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The District of Columbia Board of Elections convened Regular Board Meeting in Suite 750, 1015 Half Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., 20001, pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m., Michael Bennett, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

MICHAEL BENNETT, Chair
DIONNA MARIA LEWIS, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

ALICE P. MILLER, Executive Director
KENNETH MCGHIE, General Counsel
WILLIAM SANFORD, General Counsel

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(10:39 a.m.)

CHAIR BENNETT: Good morning, all. The meeting is now called to order for January. And in our new facilities here at 1015 Half Street, Southeast.

I want to start out with introducing, before adopting an agenda or anything, introducing the dais. To my far left, Alice Miller, Deputy Director of the Board of Elections. To her right and my left is Dionna Lewis, a Board Member. To my immediate right is Mr. Ken McGhie, General Counsel to the Board of Elections and to his immediate right is Mr. Bill Sanford, William Sanford, who is General Counsel of the Office of Campaign Finance and sitting in for Ms. Cecily Montgomery, who is out today, who is the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance.

So we're going to start out with the adoption of the agenda. Mr. Michael Gill is absent, the other Board Member. So we have a

1 quorum, myself and Ms. Lewis.

2 Adoption of the agenda. Ms. Lewis,
3 can I have a motion?

4 MEMBER LEWIS: Yes, I move to adopt
5 today's agenda.

6 CHAIR BENNETT: I second. And so
7 that's unanimous. The agenda is adopted for
8 today.

9 Ms. Lewis, can I have a motion to
10 adopt the minutes of the last meeting?

11 MEMBER LEWIS: Yes, I move to adopt
12 the meeting minutes from Wednesday, December 6,
13 2017 meeting.

14 CHAIR BENNETT: And I second. And so
15 that's unanimous adoption of the minutes from the
16 last meeting.

17 Board matters -- Ms. Lewis, any
18 matters for the Board today?

19 MEMBER LEWIS: No, but Happy New Year,
20 everyone.

21 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, and it's also
22 very, very pleasant and nice being in our new

1 facility. We closed out December at the 441
2 Judiciary Square and opening up 2018 in this
3 wonderful, beautiful facility. So hats off to
4 our directors. And Office of Campaign Finance
5 will be moving within six months to offices next
6 door and we'll have everybody together. Hats off
7 to all the hard work of the directors and the
8 staff who made this happen, along with the
9 Department of General Services. So thank you
10 all.

11 And I don't have anything. So, we're
12 going to start off with the Office of -- did we
13 get the line open? Okay.

14 So we're going to start with the
15 report from the Office of Campaign Finance, Mr.
16 Bill Sanford.

17 MR. SANFORD: Good morning, Mr.
18 Chairman and distinguished Board Member Lewis.
19 I'm Bill Sanford. I'm sitting in today for
20 Director --

21 MR. SINDRAM: Mr. Chair?

22 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes? Yes, sir.

1 MR. SINDRAM: I can barely hear you
2 guys. It comes in very muffled. Can you amplify
3 a bit, please?

4 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, thank you for
5 letting us know. Can you speak a little?

6 MR. SANFORD: Sure, I'll be glad to.

7 CHAIR BENNETT: We also may -- we're
8 going to try to move the speaker a little bit
9 closer. That may help, Mr. Sindram.

10 MR. SINDRAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIR BENNETT: So, I'm going to ask
12 Mr. Sanford to continue. And if for some reason
13 or another you don't hear him, then please -- or
14 hear us, then please speak up again.

15 MR. SINDRAM: I can hear you much
16 better now.

17 CHAIR BENNETT: Great, thank you.
18 Can everybody in the audience hear
19 okay? It's tough to hear in the back.

20 MR. SANFORD: Good morning. My name
21 is William Sanford. I am General Counsel to the
22 Office of Campaign Finance sitting in today for

1 our Director Cecily Collier Montgomery.

2 During the month of December, there
3 was one required filing date, which was the
4 December 10th required filing date. There were
5 79 required filers, 69 filers filed timely, one
6 filer requested an extension, and there were nine
7 failures to timely file which were referred to
8 the Office of the General Counsel.

9 Those committees that failed to timely
10 file included the following: Crawford for At-
11 Large City Council; Robert Quintero, Treasurer;
12 Justine Greene, At-Large Justin Green, Treasurer;
13 MMC Foundation, Richard Kassner, Treasurer; 1119
14 SEIU PAC, George Gresham, Treasurer; Credit Union
15 PAC of Washington, D.C., Glen Cooney, Treasurer;
16 Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, Jessica Pierce,
17 Treasurer; Greater Washington Board of Trade,
18 James Dinegar, Treasurer; Ward 4 Democrats,
19 Kimberly Tignor, Treasurer; and the Mobilization
20 Project, John Jernick, Treasurer.

21 During the month of December 2017, the
22 Reports Analysis and Audit Division conducted 45

1 audits and other activities; 42 of the audits
2 were conducted of political action committees and
3 a total of 22 principal campaign committees
4 received further information letters.

5 During the month of December 2017, the
6 Reports Analysis and Audit Division did not
7 conduct any field audits; however, two random
8 periodic audits were conducted. They were
9 Brianne for D.C. 2018, that audit was initiated
10 on September 27, 2017, and the Metropolitan PAC,
11 which was initiated on September 12, 2017.

12 The final audit that was conducted as
13 a random periodic audit was a Ward 4 Constituent
14 Services Fund and that audit was initiated on
15 October 30, 2017.

16 The Reports Analysis and Audit
17 Division issued the Ward 7 Constituent Services
18 Fund Audit on December 27, 2107 and the Do
19 Something Constituent Services Fund for Ward 8 on
20 December 18, 2017.

21 All of these audits are available at
22 the Office of Campaign Finance website, which is

1 www.ocf.dc.gov.

2 During the month of December 2017, the
3 Office of the General Counsel received nine
4 referrals from the Public Information and Records
5 Management Division for failure to timely failure
6 December 10th reports of receipts and
7 expenditures.

8 The Office of the General Counsel also
9 issued 11 orders, which included the following:
10 three orders were issued in which no fines were
11 imposed and eight orders were issued in which
12 fines totaling \$15,100 were imposed for failure
13 to timely file a report.

14 The fines were imposed against the
15 following respondents: Zukerburg for Attorney
16 General, a fine of \$2,300 was imposed; Drew for
17 D.C. received a fine of \$200; Holmes for Ward 8
18 received a fine of \$500; the Committee to Elect
19 Natalie Williams received a fine of \$2,650;
20 Committee to Elect Khalid Pitts received a fine
21 of \$2,650; Justin Green At-Large Principal
22 Campaign Committee received a fine of \$2,650; the

1 Gertrude Stein Democratic PAC received a fine of
2 \$2,650; and the Gertrude Stein Democratic PAC
3 also received a fine of \$1,500.

4 During the month of December 2017, the
5 Office of General Counsel referred 18 petitions
6 for enforcement to the Office of General Counsel
7 for the Board of Election.

8 And during the month of December 2017,
9 the Office of the General Counsel maintained
10 three open investigations, which included Lee
11 Calhoun, OCF-2013-013, campaign contributions
12 violations; Stanley Straughter, OCF-2013-014, for
13 campaign contributions violations; and Jeffery
14 Thompson, OCF-2013-015, for campaign
15 contributions violations.

16 The Office of the General Counsel did
17 not initiate any new investigations during the
18 month of December 2017. During the month of
19 December 2017, there were no requests for
20 interpretive opinions and there were no show
21 cause proceedings conducted by the Office of the
22 General Counsel.

1 And that should conclude the report
2 from the Office of Campaign Finance.

3 CHAIR BENNETT: All right, thank you,
4 Mr. Sanford.

5 Mr. McGhie -- oh, I'm sorry. Any
6 questions, Ms. Lewis?

7 MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

8 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, Mr. McGhie.

9 MR. MCGHIE: Okay, yes. The only
10 thing I have on my agenda is a litigation status
11 update. And the only matter that we have in
12 court right now is Paul Cohn versus the D.C.
13 Board of Elections.

14 As the Board is aware, that deals with
15 Initiative 77. Initiative 77 was a minimum wage
16 initiative which the Board accepted as having a
17 sufficient number of signatures to go forward
18 with the random sample.

19 After the Board made that decision,
20 Mr. Cohn appealed it to the D.C. Court of
21 Appeals. And I think at our last Board meeting I
22 indicated that the D.C. Court of Appeals has

1 affirmed the Board's motion for summary
2 affirmance.

3 But after the Court of Appeals
4 affirmed that Board's motion for summary
5 affirmance, the other party, Mr. Cohn, who
6 represents the Board of Trade, filed a motion for
7 reconsideration.

8 So we are now dealing with the motion
9 for reconsideration. Let's see, that was filed
10 by Mr. Cohn on December 26th and the Board filed
11 its opposition to his motion for reconsideration
12 on January 4th. The intervenors joined in our
13 motion and so everything is just pending right
14 now before the Court of Appeals on the motion for
15 reconsideration.

16 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, thank you.

17 MR. MCGHIE: That would conclude my
18 report.

19 CHAIR BENNETT: Any questions, Ms.
20 Lewis?

21 MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

22 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, great.

1 So, Ms. Miller, Executive Director of
2 the Board of Elections, your report.

3 MS. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Bennett.

4 The first matter on my agenda is the
5 final relocation of the Precincts Numbered 6, 24,
6 59, 91, 92, 113, 129, 136, and a Ward 7 Early
7 Voting site.

8 I'll ask Mr. Budoo to come forward and
9 present those precincts. Just by way of
10 background, as you know we've presented the
11 proposal of moving those precincts on December
12 6th at the Board meeting. They were posted in
13 the Register for relocation consideration on
14 December 15th. And now we're asking the Board to
15 take final action and make those precincts --
16 final action to move those precincts for the June
17 19th election.

18 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay.

19 MR. BUDOO: Good morning. My name is
20 Arlin Budoo with the Board of Elections.

21 MS. MILLER: Mr. Budoo, can you speak
22 up?

1 MR. BUDOO: Yes, ma'am. My name is
2 Arlin Budoo with the Board of Elections.

3 The first precinct that I submitted
4 for relocation was Precinct 6. The current
5 voting area was Georgetown Community Library.
6 I'm proposing that we relocate to the Duke
7 Ellington High School, located at 3500 R Street,
8 N.W. We will be using the gallery at that
9 location.

10 The next precinct is Precinct 24. The
11 current voting area is Mary's Center. I propose
12 that we relocate back to Marie Reed Elementary
13 School located at 2201 18th Street, N.W. We will
14 be using the Multi-Purpose Lounge upstairs.

15 The next precinct is Precinct 59.
16 Current voting area is Coolidge Senior High
17 School. The school is now closed for
18 renovations. I'm proposing that we relocate to
19 the Takoma Community Center, which also serves as
20 the Early Voting Center in Ward 4, located at 300
21 Van Buren Street, Northwest. We'll be using the
22 Multi-Purpose Room there.

1 The next precinct is Precinct 91. The
2 current voting location is Friendship Public
3 Charter School Chamberlain Campus. I'm proposing
4 that we relocate back to Watkins Elementary
5 School, located at 420 12th Street, Southeast.
6 We'll also be using the Multi-Purpose Room there.

7 Our next relocation is Precinct 92.
8 The current voting area is the Zion Baptist
9 Church-Eastland. I'm proposing that we relocate
10 to the newly renovated Kenilworth Recreation
11 Center, located at 4321 Ord Street, Northeast.
12 We will be using the gymnasium there.

13 The next precinct relocation is
14 Precinct 113. We currently use the East River
15 Washington Senior Wellness Center. I'm proposing
16 that we relocate to Hillcrest Recreation Center
17 located at 3100 Denver Street, Southeast. We
18 will be using the gymnasium there.

19 Our next relocation is Precinct 129,
20 which is currently Martin Luther King, Junior
21 Library. As you may know, the library is
22 currently closed for renovations. I'm proposing

1 that relocate to First Congregational United
2 Church of Christ, located at 945 G Street,
3 Northwest. We'll be using the Multi-Purpose Room
4 and that site is right next door to the library.

5 Our next site would be relocation of
6 Precinct 136, which is currently Leading Age.
7 And I'm proposing that we relocate to All Souls
8 Episcopal Church located at 2300 Cathedral
9 Avenue, Northwest. We'll be using the Church
10 Hall.

11 And the last site that I am
12 recommending for relocation is the Early Voting
13 Site, EV-7, which is located in Ward 7.

14 Currently we were using the Benning Library. I'm
15 proposing that we relocate to the Deanwood
16 Recreation Center located at 1350 49th Street,
17 Northeast and we'll be using the gymnasium there
18 as well.

19 I am submitting these for final
20 proposals for relocation. These were submitted
21 for open forum to the public in the D.C. Register
22 and published on 12/15/18, as well as sent out to

1 all affected ANC Commissioners, as well as
2 council members.

3 Once the final relocation has been
4 approved by the Board, I will be sending another
5 notice to the D.C. Register, as well as all of
6 those affected council members and ANC members as
7 well.

8 CHAIR BENNETT: Did you receive any
9 comments from the ANC or public, general public?

10 MR. BUDOO: No, sir. And I gave them
11 the date -- once I published it in the Register,
12 I gave them the date of January 8th to give me
13 any feedback prior to the next scheduled Board
14 hearing.

15 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, any comments,
16 Ms. Lewis?

17 MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

18 MS. MILLER: I just want for the
19 record, on several of these proposals, you have
20 that they are accessible with slight
21 modifications.

22 MR. BUDOO: Yes.

1 MS. MILLER: Can you explain what the
2 slight modifications may be?

3 MR. BUDOO: Slight modification may be
4 proper signage posted at a location. Even though
5 we have some where DCPS renovated a brand new
6 school and you would assume that everything would
7 be up to ADA standards, once we and Ms. Janice
8 went out to actually survey the locations, we did
9 observe that there were some issues at that
10 location but it can be corrected with slight
11 modifications and we will be working with DGS to
12 try to get those corrections changed prior to the
13 primary election.

14 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. Are these
15 corrections, like maybe to answer both, are these
16 corrections that would be -- for modifications be
17 permanent modifications at these facilities or
18 temporary like maybe having a ramp that you would
19 put in temporarily for certain areas?

20 MR. BUDOO: It would vary by location.
21 I couldn't say exactly but which, hopefully, once
22 we speak with DGS, at these public locations,

1 this would be something that would be permanent.

2 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. All right, any
3 other comments?

4 One of the things I would ask is that
5 I'm going to call for a vote on these removals
6 but also, if indeed you are not able to make some
7 of the modifications that you have reported that
8 to the Board as soon as platform, so if there is
9 anything we can do to support making sure that
10 everything is ADA requirement, we'd like to see
11 that.

12 MR. BUDOO: Okay.

13 CHAIR BENNETT: So I'd just call for
14 a vote for those changes permanent. Ms. Lewis?

15 MEMBER LEWIS: In favor.

16 CHAIR BENNETT: I'm in favor. So,
17 you've got unanimous approval of your report.

18 MR. BUDOO: Okay.

19 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you.

20 Ms. Miller?

21 MS. MILLER: Thank you. Let me just
22 state the obvious, that is that we have moved.

1 The move took place between December 28th and
2 29th. We physically started working here on
3 January 2nd. Doo, as you have already mentioned,
4 Mr. Bennett, we want to thank clearly the staff
5 for working through the holiday period to get
6 this done and Department of General Services, who
7 worked very closely with us to make this happen,
8 as well as Members of the Council who supported
9 the Board in this move.

10 So we are here. The space is
11 definitely a lot better and serves our process
12 more efficiently than our former space at 421 4th
13 Street.

14 So, we're ready to get this election
15 cycle underway. The pickup for the nominating
16 petitions will be January 26th for primary
17 election.

18 We are scheduling an open house for
19 this facility for next Wednesday, January 17th,
20 from 3:00 to 7:00, and on next Friday, January
21 19th at 11:00.

22 This office, as I've said before, is

1 accessible on the Green Line. It is the Ballpark
2 Exit, I believe, and it's the Navy Yard Station.

3 All four major parties have submitted
4 party plans for the Board to conduct any party
5 elections during the June primary. Those plans
6 are currently underway under review by the Board
7 staff to make sure that they meet adequacy and
8 are compliant with relevant processes and law so
9 that we can accept and move forward for the June
10 election.

11 Just an update on the eSign, and I
12 talked about this all last year, eSign is
13 basically ready to go. We will have 100 iPads
14 that we will be able to lend out to members of
15 the public. The process will mean that
16 circulators will have an option of also using
17 their own device. If they do opt to use the
18 devices that we have, it will be a cost that we
19 will ask them to make a deposit of \$350, which
20 they will get returned back to them once the pads
21 are returned. If they use their own personal
22 devices, obviously, there will be no charge.

1 Training will be required before any
2 devices are deployed that we give them.

3 This process will require training
4 that we have worked closely with the City of
5 Denver with and Denver reps will be here at the
6 end of January, also, to do one final set of
7 training with our staff. They will also be here
8 through the beginning of the petition period to
9 work with members of the public who want to go
10 through training with them as well.

11 Also, the traditional pen and paper
12 process will still be available to collect
13 signatures. The options, obviously, would be
14 available for anybody, hopefully, anyone who
15 wants to do the eSign process or the traditional
16 pen and paper, provides options for individuals
17 to collect signatures once the petition period
18 gets signed -- gets started.

19 We also have a contract in place now
20 for the redesign of the website. That has
21 finally been approved. The website will be more
22 user friendly, hopefully, and we are targeting it

1 to be a 508-compliant to be accessible for
2 members of the public who have accessibility
3 issues. The goal is to have that final design to
4 be launched by the first of April.

5 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, thank you.

6 MS. MILLER: The Voter Registration
7 System proposal, \$3 million money that was
8 provided by the Council, that solicitation is
9 still underway. We were told by the contracting
10 officer yesterday that it was going to be out for
11 bid yesterday. We have not checked. As of last
12 night, we were told about five o'clock that she
13 was going to hit the button to put it out.

14 So I haven't checked this morning.
15 It's been an ongoing challenge to get that
16 solicitation finalized. Assuming the solicitation
17 did in fact go out last night, the target date
18 for the award of that contract is the end of
19 March. So we will check once we get out of the
20 meeting to see what the status of that is. We
21 have been on this since May, which is when the
22 Council allocated the funds for the Voter

1 Registration System. That's still ongoing.

2 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. And one thing
3 we need to make sure of with that is that, which
4 I don't think we thought about beforehand, well
5 maybe you did, is that the eSigning System is
6 properly or would properly be integrated with the
7 new Voter Registration System.

8 So, anyway, I'm sure that's something
9 we can't solve here but --

10 MS. MILLER: That's part of the --

11 CHAIR BENNETT: -- that's part of the
12 solicitation.

13 MS. MILLER: Yes, it's part of the
14 solicit -- it's part of the requirements of the
15 VR System --

16 CHAIR BENNETT: Right.

17 MS. MILLER: -- of the solicitation is
18 what I'm saying, that they can merge.

19 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay.

20 MS. MILLER: Last Friday we met with
21 the Budget Review Team for the Administrative
22 Mayor's Office to discuss both the FY18 spending

1 pressures and the FY19 budget development.

2 We were promised that the current FY18
3 spending pressures would be given priority and
4 that we should have follow-up very soon,
5 hopefully by the end of this week.

6 And I will just reemphasize, as I have
7 to them, that we cannot conduct elections without
8 the proper funding. We are facing serious
9 spending pressures and I do want to put on the
10 record that this move had nothing to do with our
11 fiscal budget because this move was all capital
12 funding, which was in the capital budget by DGS.
13 It did not affect our budget at all. So I don't
14 want anybody to think that we took money out of
15 our budget to make this move happen. This was
16 all capital funding that was set aside years ago
17 by DGS. So, hopefully, that request that we have
18 been submitted will be addressed and we'll be
19 able to get the funding that we need for both
20 this year, FY18, and moving forward to FY19.

21 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you.

22 MS. MILLER: That's my report.

1 CHAIR BENNETT: Anything else?

2 MS. MILLER: No.

3 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay.

4 MEMBER LEWIS: Actually, I have one
5 question.

6 CHAIR BENNETT: I'm sorry. Please.

7 MEMBER LEWIS: In terms of the foreign
8 -- or sorry. In terms of the accessibility of
9 the new website, is there going to be foreign
10 language accessibility considerations or
11 translation options, other than English?

12 MS. MILLER: Yes.

13 MEMBER LEWIS: Okay.

14 CHAIR BENNETT: Any other questions?

15 MEMBER LEWIS: No.

16 CHAIR BENNETT: Now is the time we
17 move the public matters back to the end, as we
18 have earlier. Thank you, Mr. Sindram, for your
19 suggestion or your request. And so are there
20 matters from the public?

21 MR. SINDRAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIR BENNETT: Can I get the -- we

1 have one other one, Mr. Sindram, so I'm going to
2 ask you to be relatively brief, sir.

3 MR. SINDRAM: Sure.

4 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you. Go ahead,
5 Mr. Sindram.

6 MR. SINDRAM: Thank you. When is the
7 next board meeting?

8 CHAIR BENNETT: Mr. Sindram, can you
9 give your name and all your information first for
10 the record?

11 MR. SINDRAM: Michael Sindram,
12 disabled veteran, served our country more than
13 most.

14 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay and address and
15 all that?

16 MR. SINDRAM: 6645 Georgia Avenue,
17 Northwest, Apartment 306, Washington, D.C. 20012
18 ZIP code.

19 CHAIR BENNETT: Great, thank you.
20 Would you ask your question again, Mr. Sindram?

21 MR. SINDRAM: The next Board meeting
22 is when for February?

1 CHAIR BENNETT: The next Board meeting
2 for February, we just had a discussion about
3 that. I was going to make that announcement at
4 the end. But we are -- right now the
5 consideration is to move that meeting to February
6 first, which is the first Thursday in February.

7 MR. SINDRAM: Okay.

8 CHAIR BENNETT: But it will be on the
9 website within a couple of days but that's the --
10 we had a discussion about that. And part of
11 what's driving that are just schedules but the
12 other is we have a distinguished Board member who
13 is schedule to deliver her first child on
14 February the 12th and we wanted to try and make
15 the Board meeting as far away from that as
16 possible, so that we don't have a situation here.

17 MR. SINDRAM: Congratulations are
18 surely in order, then.

19 CHAIR BENNETT: Absolutely.

20 MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you.

21 MR. SINDRAM: I happen to be
22 cybernetically challenged and I appreciate your

1 clarification about the upcoming meeting. Would
2 you, Ms. Jennings, who does the yeoman's job for
3 ADA, send me a hard copy for the upcoming monthly
4 meetings for 2018?

5 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, she will.

6 MR. SINDRAM: Okay. The other is that
7 as I heard Campaign Finance give its report, that
8 there was an audit of the Constituent Services
9 Fund for Ward 4 and it was indicated available
10 online. Again, being cybernetically challenged,
11 would you do the kindness to have a hard copy of
12 that sent to me as well? And I can repeat my
13 address, if needed.

14 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, I think we have
15 the address and we'll pass it on to Ms. Jennings
16 to make sure that you get that.

17 MR. SINDRAM: Cool. Again, that's
18 Ward 4, the Constituents Services audit.

19 MR. SANFORD: That ward was the Ward
20 7 Constituent Services fund that was complete.

21 MR. SINDRAM: But if I understood you
22 correctly, you also indicated Ward 4.

1 MR. SANFORD: No, there was a periodic
2 random audit. Those are not published. But this
3 is a published completed audit that was for Ward
4 7 Constituent Services Fund and was issued on
5 December 22, 2017.

6 The periodic random audit for Ward 4
7 was initiated on October 30, 2017 and has not
8 been issued.

9 MR. SINDRAM: And if I understand you
10 correctly, once it is issued, it will be made
11 public.

12 MR. SANFORD: Yes, it will.

13 MR. SINDRAM: Okay and at that time,
14 would you do the kindness to send me a hard copy,
15 please?

16 CHAIR BENNETT: We'll --

17 MR. SANFORD: At the time, we'll
18 announce it and then if you'd remind us, we'll be
19 more happy to provide you with a hard copy.

20 MR. SINDRAM: Any idea when it will be
21 issued?

22 MR. SANFORD: I can't speak for the

1 Audit Division.

2 MR. SINDRAM: Okay, thank you.

3 And once again, clarification, Mr.
4 Chair. So public comment, then, will commence at
5 the end of the reports of the Board, yes?

6 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes. Yes, we have
7 made that change. And if I decide to make the
8 change and do it differently, I'll let you know
9 in advance but we made the change as you
10 requested.

11 MR. SINDRAM: Thank you.

12 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, thank you.

13 Other public comment? Yes, sir. Can
14 you please --

15 MR. BROWN: Good morning.

16 CHAIR BENNETT: Good morning.

17 MR. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
18 for allowing me to address the Board for a very
19 simple change.

20 CHAIR BENNETT: Sure.

21 MR. BROWN: First let me say that I
22 love your new location and I think it's very

1 cool. So, congratulations.

2 And also, it took me just as long to
3 find a parking space here as it did at 441.
4 There's a sense of continuity.

5 CHAIR BENNETT: The parking is in this
6 building and it is a little more expensive but it
7 is here.

8 Can I ask you, for the record, to give
9 your name?

10 MR. BROWN: I'm Michael Brown,
11 Michael C. Brown. I'm one of the two elected
12 United States Senators from District 1 and I'm
13 here this morning to ask for a very simple
14 change. I hope it's a simple change. I don't
15 know what the procedure is but, for years, on
16 your website --

17 CHAIR BENNETT: Excuse me for a
18 second. Can you hear him okay? Okay, I just
19 wanted to make sure.

20 MR. BROWN: You've got a new website,
21 I understand but --

22 CHAIR BENNETT: And you're welcome to

1 have a seat.

2 MR. BROWN: Okay. On your website
3 you refer to my office, in some places as shadow
4 senator. It is a pejorative term that is
5 actually a nickname. You probably know when the
6 office was created, it was created as a United
7 States Senator. It appears on the ballot as
8 United States Senator. It appears on the
9 nominating forms as United States Senator.

10 It is actually an office has more
11 requirements attached to it than any office in
12 the District of Columbia. You must be a citizen
13 for nine years. You must be at least 30 years of
14 age, and you must comply with all the provisions
15 of the Constitution. In addition, you must get
16 eight times as many signatures as you need to
17 become a member of the D.C. Council.

18 It's the only office that is referred
19 to this way. We all know that the Mayor and
20 Council cannot pass bills that are not approved
21 by Congress but yet we don't refer to them as
22 shadow council members, or shadow mayor, or

1 shadow delegate in the case of another employee.

2 So I ask that in the few places where
3 the term shadow senator or shadow representative
4 appear in the nomenclature that you use, that the
5 term be removed.

6 And I don't know the proper procedure
7 to make that happen, but I think it's important
8 to have the people of the District of Columbia,
9 who have created this office, stand up for it.

10 It's very hard -- it's a hard job on
11 Capitol Hill, as it is.

12 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, I'm sure.

13 MR. BROWN: So I make that request to
14 the Board.

15 CHAIR BENNETT: Your request is so
16 noted. I don't think there is a need to do
17 anything in writing, is there, for that? And I
18 don't see a reason why we have to not do it.

19 So if, indeed there is something we
20 find that does not allow us to do it, we'll
21 certainly give you notice of that.

22 MR. BROWN: Okay, thank you so much.

1 Thanks for allowing me to speak.

2 CHAIR BENNETT: Your request is duly
3 noted.

4 MR. BROWN: Congratulations, Ms.
5 Lewis.

6 MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you.

7 MR. BROWN: Let me just add the
8 cautionary note that someday this little boy or
9 little girl will be a teenager.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MEMBER LEWIS: I know. It's
12 terrifying. I remember when I was a teenager.

13 MR. BROWN: You will see, as all
14 parents do.

15 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you, Mr. Brown.

16 MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you. And it's a
17 girl, by the way.

18 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you, Senator
19 Brown. How about that?

20 MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you, Senator
21 Brown.

22 CHAIR BENNETT: Anything else we have?

1 I think we are concluded with all the
2 matters for today. And I think all matters that
3 we have called for are duly noted.

4 So thank you very much for your
5 appearance and thank you for your comments, both
6 Mr. Brown and Mr. Sindram.

7 MR. SINDRAM: Have a good, godly day
8 and keep up the good work, guys.

9 CHAIR BENNETT: All right, Mr.
10 Sindram, we look forward to having you come to
11 our new facility, whenever you are physically
12 able.

13 MR. SINDRAM: I look forward to it.

14 CHAIR BENNETT: All right, thank you.

15 MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you.

16 MR. SINDRAM: Thank you.

17 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you.

18 This meeting is adjourned.

19 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
20 went off the record at 11:13 a.m.)
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