

**RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTEND RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
2023 REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westend Ridge Metropolitan District, Jefferson County, Colorado, held at 2:00 P.M., on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, via video conference at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105274368?pwd=TUpGejZlS3FKKzVxYU4xMEDSQINaZz09> and via telephone conference at Dial-In: 1-253-215-8782, Meeting ID: 871 0527 4368, Passcode: 451881, at which a quorum was present, the following resolution (the “Resolution”) was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Westend Ridge Metropolitan District (the “District”) was organized pursuant to the Special District Act, Article 1 of Title 32, C.R.S. (the “Act”), after approval of the eligible electors of the District, by order of the District Court in and for Jefferson County, Colorado, dated May 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, elections may be held pursuant to the Act; the Uniform Election Code of 1992, Articles 1 to 13 of Title 1, C.R.S. (the “Uniform Code”); and the Colorado Local Government Election Code, Article 13.5 of Title 1, C.R.S. (the “Local Government Election Code”) (the Act, Uniform Code, and Local Government Election Code are collectively referred to herein as the “Election Laws”) for the purpose of 1) electing members of the Board and 2) presenting certain ballot questions to the eligible electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-305.5(3)(a), C.R.S., the term of office of members of the Board of Directors for the District (the “Board”) elected in a regular special district election is four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the Board currently includes five (5) members elected to serve on the Board, zero (0) members appointed to fill vacancies on the Board, and zero (0) vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the term of office for two (2) members of the Board for the District shall expire after their successors are elected at the next regular election for the District scheduled to be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of May in accordance with Section 1-13.5-111(1), C.R.S.: May 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Election Laws, an election must be conducted to elect to the Board of the District two (2) Directors to serve for terms of four years and zero (0) Directors to serve terms of two years; and

WHEREAS, the number of Directors to be elected to the Board of the District may increase following the adoption of this Resolution should a Director’s office be deemed vacant in accordance with Section 32-1-905, C.R.S., prior to the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-804(1), C.R.S., the Board shall govern the conduct of the election and shall render all interpretations and make all decisions as to controversies or other matters arising in the conduct of the election; and

WHEREAS, Sections 1-1-111(2), 1-13.5-108, and 32-1-804(2), C.R.S., provide that all powers and authority granted to the Board for the conduct of regular and special elections, including making all initial decisions as to controversies or other matters arising in the operation of the Local Government Election Code, may be exercised by a “Designated Election Official” designated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Sections 1-13.5-501(1) & -(1.7), C.R.S., require that, between seventy-five (75) and one hundred (100) days before a regular election, the Designated Election Official shall provide public notice of a call for nominations for the election by two methods: (1) by emailing the notice to each active registered elector of the District as specified in the registration list provided by the county clerk and recorder as of the date that is one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the election or, if no email address is on file, by mail as provided in Section 1-13.5-501(1.7), C.R.S., and (2) by any one of the following means: publication, as defined in Section 1-13.5-501(2), C.R.S.: including the notice as a prominent part of an informational mailing sent by the District to the eligible electors of the District; posting the information on the official website of the District; or, if permitted under Section 1-13.5-501(1.7)(b)(IV), C.R.S., posting the notice in at least three public places within the boundaries of the District and, in addition, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-13.5-1104(2), C.R.S. requires the Designated Election Official to supervise the distributing, handling, and counting of ballots and the survey of returns, and to take the necessary steps to protect the confidentiality of the ballots cast and the integrity of the election; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-7.5-107(4)(b)(II), C.R.S. specifies that the Designated Election Official shall designate a secure drop-off location that is under his or her supervision, and Section 1-5-102(1), C.R.S. requires that the Designated Election Official divide the jurisdiction into as many election precincts as he or she deems expedient for the convenience of eligible electors of the jurisdiction and designate the polling place for each precinct; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-13.5-1004(1), C.R.S. provides that the Designated Election Official shall keep a list of names of eligible electors who have applied for absentee voters’ ballots and those permanent absentee voters placed on the list pursuant to Section 1-13.5-1003(2), C.R.S., which list must contain certain other information as set out by statute; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-13.5-513(1), C.R.S. provides that if the only matter before the electors in an election is the election of persons to office and if, at the close of business day on the sixty-third (63rd) day before the election or at any time thereafter, there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the election, the Designated Election Official shall cancel the election and declare the candidates elected if so instructed by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-11-103(3), C.R.S. provides that if an election is cancelled pursuant to Section 1-13.5-513(1), C.R.S., the District shall file notice and a copy of the resolution of such cancellation with the Colorado Division of Local Government (the “Division”); and

WHEREAS, Sections 1-11-103(3) & 32-1-104(1), C.R.S. require the District to certify to the Division the results of any elections held by the District and include the District’s business address, telephone number, and contact person; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to call an election and set forth herein the procedures for conducting such election as authorized by the Election Laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTEND RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT THAT:

1. The Board hereby calls a regular election of the eligible electors of the District to be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of May pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1-13.5-111(1), C.R.S., the Election Laws, and other applicable laws (May 2, 2023), for the purpose of electing two (2) Directors to serve four-year terms and zero (0) Directors to serve a two-year term on the Board (the “Election”), as such numbers may change due to one or more vacancies arising on the Board after the adoption of this Resolution and prior to the Election. The Election shall be conducted as an independent mail ballot election, pursuant to Part 11 of the Local Government Election Code.

2. Pursuant to Section 32-1-804(2), C.R.S., the Board hereby names Kayla Enriquez, of Icenogle Seaver Pogue, P.C., as the Designated Election Official for the Election. The Board hereby directs the District’s general counsel to oversee the general conduct of the Election and authorizes the Designated Election Official to take all other action necessary for the proper conduct thereof. The Designated Election Official shall act as the primary contact with the Clerk and Recorder of Jefferson County, Colorado (the “County”) and shall be primarily responsible for ensuring the proper conduct of the Election, including, but not limited to, distributing, handling, and counting of ballots and the survey of returns, taking the necessary steps to protect the confidentiality of the ballots cast and the integrity of the Election, appointing election judges as necessary, appointing the board of canvassers, arranging for the required notices of the Election and printing of ballots, maintaining a permanent absentee voter list, and directing that all other appropriate actions be accomplished.

3. The Board hereby directs the Designated Election Official to provide public notice of a call for nominations for the Election in accordance with the requirements of Section 1-13.5-501, C.R.S., which shall include information regarding the director offices to be voted upon at the Election, where a self-nomination and acceptance form or letter may be obtained, the deadline for submitting the self-nomination and acceptance form or letter to the Designated Election Official, and information on obtaining an absentee ballot. The notice shall be emailed to each active registered elector of the District as specified in the registration list provided by the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder as of the date that is one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of the Election or, if no email address is on file, by mail as provided in Section 1-13.5-501(1.7), C.R.S. In addition, public notice shall be provided by posting the information on the official website of the District.

4. The Board deems it expedient for the convenience of the electors that it shall establish a polling place & drop-off location for all regular and special elections of the District. There shall be one (1) polling place & drop-off location for the elections. This polling place & drop-off location shall be used for any regular or special elections to be held in 2023 and in each year thereafter until such polling place & drop-off location is changed by duly adopted resolution of the Board. Such polling place & drop-off location shall be located at 4725 South Monaco Street, Suite 360, Denver, Colorado 80237. All voters for the District, including handicapped and nonresident voters unless otherwise permitted by law, shall return their ballots to the designated polling place & drop-off location by mail or delivery. All eligible electors may also obtain a replacement ballot from the polling place & drop-off location until 7:00 P.M. on election day in accordance with Section 1-13.5-1105(4), C.R.S. A map showing the District's boundaries is on file at the offices of Icenogle Seaver Pogue, P.C., 4725 South Monaco Street, Suite 360, Denver, Colorado 80237, and is available for examination by all interested persons.

5. Applications for an absentee voter's ballot or for permanent absentee voter status may be filed with the Designated Election Official, 4725 South Monaco Street, Suite 360, Denver, Colorado 80237, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., until the close of business on the Tuesday immediately preceding the Election (April 25, 2023).

6. Pursuant to Section 1-13.5-303, C.R.S., all candidates must file a self-nomination and acceptance form or letter signed by the candidate and by an eligible elector of the District as a witness to the signature of the candidate with the Designated Election Official no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day that is sixty-seven (67) days prior to the Election (February 24, 2023). Self-nomination and acceptance forms are available at the Designated Election Official's office located at the above address.

7. Pursuant to Section 1-13.5-513, C.R.S., the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Designated Election Official to cancel the Election and declare the candidates elected if, at or after the close of business on the sixty-third (63rd) day before the Election (February 28, 2023), there are not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates, and so long as the only matter before the electors is the election of persons to office. Under these circumstances, the Board further authorizes and directs the Designated Election Official to provide notice of the cancellation by publication in accordance with Section 1-13.5-501, C.R.S. and to post notice of the cancellation at each polling location, the office of the Designated Election Official, the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Office, and with the Division. The Designated Election Official shall also file notice and a copy of this Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the Election with the Division pursuant to Section 1-11-103(3), C.R.S. The Designated Election Official shall also notify the candidates that the Election was canceled and they were elected by acclamation.

8. In accordance with Sections 1-11-103(3) & 32-1-104(1), C.R.S., the District directs the Designated Election Official to notify the Division of the results of any elections held by the District, including the District's business address, telephone number, and contact person within thirty (30) days after the Election (June 1, 2023).

9. The Designated Election Official and the officers, agents, consultants, and employees, if any, of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

10. All actions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the members of the Board, the Designated Election Official, and the officers, agents, consultants, and employees, if any, of the District, and directed toward holding the Election for the purposes stated herein are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.

11. All prior acts, orders, or resolutions, or parts thereof, by the District in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed, except that this repealer shall not be construed to revive any act, order, or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

12. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses or provisions of this Resolution, it being the intention that the various parts hereof are severable.

13. The District shall be responsible for the payment of any and all costs associated with the conduct of the Election, including its cancellation, if necessary, and those costs incurred pursuant to the terms and conditions of an election agreement with the County, if any.

14. This Resolution shall take effect on the date and at the time of its adoption.

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Whereupon, a motion was made and seconded, and upon a majority vote, this Resolution was approved by the Board.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.

WESTEND RIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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