

**NOTICE OF FAIR ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**April 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 5:30 p.m.

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

**1. Commission** - Approval of March Minutes

**2. Chair's Report** –

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

1.) 8 registered candidates - 4 Certified/Qualified.; 3 Will remain in Pending Submission until after the May 14<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. And 1 Withdrawal (Kelli Bigelow - City Council)

a.) Registered candidates can continue to fund raise being potentially eligible for the General Election. \*

2.) Commission approval of Sneed Campaign 7<sup>th</sup> Supplemental Distribution.

a.) Sneed has \$180K eligible to reach maximum distribution (Max.\$425K)

3.) Commission approval of Thiru Vignarajah Initial Distribution. for \$450K (includes 200K 1-time boost) Posted on social media and newspapers.

a.) Vignarajah 1<sup>st</sup> Supplemental submitted for Fund Commission review and approval \$150,252.00.

b.) Vignarajah has \$1.2 M eligible to reach maximum distribution (Max \$ 1.7 M)

**B. Key Campaign Finance Dates** - Calendar Update

**1.) Last Day to Qualify as a Certified Candidate March 31, 2024**

a.) Failed to Certify -Bozel (Mayor); Robyn Christian (City Council); Shannon Wright (Mayor)

**2.) Primary Election May 14, 2024**

**3.) Monday, August 5, 2024, 5 pm Filing Candidacy Petition & Certificate of Candidacy**

Deadline for general election petition candidate to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the Certificate of Candidacy and candidacy petition. 1st Monday in August. EL § 5-703(d) & (f)

**4.) \*on April 8<sup>th</sup> From Allen Norfleet: *I just spoke with Jared. He said the deadline to certify for the general is entirely the city's decision. It is not in state law. Your new attorney will need to check the city law and if a date isn't there, the city will need to decide on a date.***

**5.) General Election Nov. 5, 2024**

**6.) End of Campaign Disbursement Period-Nov. 19, 2024**

**3. Vice Chair Report**

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

1.) Three vacant positions- no new nominations

Nina from the Mayor's office will confirm with Schnella Ty'lor – No Reply 04-09-2024.

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**B. Budget Fair Election Fund Account FY 2025 Balance (Including review of Draft Recommendation letter to Mayor/Council President).**

[...\Public Campaign Candidate Certification 2024 Election\Baltimore City Fair Election Fund Account Balance Election Cycle 2023-2024\\_04-04-2024\\_Update.xlsx](#)

**C. Maryland State Board of Elections next Commission briefing**

TBD– Allen Norfleet (Dir of Candidacy and Campaign Finance) will schedule with Jared.

**D.** Last but not least – Jeff Hochstetler resigned and is going into private law firm practice. Our New Contact is Hilary Ruley – Law Department.

**4. Guidelines for Fund Commissioners’ Campaign** – Ethics related Activities –

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

**1.) Continue Discussion from March 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.

**Resources-Guidelines for Review**

[About the Ethics Law | Ethics Board \(baltimorecity.gov\)](#)

[Howard County Ethics Commission Resource\\_04-09-2024 \(Agenda 04-10-2024\).pdf](#)

[Arizona Commission Code of Conduct Agenda 04-10-2024.pdf](#)

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

**6. Scheduling Upcoming Meeting(s) – June 12, 2024**

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