



# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Regine Watson, Town Clerk

**Date:** April 14, 2025

**Subject:** Summary of Interview Responses and Recommendations for BOSOE Appointments

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**Purpose:**

I am submitting the second set of appointments for the Board of Supervisors of Election (BOSOE) for your consideration. After conducting interviews with the applicants using the newly implemented interview process, I have provided my recommendations for each appointee.

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## BOSOE Appointee Recommendations

### 2. Ms. Iris Mejia

- **Residency:** 50 years in Bladensburg
- **Interest in BOSOE:** Ms. Mejia has expressed an interest in serving on the BOSOE, believing her experience in community service and understanding of election transparency would allow her to contribute effectively.
- **Experience:** Ms. Mejia has been a judge for many elections at the Bladensburg Community Center, where she ensured elections were run transparently and properly. She works as a senior assistant, helping seniors with daily activities, and has over 30 years of experience in customer service, making her compassionate and empathetic.
- **Commitment:** Ms. Mejia is confident that she can serve the full term and handle ethical matters when required.
- **Recommendation:** Given Ms. Mejia's extensive experience with election transparency and her strong community involvement, I recommend adding her as a member to the BOSOE. As the BOSOE is crucial for the integrity of the 2025

election, I believe it would be beneficial to have a full complement of five members to ensure proper oversight and decision-making.

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### 3. Mr. Owen Clarke

- **Residency:** 30 years in Bladensburg
  - **Interest in BOSOE:** Mr. Clarke is interested in continuing his service to the community through the BOSOE, given his deep commitment to Bladensburg's activities and residents.
  - **Experience:** Mr. Clarke has served two previous terms on the BOSOE, including one term as chair. His experience on the board, combined with his involvement in efforts to help residents stay safe in their homes, provides him with a solid foundation for making impartial ethical decisions.
  - **Commitment:** Mr. Clarke is confident in his ability to make the right decisions when needed and is available to serve the full term.
  - **Recommendation:** Given Mr. Clarke's extensive experience on the BOSOE and his commitment to the community, I recommend adding him as a member to the BOSOE. Considering the critical role the BOSOE will play in the 2025 election, I believe it is in the best interest of the town to have a full board of five members to ensure thorough oversight and decision-making.
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### 4. Ms. Colette Chery

- **Residency:** 7 years in Bladensburg
- **Interest in BOSOE:** Ms. Chery is interested in serving on the Board of Supervisors of Elections (BOSOE), bringing her experience as the chairperson of the board of elections in her building and her dedication to enhancing the quality of life for seniors.
- **Experience:** Ms. Chery has served as the chairperson of her building's board of elections, where she played a key role in maintaining the integrity and transparency of elections. Additionally, she has been an active member of the building's hospitality committee, working to ensure a welcoming environment for all residents, particularly seniors. Her experience in these roles demonstrates her ability to make ethical decisions and handle the responsibilities required for service on the BOSOE.
- **Commitment:** Ms. Chery is confident that she can serve the full term and is committed to making tough, unbiased decisions when necessary, ensuring that all actions are fair and ethical.
- **Recommendation:** Given Ms. Chery's extensive experience in election oversight and her strong community involvement, I recommend her as a valuable addition to the BOSOE. With her dedication to transparency and ethical decision-making,

she would be a strong asset to the board as it plays a critical role in overseeing the 2025 election.

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Please let me know if you require further details or clarification regarding these recommendations.