implemented. The total sum of **\$4,016,797.64** was disbursed from the FAIR ELECTIONS FUND in BASE AMOUNT (\$1,120,000.00) AND MATCHING PAYMENTS (\$2,896,797.64) to the Thirty-six (36) Candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program to participate in the June 2, 2020, Primary Election, the June 16, 2020, Special Election (also conducted during this timeframe), and the November 3, 2020, General Election. The 2020 Election Cycle closed on November 3, 2020, and the 2020 Special Election Cycle closed on June 16, 2020.

2022 Election Cycle. The Office of Campaign Finance authorized the total sum of **\$13,557,106.70** for disbursement from the FAIR ELECTIONS FUND in BASE AMOUNT (\$1,665,000.00) AND MATCHING PAYMENTS (\$11,892,106.70), to the Forty-Two (42) Candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program to participate in the June 21, 2022, Primary Election (Thirty-One (31) Candidates) and the November 8, 2022 General Election (Eleven (11) Candidates). The 2022 Election Cycle closed on November 8, 2022.

2024 Election Cycle. As of this date, there is one (1) certified Participating Candidate and one (1) registered Candidate seeking to participate in the Fair Elections Program for the 2024 Election Cycle. There were no disbursements from the Fair Elections Fund authorized during the Month of June 2022.

DESK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Desk Reviews of Amended Reports of Receipts and Expenditures Twenty-Nine (29)
Requests for Additional Information (RAI) LettersFour (4)

Candidate/Treasurer Consultations:

There were no Candidate/Treasurer consultations.

REMITTED FUNDS

As of June 30, 2023, the total sum of **\$686,433.82** has been remitted for deposit in the Fair Elections Fund from the campaign operations of Participating Candidates in the 2022 Election Cycle.

ONGOING 2020 POST-ELECTION FULL FIELD AUDITS

The 2020 Election Cycle. The following Fifteen (15) Post-Election Audits are currently ongoing before the Fair Elections Program at various stages, including Audit Documentation received and Audit in progress; Audit Complete and the Preliminary Statement of Findings issued, and/or Response received and Under Review/Draft Final Audit submitted to the Audit Manager and Under Review; and Failure to submit Audit Documentation and Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC). The FEP Division has issued a total of Nineteen (19) Final Audit Reports of the Post-Election Audits initiated for the 2020 Election Cycle. Please note the Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7 **Non-Compliance Final Audit Report was issued and referred to the OGC on July 11, 2023**

Post-Election Audits – The June 2, 2020, Primary Election (Audits initiated on June 19, 2020, of the Campaign Operations of those Candidates who did not proceed to the General Election):

1. Green for Ward 7 – Audit documentation received on August 6, 2020. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to FEP Manager for review.
2. Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7 – Partial Audit documentation received June 23, 2021. Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022. **Non-Compliance Final Audit Report issued and referred to the OGC on July 11, 2023**

3. Mike for Ward 8 – Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 23, 2021.** Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review.
4. Kishan for DC 2020 – Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) on February 16, 2021, for failure to submit the required documentation. Hearing held on March 10, 2021, no response from Committee, 2nd Hearing held on March 25, 2021 no response from Committee. The OGC issued an Order on April 20, 2021, and the Committee was fined One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Referred to the OGC for further action on May 23, 2022.
5. Jordan Grossman for Ward 2 – Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 30, 2021.** Response submitted July 12, 2021. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 17, 2022. . Under review of FEP Manager.
6. John Fanning for Ward 2 – Extension approved until October 12, 2020, for submission of financial records. Documentation was not received. Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) on February 12, 2021. Referred to the OGC for further action on May 23, 2022.

Post-Election Audits: The June 16, 2020, Special Election (Audits initiated on July 6, 2020, of the Campaign Operations of those Candidates who participated in the Special Election).

1. John Fanning, John Fanning for Ward 2 Special Election 2020 – – Extension approved until October 12, 2020, for the submission of the financial records. Documentation was not received. Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) on February 12, 2021. Referred to the OGC for further action on May 23, 2022.
2. Jordan Grossman, Jordan Grossman for Ward 2 Special Election – Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 30, 2021.** Response received on July 12, 2021. Under review of the FEP Manager.

Post-Election Audits: The November 3, 2021, General Election (Audits initiated on March 30, 2021, of the Campaign Operations of those Candidates who participated in the November 3, 2020, General Election).

1. Chandler for Council - Audit documentation has been received. Audit documentation received on September 8, 2021. Audit still in progress. Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022.
2. Let's Reid 2020 - Audit documentation has been received. Audit in progress. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review.
3. Franklin for DC 2020 – Audit documentation received on May 7, 2021. Audit in progress.

4. James for Ward 2 State Board of Education - Audit initiated on March 30, 2021, no documentation has been received. Referred to the OGC, Hearing held on August 11, 2021, No one representing the committee attended. OGC will reschedule the Hearing. Audit is in progress, with documentation received. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 25, 2022.
5. Committee to Elect Jeanne' Lewis for City Council – Audit documentation received on August 15, 2021. Audit in progress.
6. Monica Palacio for City Council - Audit initiated on March 30, 2021. No documentation has been received as of June 30, 2021. Referred to OGC on August 23, 2021. Audit documentation received on Oct. 5, 2021. Audit in progress.
7. Will Merrifield for DC - Audit documents received on June 6, 2021. Audit in progress.
8. Markus For DC - Audit initiated on March 30, 2021. No documentation has been received as of June 30, 2021. Referred to OGC on August 23, 2021. Hearing held on October 6, 2021. No one from the Committee attended. Order entered imposing fine of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,850.00) for the failure to respond to the Audit. Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022.

ONGOING 2022 POST-ELECTION FULL FIELD AUDITS

The 2022 Election Cycle. The Office of Campaign Finance issued Forty-Two (42) Post-Election Audits Letters for the June 21, 2022, Primary Election and the November 8, 2022 General Election to Candidates who were certified to participate in the 2022 Election Cycle. (Audits initiated on March 13, 2023 and March 24, 2023).

Preliminary Audit Findings Reports and Final Audit Reports issued during the Month of June 2023:

1. Sriqui for Ward 3 Schools DC SBOE Preliminary Audit Findings Report issued on June 13, 2023.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the PIRMs production stats for the month of June 2023:

FILING OF REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

There were no Due Dates for the Filing of Reports of Receipts and Expenditures during the Month of June 2023.

NEW CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES

2024 Election Cycle (This is a running list for the 2024 Election Cycle of Candidate/Committee Registrations). New Candidate/Committee Registrations for the current month are in bold.

Traditional Program Candidates

Candidate Totals: 4

Primary = 4

Council, At- Large	–
Council, Ward 2	–
Council, Ward 4	–
Council, Ward 7	<u>1</u>
Council, Ward 8	<u>1</u>
U.S. Shadow Rep	<u>1</u>
U.S. Shadow Sen	<u>1</u>

General = 0

Council, At- Large	–
Council, Ward 2	–
Council, Ward 4	–
Council, Ward 7	–
Council, Ward 8	–
U.S. Shadow Rep	–

List of Candidates and Registration Dates

Office of Council, At-Large (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 2 (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 4 (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 7(Primary Election)
Ebbon Allen 4/24/2023

Office of Council, Ward 8(Primary Election)
Rahman Branch 1/23/2023

Office of U.S. Shadow Representative (Primary Election)
Oye Owolewa 6/7/2023

Office of U.S. Shadow Senator (Primary Election)
Brandaun (POTA) Douglass 5/26/2023

Office of Council, At-Large (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 2 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 4 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 7 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 8 (General Election)

Office of U.S. Shadow Representative (General Election)

Fair Elections Program Candidates

Candidate Totals:

Primary = _2

Council, At- Large _
Council, Ward 2 _1
Council, Ward 4 _
Council, Ward 7 _
Council, Ward 8 _1

General = _0_

Council, At- Large _
Council, Ward 2 _
Council, Ward 4 _
Council, Ward 7 _
Council, Ward 8 _

List of Candidates and Registration Dates

Office of Council, At-Large (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 2 (Primary Election)

Brooke Pinto **6/14/2023**

Office of Council, Ward 4 (Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 7(Primary Election)

Office of Council, Ward 8(Primary Election)

Salim K. Adofo 11/18/2022

Office of Council, At-Large (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 2 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 4 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 7 (General Election)

Office of Council, Ward 8 (General Election)

Committee Registrations

Initiative Committees

1. Make All Votes Count DC (Initiative Committee)
Philip E. Pannell, Treasurer
Registration Date: May 17, 2023

Candidates & Treasurers who have completed the OCF Entrance Conference for June 2023

1. Brooke Pinto/Candidate for Ward 2 City Council
2. Gretchen Wharton/Treasurer, Re-Elect Brooke Pinto 2024
3. Rahman Branch/Candidate for Ward 8 City Council
4. Rahman Branch/Treasurer, Friends and Family to Elect Rahman Branch
5. Philip E. Pannell/Treasurer, Make All Votes Count DC

**REPORTS ANALYSIS AND AUDIT DIVISION
(The Traditional Campaign Finance Program)**

The following is an accounting of the RAAD’s production stats for the month of June 2023:

DESK REVIEWS (23) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Political Action Committees (includes amended reports)	0
Constituent Service Funds (includes amended reports)	3
US Senator/Representative (includes amended reports)	2
Principal Campaign Committees (includes amended reports)	0
Advisory Neighborhood Commission Candidates	18
Inaugural Committee	0
Exploratory Committees	0
Independent Expenditures (includes amended reports)	0
Form 16-IE (Single Independent IE)	0
Initiative/Referendum/Recall	0
Twenty-four Hour Reports	0
Attorney General	0
Legal Defense Fund (includes amended reports)	0
Audit Letters (RFAI) Sent	2
Follow-up Letters Sent	0
Case(s) Resolved (includes voluntary amendments)	0
FOIA Request	0
Candidate/Treasurer/Political Committees Consultations ().....	0
Cases Referred to the Office of the General Counsel	0
Cases Referred for Contributions with Same Address and Similar Signatures	0
Cases Terminated	0
Hearings Attended	0
Early Voting Site Visits	0
Precinct Visits	0
Virtual Webinars Attended	0
Outside Seminars Attended	0
In House Training (Auditor Training New employees)	0
Entrance Conferences	0

AUDITS ISSUED

- None

ONGOING AUDITS:

1) Full Field Audits - Newly Elected Officials

- Mendelson for Chairman 2022 – Ryan Wilburn – The audit fieldwork is complete. The Preliminary Draft Audit Report was issued on June 5, 2023.
- Kenyan McDuffie 2022 – Jessica Reed and Jaylen Byrdsong – The audit fieldwork is in progress. Additional documents were requested and received. The Audit fieldwork is under review by the Audit Manager.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

2023 MONTHLY IN-TAKE/OUTPUT REPORT

	January	February	March	April	May	June	
Opinion Request Received						0	
Opinion Request Completed						0	
Complaints Received						0	
Internal Queries						0	
Preliminary Investigations Initiated						0	
Preliminary Investigations Orders Issued						0	
Full Investigations Initiated						0	
Full Investigations Orders Issued						0	
Informal Hearings Referred						0	
Informal Hearings Completed						8	
Informal Hearings Orders Issued						8*	
Petitions for Enforcement Referrals to BOE						9	

*This figure represents 1 order in which no fine was imposed, 6 orders in which a total of \$9,850.00 in fines was imposed and 1 order in which the fine was reduced from \$3,450.00 to \$1,725.00 pursuant to a Motion for Reconsideration.

Board Statistics for June 2023
 Board Meeting July 18, 2023

PIRM

PCC	0
PAC's	0
ANC's	0
500 Exemption	0
Constituent Services	0
Statehood Fund	0
Initiatives	0
Referendum	0
Independent Expenditure	0
Fair Elections Committee	0
Recall	0

RAAD

PCC	0
PAC's	0
Constituent Services	0
Statehood Fund	0

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| 1. Notices of Hearings | 5 |
| First Notices | 0 |
| Second Notices | 5 |
| 2. Notices and Orders Vacated | 1 |
| 3. Hearings Conducted | 0 |
| 4. Orders which imposed fines | 6 |

5. Fines imposed	\$9,850.00
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Committee to Elect Jacque Patterson	\$1300.00
Committee to Elect Jacque Patterson	\$1,000.00
Committee to Elect Bill Lewis	\$1,000.00
Committee to Elect Bill Lewis	\$1,050.00
Friends of Courtney Snowden	\$2,750.00
Markus for DC	\$2,750.00

- 6. Fines collected \$0

- 7. Investigations completed 0
 Orders issued.

- 8. Petitions for Enforcement 0

- 9. Outstanding Fines To be Determined

LIST OF OPEN OCF INVESTIGATIONS

July 18, 2023

NONE

INTERPRETATIVE OPINIONS

July 18, 2023

NONE

(All Interpretative Opinions are on-line@ www.ocf.dc.gov)

SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS

July 18, 2023

NONE