

NOTICE OF FAIR ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
March 13, 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 5:30 p.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Commission - Approval of February Minutes

2. Chair's Report –

A. Update on Candidates registered for FEF public funding program in MDCRIS –

- 1.) 8 registered candidates - 3 Certified/Qualified.; 5 Pending Submission
- 2.) Commission approval of Sneed Campagain 6th Supplemental Distribution.
- 3.) Commission approval of Blanchard Campagain 3rd (Final) Supplemental Distribution.
 - a.) The Zac Blanchard Campagain was able to take full advantage of the program and reached the allowed maximum \$125,000.00 (City Council).

B. Key Campaign Finance Dates

- 1.) Last Day to Qualify as a Certified Candidate March 31, 2024
- 2.) Primary Election May 14, 2024

3. Vice Chair Report

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

- 1.) Three vacant positions- no new nominations

03-13-2024. Nina from the Mayor's office will confirm with Schnella Ty'lor (Mayor's Office and the City Council President Office on remaining appointments in effort to get remaining seats filled as soon as possible.

B. Budget Fair Election Fund Account FY 2025 /Commission Recommendation to Council Per Robert Cenname Deputy Finance Director. Fund Balance Status Worksheet attached.

2.) 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.

[...Public Campaign Candidate Certification 2024 Election\Baltimore City Fair Election Fund Account Balance Election Cycle 2023-2024_03-07-2024_Update.xlsx](#)

- a.) Update- Looking forward the Fund could potentially be exhausted by the end of the election cycle.
- b.) Per Allen Norfleet (SBE) Thiru is ready to submit his Initial report on or before 2/19. I told him the next report he can file is the 3/19 report due date.
- c.) Thiru is running for Mayor which carries a 1-time 200K boost distribution (plus max of 1.5 M distributions).

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C. Maryland State Board of Elections next Commission briefing -TBD –
Allen Norfleet (Dir of Candidacy and Campaign Finance) will schedule with Jared.

4. Guidelines for Fund Commissioners' Campaign – Ethics related Activities –

Off Cycle Commission Members Meeting, Conflict of Interest etc.-

1.) Continue Discussion from February Commission Meeting-

- a.) Contributions, reimbursements, and nonpaid participation in Campaigns are not seen as a conflict, but a paid roll in a campaign would be seen or could be seen as a conflict of interest.
- b.) **However, the Commission should discuss further what guidelines the Commission members would like to implement and follow (i.e. volunteering with a candidate, serving on a board, disclosing candidate Campaign contribution etc.) and take a member Vote.

5. Inquiries– Please email your question(s) prior to the meeting to:
BaltimoreFairElectionFund@Baltimorecity.gov . During the meeting, please enter your question in the Teams Chat.

6. Scheduling Upcoming Meeting(s) – April 10, 2024

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