



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

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April 5, 2023

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Community Outreach

The Office of Campaign Finance did not participate in Community Outreach events during the month of March 2023.

FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM DIVISION

The following is an accounting of the FEP's production stats for March 2023:

AUTHORIZED BASE AMOUNT AND MATCHING PAYMENTS

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.

The Office of Campaign Finance has, as of this date, 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 to participate in the November 8, 2022 General Election (Eleven (11) Candidates). The 2022 Election Cycle closed on November 8, 2022.

March 2023 Disbursements to Participating Candidates in the Fair Elections Program for the 2022 Election Cycle: There were no disbursements authorized during the month of March 2023.

March 2023 Certifications and Disbursements to Participating Candidates in the Fair Elections Program for the 2024 Election Cycle: The following one (1) Candidate met the certification requirements for the Program, and disbursements were authorized to this Candidate during the month of March 2023.

- (1) Salim Adofo, Salim Adofo for Friends of Salim Adofo. The OCF certified the Candidate on March 21, 2023 in the FEP as a Participating Candidate in the June 25, 2024 Primary Election for the Covered Office of Member of the Council from Ward 8; and authorized the sums of \$56,244.40 in Matching payments and \$20,000.00 for the Base Amount (First One-Half of the authorized \$40,000.00 payment for this Covered Office) for disbursement.

DESK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Desk Reviews of Amended Reports of Receipts and Expenditures	Forty-Six (46)
Requests for Additional Information (RAI) Letters	Ten (10)

Candidate/Treasurer Consultations:

- (1) Salim Adofo, Salim Adofo for Friends of Salim Adofo on March 13, 2023.

REMITTED FUNDS

As of March 31, 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 Eighteen (18) 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 Sixteen (16) Final Audit Reports of the Post-Election Audits initiated for the 2020 Election Cycle.

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 on January 4, 2022.
2. Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7 – Partial Audit documentation received June 23, 2021. Referred to OGC for action on May 23, 2022.
3. Mike for Ward 8 – Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Finding issued on June 23, 2021.** Response submitted on July 14, 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. Draft Final Statement of Audit Findings submitted to the FEP Manager for review on January 17, 2022. 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. Ed Lazere for DC Council At-Large - Audit documentation received on June 7, 2021. Audit complete. **Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on November 24, 2021.** Final Audit Report issued on March 13, 2023.
4. Franklin for DC 2020 – Audit documentation received on May 7, 2021. Audit in progress.
5. 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.
6. Committee to Elect Jeanne’ Lewis for City Council – Audit documentation received on August 15, 2021. Audit in progress.
7. 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.
8. Re-Elect Trayon White 2020 - Audit documents received on June 6, 2021. Audit complete. Preliminary Statement of Findings issued on November 24, 2021. Response received on January 10, 2022, under review by the FEP Manager. Final Statement of Findings submitted and under review of the FEP Manager.
9. Will Merrifield for DC - Audit documents received on June 6, 2021. Audit in progress.
10. 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 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).

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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

FILING OF REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER (ANC) CANDIDATES

ANC Financial Summary Statement

(Final Due Date, March 31, 2023)

Total number of required filers	458
Total number of timely filers	348
Total number of late filers	TBD
Total number of extensions requested	1
Total number of extensions granted	1
Total number of FTF	110
Total number of OGC referrals	TBD
Total number of Electronic Filings	341
Total number of Certified E-Filings	341

NEW CANDIDATE/COMMITTEE REGISTRATIONS

(2024 Election Cycle)(There were no new Candidate/Committee Registrations during the month of March 2023)

TRADITIONAL CANDIDATES = 1

Primary = 1

Office of City Council, Ward-8

Rahman Branch

Registration Date: 1/23/2023

FAIR ELECTIONS CANDIDATES = 1

Primary = 1

Office of City Council, Ward-8

Salim K. Adofo

Registration Date: 11/18/2022

REFERRALS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

March 3, 2023

Failure to Timely File the January 31st Report of Receipts & Expenditures (28)

Principal Campaign Continuing Committees

Friends of Robert White
Iris Bond Gill, Treasurer

Edwards for Ward 4 2020
Marlena Edwards, Treasurer

Fred Hill 4 Council At Large
Janice Vieira, Treasurer

Patterson For Ward 8
Jacque Patterson, Candidate/Treasurer

Jacque4DC
Derrell Simpson, Treasurer

Campaign to Elect Lawson for Mayor
Melvin Lawson, Candidate/Treasurer

Butler for Mayor 2022
Pernetha Smith, Treasurer

Committee to Elect Art Lloyd
Arthur Lloyd, Candidate/Treasurer

Kenyan McDuffie 2022
Antonio Hunter, Treasurer

DEMS for Progress (Slate Committee)
Jimmy Williams, Candidate/Treasurer

Citizens to Elect Bill Lewis
Charlotte B. Lewis, Treasurer

Friends of Courtney R. Snowden
Courtney Snowden, Candidate/Treasurer

Committee to Elect Jacque Patterson 2016
Lamont Harrell, Treasurer

Cmte. to Elect Claudia Barragan City Council
Jose Valcarcel, Treasurer

Rhonda Hamilton 4 DC Mayor Finance Cmte.
Thomas Carpenter, Treasurer

The Cmte. To Elect Prof. Alpha Bah, Esq, MBA
Alpha Bah, Candidate/Treasurer

The Cmte. To Elect Ravi K. Perry for DC SBOE
Kali D. Lindsey, Treasurer

Fair Elections Candidate Committees

Monica Palacio for City Council
Juan Jara, Treasurer

Randy Downs for Ward 2
Jesse Jackson, Treasurer

Markus for DC
Markus Batchelor, Treasurer

Robert for DC
Robin Nunn, Treasurer

A Way for DC 2022
Alfonso Gregory Way, Jr., Treasurer

Initiatives

U.S. Citizens Recovery Initiative Alliance, Inc.
John Cheeks, Treasurer

The Black Autonomy Movement
Addison Sarter Treasurer

D.C. Recovery Act for Living Descendants of American Slaves
John Cheeks, Treasurer

Elizabeth Davis Education Equity (EDEE) Pathway Policy Act of 2022
Charles Boston, Treasurer

Referendum

Money Supply Increase Initiative & Referendum
Ameer Flippin, Treasurer

Recall

Mayor Muriel Bowser Recall Committee
Samuel Troper, Treasurer

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

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

DESK REVIEWS (60) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Political Action Committees (includes amended reports)	1
Constituent Service Funds (includes amended reports)	0
US Senator/Representative (includes amended reports)	0
Principal Campaign Committees (includes amended reports)	6
Advisory Neighborhood Commission Candidates	49
Inaugural Committee	2
Exploratory Committees	0
Independent Expenditures (includes amended reports)	0
Form 16-IE (Single Independent IE)	0
Initiative/Referendum/Recall	2
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)	3
FOIA Request	0
Candidate/Treasurer/Political Committees Consultations ().....	0
Cases Referred to the Office of the General Counsel	3
Cases Referred for Contributions with Same Address and Similar Signatures	0
Cases Terminated	4
Hearings Attended	1
Early Voting Site Visits	0
Precinct Visits	0
Virtual Webinars Attended	0
Outside Seminars Attended	0
In House Training (Auditor Training New employees)	2
Entrance Conferences	0

AUDITS ISSUED

- None

ONGOING AUDITS:

1) Full Field Audits - Newly Elected Officials (Audits initiated in February 2023 of the Campaign Operations of the Candidates Newly Elected to Office during the November 2022 General Election, and of any other Committees active during the 2022 Election Cycle selected for Audit)

- Mendelson for Chairman 2022 – Ryan Wilburn – The audit fieldwork is in progress.
- Kenyan McDuffie 2022 – Jessica Reed and Jaylen Byrdsong – The audit fieldwork is in progress.
- Eric Goulet SBOE – DeAndria Savage – Hearing scheduled for 3/23/23 on the Failure to Submit Audit Records– The Candidate did not appear, and the Hearing will be rescheduled.
- Oye for US Representative – Jermol Dix – The audit fieldwork is in progress.

2) Periodic Audits - January 31, 2023, Financial Reports filed by Political Action Committees (Mark Wales)

- DC Engineers PAC – The audit field work is complete.
- DC for Democracy PAC - (The Committee was referred to the OCF General Counsel for the failure to submit the audit records 2/28/23) – hearing held, and records received.) The audit fieldwork is in progress.

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			2				
Informal Hearings Referred			30				
Informal Hearings Completed			18				
Informal Hearings Orders Issued			18*				
Petitions for Enforcement Referrals to BOE			0				

*This figure represents 8 orders in which a total of \$10,750.00 in fines was imposed and 7 orders in which no fines were imposed and 3 orders in which the Notices of Hearings and Statements of Violations were vacated.

Board Statistics

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Board Statistics for March 2023
 Board Meeting April 5, 2023

PIRM

PCC	17
PAC's	0
ANC's	0
500 Exemption	0
Constituent Services	0
Statehood Fund	0
Initiatives	4
Referendum	1
Independent Expenditure	0
Fair Elections Committee	5
Recall	1

RAAD

PCC	2
PAC's	0
Constituent Services	0
Statehood Fund	0

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| 1. Notices of Hearings | 22 |
| First Notices | 21 |
| Second Notices | 1 |
| 2. Notices and Orders Vacated | 3 |
| 3. Hearings Conducted | 1 |
| 4. Orders which imposed fines | 8 |

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| 5. Fines imposed | \$10,750.00 |
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Butler for Mayor	\$2,450.00
Oye US Representative	\$650.00
Citizens for a Safer DC	\$350.00
Better leadership DC	\$1,475.00
Ward 7 Democrats	\$3,450.00
Food Service PAC	\$500.00
Committee to Elect Karim Marshall	\$1025.00
Friends of Best	\$850.00

6. Fines collected	\$3025.00	
	\$500.00	Food Service PAC
	\$1025.00	Committee to Elect Karim Marshall
	\$650.00	Oye for U.S. Representative
	\$850.00	Friends of Best
7. Investigations completed	2	
Orders issued.		
8. Petitions for Enforcement	0	
9. Outstanding Fines	To be Determined	

LIST OF OPEN OCF INVESTIGATIONS

April 5, 2023

Complainant: Chuck Thies

Date Docketed: September 1, 2022

Respondents: Patricia “Tricia” Duncan and Benjamin Bergmann

Allegation: Receipt of an illegal “in kind” contribution

Status: Order Issued March 16, 2023

Complainant: Eric Goulet

Date Docketed: December 29, 2022

Respondents: Elissa Silverman and The Elissa for DC PCC

Allegation: Violation of the Fair Elections Act by making an illegal contribution to another Principal Campaign Committee

Status: Order Issued March 23, 2023

INTERPRETATIVE OPINIONS

April 5, 2023

NONE

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

SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS

April 5, 2023

NONE