

**NOTICE OF FAIR ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
January 10, 2024**

WHEN AND WHERE

Unless otherwise indicated, the Fair Election Fund Commission meets virtually through Microsoft Teams on the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. **Commission** - Approval of December Minutes
2. **Chair's Report** –
 - A. **Update on Candidates registered for FEF program in MDCRIS** –
5 registered candidates - 1 Certified/Qualified.; 4 Pending Submission (* including Blanchard Campaign Certified/Qualified pending resubmission to SBE due by Jan.18, 2024)
 - B. Department of Finance Workday Portal campaign approval-
Sneed; Blanchard.
 - C. Campaign Registration in MDCRIS initiates Welcome Letter of Intent from the Department of Finance including instructions and tips for setting up Supplier/Vendor Portal for public funds distribution (actual campaign letter).



Robyn A. Christian
Candidate Baltimore

3. Vice Chair Report

**A. Nadine - Update- -BCIT unable to translate existing documents
(Summary Guide, FAQ's)**

Prior documents will need translation Services. – Contacted the Mayor's office for update on service contract renewal. – Waiting for response.

B. Training Video Slides and Summary Guide update – Corrected/Clarified Per Baltimore City Law Department- The relevant portion of the City Code provides that “[a]n applicant candidate may loan or contribute **up to** \$6,000 during an election cycle from: (i) the applicant candidate; **or** (ii) the applicant candidate’s spouse.” City Code, Art. 5, Section 11-14(b)(2) (emphasis added). The most reasonable interpretation of the plain language here is that \$6,000 is the aggregate total permitted, and it may come from the candidate or the candidate’s spouse (or a combination of the two, so long as the aggregate does not exceed \$6,000).

***The City's law here is different than similar provisions in Howard County and Montgomery County, each of which explicitly permit an aggregate total of \$12,000.*

C. Update on remaining 3 nominees from Mayor's Office & Presidents Office.

- 1.) William T. Thomas – District 3 introduced/nominated 1/8/2024. Per Mayor's Office
- 2.) Three vacant positions- no names or update received from City Council President Office.

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**D. Budget Fair Election Fund Account FY 2025 /Commission Recommendation to Council
Per Robert Cename Deputy Finance Director.**

The Fair Election Fund Account is a non-lapsing, special account. Any remaining funds at the end of the election cycle will roll over to the next budget year and subsequent City elections. Currently, there are no additional appropriations budgeted or planned for FY 2025 due to the City's Budget deficit.

d. Maryland State Board of Elections next Commission briefing -TBD

e. Update on search for State Board of Elections Director of Candidacy –
Erin Dennis – Acting Deputy Director
Audit Manager – **Hired start January.**

4. Guidelines for Fund Commissioners' Campaign – Ethics related Activities –
Off Cycle Commission Members Meeting, Conflict of Interest etc.- TBD

5. Other Updates- 1) Summary Guide Distribution Schedule will be updated to include a column for Submission due date. - Waiting for approval from Allen – State Board of Elections



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6. FAQ's – Recent inquiries. (Will be added to FAQ's) – Please email your question(s) prior to the meeting to: BaltimoreFairElectionFund@Baltimorecity.gov . During the meeting, please enter your question in the Teams Chat.

7. Scheduling Upcoming Meetings – February TBD

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