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4   MICHAEL D. GILL, Board of Elections

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12    Board of Elections

13   MICHAEL SINDRAM

14   PAUL TRANTHAM

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Good morning. This  
3 is September the 06th, and the monthly public  
4 meeting of the Board of Elections is hereby  
5 called to order.

6 Let me do first things first and  
7 introduce those that are here. To my -- My name  
8 is Michael Bennett, Chair of -- of the Board. To  
9 my far left is Alice Miller, Director of the  
10 Board of Elections. To my immediate left is  
11 Dionna Lewis, Board Member. To my immediate right  
12 is Mr. Ken McGhie, General Counsel, Board of  
13 Elections. To his right is Mr. Michael Gill,  
14 Member of the Board, and to the far right is Ms.  
15 Montgomery, who is -- Cecily Montgomery is the  
16 director of the Office of Campaign Finance.

17 First is the adoption of the agenda. Can  
18 I have a motion from one of the board members to  
19 adopt the agenda for the day?

20 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Sure. I make a motion  
21 to -- or I move to adopt today's board meeting  
22 agenda.

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1 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Second.

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: All in favor?

3 (Chorus of "ayes")

4 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: "Ayes" have it,  
5 unanimous adoption of the minutes from the  
6 regular meeting that was held on Wednesday,  
7 August the 02nd. The transcripts are available  
8 for review, and I think the board members have  
9 reviewed those.

10 Can I get a motion to accept the minutes  
11 from the last meeting?

12 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: I move to adopt and  
13 accept the minutes from the Wednesday, August 02,  
14 2017, board meeting.

15 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

16 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Second.

17 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: All in favor,  
18 "aye."

19 (Chorus of "ayes")

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: "Ayes" have it,  
21 unanimous adoption of that.

22 Any board matters from Ms. Lewis?

1 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: No.

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

3 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Nope.

4 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okey-doke. None  
5 from me on today.

6 Any public matters on matters that were  
7 either discussed last time, in terms of the  
8 reports -- well, not the reports, but any public  
9 matters that are not necessarily associated with  
10 today's reports?

11 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: Yes.

12 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay, Mr. Sindram,  
13 I believe.

14 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: If I may be heard,  
15 Mr. Chair. Good morning, Mr. Chair,  
16 commissioners, all those -- all those in the  
17 sound of my voice. Michael Sindram, disabled  
18 veteran, served our country more than most.

19 I received two pieces of paper, for lack  
20 of a better word, August 28, 2017, from Cecilia  
21 (sic) Collier-Montgomery, a non-sequitur, if you  
22 will. And in the sweltering heat, on my vacation

1 time, on my dime, I took the liberty to respond  
2 to this non-sequitur.

3 First and foremost, it appears that Ms.  
4 Montgomery and/or Mr. Sanford are unaware of the  
5 jurisdictional limit of Superior Court's Small  
6 Claims and Conciliation Branch, and certainly, if  
7 they can't get a simple matter, which a first-  
8 year law student would know, how can they get  
9 anything else right?

10 The bottom line is, they wrote this to me  
11 to give me the fluff-off again, to obfuscate my  
12 letter of July 09th of last year, where you, Mr.  
13 Chair, ordered, directed, Ms. Montgomery to  
14 respond. These two pieces of paper don't even  
15 come close, and I would respectfully submit that  
16 Ms. Montgomery and Mr. Sanford need to go. I  
17 understand the mayor has put in the budget to  
18 clean up Office of Campaign Finance, but the fish  
19 rots from the head on down, and unless and until  
20 you get rid of the deadwood at the top, nothing's  
21 going to change.

22 In any event, I -- and thank you, Mr.

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1 McGann; you were there, you know, above and  
2 beyond the call of duty, to receive my -- my  
3 submission, and I appreciate that, and made  
4 copies, I understand, for the board members  
5 respectfully. So, I understand you all have a  
6 copy of it; that's correct, Mr. Chair?

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: That's correct.

8 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: Okay. So, the  
9 bottom line is that -- and I've appended my July  
10 09, 2016. There are five items articulated with  
11 specificity and particularity which remain  
12 pending an -- an -- unacted upon. This two pieces  
13 of paper, non-sequitur, don't even come close to  
14 -- to addressing it.

15 And I also might add, in an earlier life,  
16 Mr. Sanford was a Bureau of Traffic Adjudication  
17 hearing examiner. During his watch, the FBI came  
18 in and shut it down for payback, unjust  
19 enrichment fraud, and then suddenly, Mr. Sanford  
20 disappears. I thought you all should know,  
21 because it seems to be the ongoing pattern of  
22 conduct.



1           In any event, I'd like to read, if you  
2 will, Mr. Chair, my August 31st submission. It's  
3 directed to Ms. Montgomery and the board members.  
4 And I make a comment here that's specifically for  
5 Ms. Montgomery. You tend to inflate your status  
6 to represent the facts as you would like them to  
7 be rather than as they actually are. Adopted  
8 incorporated herein by reference copy of next  
9 Tier II weighty letter to you -- that means Ms.  
10 Montgomery -- of July 09, 2016, from this  
11 disabled veteran, served our country more than  
12 most, that remains pending and unacted upon.

13           Moreover, Office of Campaign Finance  
14 General Counsel Sanford was hearing examiner with  
15 Bureau of Traffic Adjudication, under  
16 investigation by law enforcement. And, again,  
17 that was the FBI.

18           Also adopted incorporated herein by  
19 reference copy of next Tier II letter of February  
20 16, 2012, from D.C. auditor to this disabled  
21 veteran, responding to the ANC 4B check stating,  
22 quote, we were unable to locate any checks for

1 third and fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2005,  
2 unquote, wherein your, quote/unquote, friend,  
3 Treasurer ANC 4B at that time, current Mayor  
4 Muriel Bowser embezzled untold sum taxpayer money  
5 along with ANC Ward 5 daddy, Mr. Bowser, Muriel's  
6 biological father, for which you have not taken  
7 action, notwithstanding failure timely report  
8 Muriel Bowser's ally, Ward 4, Brandon Todd,  
9 plethora violations of law to cause Leon Andrew  
10 loss of election and re-election of your friend  
11 at our sit-down -- at -- at -- your friend.

12 At our sit-down -- and I'm referring to a  
13 sit-down I had with Ms. Montgomery prior to  
14 filing my complaint last year. And again, at our  
15 sit-down, you stated afორereferenced issues were  
16 within your bailiwick as part of Constituent  
17 Services. And in fact, Ms. Montgomery concedes  
18 that in her August 28th -- or Mr. Sanford's  
19 letter of August 28th.

20 So, I've indicated a sit-down, but I  
21 don't think that's going to be helpful. What I'd  
22 like -- what I'm requesting is to have a full

1 panoply hearing before the board. The Office of  
2 Campaign Finance comes under your watch. There  
3 are unresolved issues, again which remain  
4 pending, unacted upon, and not unlike with the  
5 Digital Dynamo issue. We had one member, Lorie,  
6 at the time, and then I requested timely, with  
7 the full board, which was Togo West, and -- and  
8 then Mr. West, you know, moved on. So, it kind of  
9 died. But that needs to be a -- a full hearing,  
10 as well.

11 But this certainly is timely before the  
12 board, and I'd like to have it advance on the  
13 calendar to the earliest practicable date to aid  
14 the decisional process, and then hereby  
15 respective phone number. If you guys have any  
16 questions, I'd be delighted to field them at this  
17 time.

18 And in the body of my letter, appending  
19 that FOIA request about Ms. Bowser, those lost  
20 checks, again, were under Mayor Bowser's watch.  
21 She was ANC treasurer at the time, and all the  
22 checks mysteriously disappeared, hundreds of

1 thousands of dollars which are unaccounted for,  
2 the public trust taxpayers' funds, which, of  
3 course, Mr. Sanford and Ms. Montgomery turned  
4 their head -- stick their head in the sand like  
5 an ostrich, because they're in bed together, and  
6 they cover for each other.

7           So, again, if you've got any questions,  
8 I'd be delighted to field them, now or at the  
9 appropriate time.

10 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Well, first of all, Mr.  
11 Sindram, I would really appreciate it if you not  
12 make personal derogatory comments on -- during  
13 this hearing about anyone, whether it's persons  
14 in -- in -- in the organization or not. So, I --  
15 I won't allow those again.

16           Secondly, the board believes that Ms.  
17 Montgomery has properly responded to your  
18 concerns and your requests, and so we consider  
19 the matter closed at this point. And we don't  
20 intend to -- to -- to hear anything associated  
21 with it. I'm not sure if you have an interest in  
22 appealing or going someplace else, but this is no

1 longer a matter that the board feels is -- is  
2 appropriate for further consideration.

3 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: If -- if -- if I  
4 may, Mr. Chair, the truth, the whole truth, and  
5 nothing but the truth, there's nothing  
6 derogatory, but there's truth being spoken here.

7 With regard to your statement that the  
8 matter is closed, far -- far from truth, because  
9 I'm entitled to a hearing. There has been no  
10 hearing. So, how can you close something  
11 prematurely and providently without a hearing?  
12 I'm requesting, here and now, on the record, a  
13 hearing before you all --

14 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Your request --

15 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: -- not something  
16 with pieces of paper, because you can't cross-  
17 examine a piece of paper. I'm talking about a  
18 hearing under oath.

19 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Your --

20 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: Under oath.

21 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mr. Sindram, your  
22 request is denied and inappropriate, so the

1 matter is closed.

2 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: But, the law -- the  
3 law provides for a hearing. If you defer --

4 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Sir --

5 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: -- to Mr. McGhie,  
6 he will tell you as much.

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Sir -- Sir, the --

8 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: There is  
9 entitlement to a hearing on this.

10 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Sir -- Sir, before  
11 this -- this board, the matter is closed. Do you  
12 have any other items for the board, Mr. Sindram?

13 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: Well, the -- the  
14 hearing remains, you know, the issue, sir.

15 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: The matter is  
16 closed, Mr. Sindram. The hearing -- your request  
17 for a hearing is denied.

18 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: How can you say  
19 it's closed? There hasn't been a hearing.

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Your request for a  
21 hearing is denied, Mr. -- Mr. Sindram. Do you  
22 have any other matters?

1 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: Well, that --  
2 that's the only one. You have yet --

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: -- to address it.

5 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Thank you, Mr.  
6 Sindram.

7 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: Then -- then, if  
8 you say appeal, how do I appeal in-house? I mean,  
9 I've done that here and now, sir.

10 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mr. Sindram --

11 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: So, I mean, you  
12 keep --

13 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- this matter --

14 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: -- putting me  
15 through more hoops and making up the law as we go  
16 along, the -- the rules as we go along.

17 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mr. --

18 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: You know, it -- it  
19 appears to me you want to cover for Ms.  
20 Montgomery, but that's just not going to cut it.  
21 They make you look bad, and you're making  
22 yourself look bad by denying me due process --

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mr. Sindram --

2 MR. MICHAEL SINDRAM: -- and fundamental  
3 fairness. I ain't stupid.

4 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- this matter is  
5 closed. Thank you very much. Any other matters?  
6 Any other public matters?

7 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Yes.

8 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yes, sir.

9 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Paul Trantham, ANC  
10 Commissioner.

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay, would you  
12 come forward, please? Mr. Trent (sic), would you  
13 state your name and -- and address for the  
14 record, please, sir?

15 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: The board's leniency,  
16 in just a few seconds --

17 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Oh, sure, take your  
18 time.

19 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- I'll get myself  
20 together, please.

21 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm, no problem.

22 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you. And I will



1 do as such, Chair.

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Paul Trantham -- did  
4 you say my address?

5 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yes, sir.

6 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: 2345 Skyland Place,  
7 Southeast, Washington, D.C., Apartment 826. I am  
8 a ANC commissioner for 8B-02 --

9 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

10 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- in Ward 8.

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: All right.

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: And I come before  
13 this board today to share my disappointment and  
14 the embarrassment on this board with a few. Some  
15 heads need to roll, in my personal opinion.

16 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

17 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: The elected the  
18 courts -- the -- the -- the chair may deem  
19 necessary, upon after hearing the labor, the work  
20 I put forth, the embarrassment, the disrespect  
21 and insults that I have received from this board  
22 -- I'm a ANC commissioner, not once but twice.

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

2 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I'm a licensed  
3 private investigator. I will present this to you  
4 as officially, right now. I've been a licensed  
5 private investigator for now going on 3 years --  
6 going on 4 years. I have to renew this year.

7 I took on, in March of 2016 -- I came  
8 down to this board, spoke to Ms. Karen Brooks,  
9 and I said, "Ms. Karen Brooks, I'm going to bring  
10 attention to this board that you have some ANC  
11 commissioners who do not live in their single  
12 member district."

13 Previously, before that, on November  
14 08th, on the election, I had several ANC  
15 commissioners from other ANCs call me and say,  
16 "Trantham, well, how much does it cost for us for  
17 you to investigate some ANCs who do not live in  
18 their single member district?"

19 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

20 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I informed Ms. Karen  
21 Brooks, at that time, each individual's name who  
22 is in question about their residency in the

1 single member district. I have even spoken to  
2 Chief Grooms at the time. I've spoken to Elissa  
3 Silverman. I've spoken to Anita Barnes, Commander  
4 Bryant, Chief Newsham. I have spoken to so many  
5 people. I've called myself, doing, according to  
6 what was told to me to do, follow -- do it in  
7 respect, not giving no -- not negatively throwing  
8 no statement. I'm giving facts. I walked. I  
9 knocked on doors. I confirmed. I denied even  
10 taking some people's requests from the community  
11 to investigate ANC commissioners who do not live  
12 in their single member district. Well, only for  
13 me to receive a letter from this board, Karen  
14 Brooks and McGhie -- I'm very disappointed in  
15 them two.

16           India Blocker, 2702 Bruce Place, do not  
17 live there. Her family live there. Let me put a  
18 surprise in Mr. McGhie's ears today. That is a  
19 public housing complex. You cannot have a house  
20 and still be on the lease of a public housing  
21 complex.

22           I went so far to investigate. I will

1 present all copies to each and every last one of  
2 you. I went so far as to, myself, personally went  
3 to her house in Suitland, Maryland. She purchased  
4 the house February 27, 2015. Okay. Now. Okay, the  
5 board don't know that. That's not their  
6 responsibility. It's housing. I am talking to Ms.  
7 Deborah Coleman (phonetic), who is, right now,  
8 investigating this very case right here.

9 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: This is a -- this  
10 is -- this -- this particular one, you're saying,  
11 is -- is a particular ANC --

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: ANC commissioner, as  
13 well.

14 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- who -- like, who  
15 -- who -- whose official address, from the  
16 standpoint of -- of their ANC commissioner  
17 position --

18 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: 2702 Bruce Place, her  
19 mother's address. She -- which no longer live  
20 there.

21 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

22 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: However, because she

1 was raised up in that community --

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

3 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- her -- she still  
4 have an ID -- and it's right here on the packet,  
5 her ID -- and she's proven that, you know, she  
6 does reside there. She doesn't reside there, but  
7 for the sake -- And there are a lot of people are  
8 doing that, and -- I don't want to get off track,  
9 sir. Karen Brooks -- I mean, Karen Lucas lives in  
10 Virginia.

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: I'm just trying to  
12 make sure I'm clear in terms of --

13 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay.

14 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- trying to  
15 understand what you're --

16 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Let me start -- I'm -  
17 - So, I'm going to start off with India Blocker.

18 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: No, I'm -- I'm --  
19 No, I'm clear now, but --

20 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay.

21 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- that was part of  
22 the reason for my question, just --

1 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: She --

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- to make sure --

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: She's using --

4 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- I'm -- I'm --

5 I'm clear.

6 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- her mother's  
7 address as her resident for the single member  
8 district.

9 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: And so, as a  
10 result, she obviously is a -- is a registered  
11 voter --

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Registered to vote.  
13 But --

14 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- from that  
15 particular address.

16 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- when you go look  
17 at the register, though Mr. McGhie and Ms. Karen  
18 Brooks say 30 days, well, in our ANC book, it  
19 says 60 days. I'm confused.

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Because if you're  
22 saying 60 days you have to live in the registry,

1 then they're -- they're signing his name -- her  
2 name 30 days. Someone needs to update  
3 information.

4 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

5 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: That's one. Number  
6 two, let's just say, okay, for the sake of  
7 argument, India Blocker provided all the  
8 necessarily (sic) paperwork to prove that she  
9 lives there. Well, now we're going to move on to  
10 Mr. Kendall Simmons. Mr. Kendall Simmons does not  
11 live at 1313 Congress Street, Southeast,  
12 Apartment 204. How do I know that? Mr. Kendall  
13 Simmons got arrested on 06 -- excuse me, where  
14 are my glasses? -- 06/06/2017 of this year --

15 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

16 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- in Maryland for  
17 assaulting his girlfriend. Mrs. Renee Christensen  
18 (phonetic) informed me that she even actually  
19 went all the way to the courthouse to get a  
20 sealed copy of this. Yet, the Board of Elections,  
21 Mr. McGhie and Karen Brooks, didn't do their true  
22 diligence and -- and -- to convince me,

1 investigating, because not only did he not submit  
2 a 30-day -- within that 30 days submit any  
3 information, they upheld his office.

4 Now, do you think Channel 7, East of the  
5 River, and Loose Lips were put in there? Sam Ford  
6 and myself went door to door. I went to four  
7 different doors. I went to Kendall Simmons. I  
8 went to Kiana Bass's (phonetic) that lives right  
9 there in that same vicinity.

10 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

11 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Going back to Kendall  
12 Simmons, his aunt, News Channel -- June the 23rd,  
13 5:44 in the afternoon, Sam Ford did. I'll provide  
14 you with the information. Sam -- we went there,  
15 knocked on the door. She openly said, clearly, he  
16 does not live here. We don't know -- She said: I  
17 don't know how he got it. Mind you, that is  
18 another public housing development. Her name, and  
19 her name alone, is on that lease, nowhere near  
20 Kendall. She denied, even, Kendall being there,  
21 on TV, Channel 7 News.

22 Anita Barnes is doing legislation on this



1 very issue. She's going to have her first hearing  
2 November the 30th.

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: If Mr. McGhie and  
5 Karen Brooks had did some investigation, they  
6 would not have sent me, I'm quite sure, a letter  
7 stating that I submitted insufficient evidence,  
8 without any investigation. What investigation did  
9 they do on this one? We're not talking about  
10 India Blocker -- Kendall Simmons, who do not live  
11 there. What did they do but sit in their office  
12 and sit down and look through some paperwork and  
13 write me some -- some stuff that I just -- That  
14 weekend, when I received this, I said, "What  
15 more?"

16 But I'm not -- I've got tough skin, and  
17 I'm not giving up. They can rest for sure that.  
18 That's why I'm saying, if they're not going to do  
19 their job, put people in the position that will  
20 do their job, enforce their rules.

21 I give you this article right here. It  
22 says: advisory neighborhood commission

1 qualification of members, nomination by petition.  
2 No person shall be a member of an advisory  
3 neighborhood commission unless he is registered,  
4 qualified, elected, actually residing in the  
5 single member district from which he was --  
6 actually residing in the single member district  
7 which he was elected.

8 Let me show you this. Let me go here. And  
9 -- and if I may, Chair, I believe I spoke to Ms.  
10 Dionna Lewis one day at a summit with Mayor Gray,  
11 and --

12 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

13 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- I shared my  
14 information then, as a board member, and she say:  
15 Well, Mr. Trantham, I understand. We've heard  
16 these things. I can't respond too much. But --  
17 And I told her, I said: I'm going to be  
18 investigating these people. Okay?

19 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yeah. So -- so let  
20 me --

21 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I just want to read  
22 this for the record, because --

1 MALE SPEAKER: Oh, I'm so sorry.

2 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- please, and then  
3 I'm going to be ready to end my complaint and my  
4 disappointment. I took off my job just to come  
5 here today about this.

6 Okay. Any member of the advisory  
7 neighborhood commission who cease to reside in  
8 the single member district from which he or she  
9 is elected shall be considered to have resigned,  
10 and the office shall be declared vacant.  
11 According to Mr. McGhie and -- Mr. McGhie and Ms.  
12 Karen Brooks, they have instructed India Blocker,  
13 as well as Kendall Simmons, to not resign because  
14 I have not provided sufficient enough evidence to  
15 prove.

16 And which I do believe, by fact, that I  
17 have, and if I haven't I will today. I will ask  
18 this board to carefully review the document that  
19 -- where Kendall Simmons was arrested. He did not  
20 give 1313 Congress Street, Southeast. He gave a  
21 address of 411 Atlantic Street. He is due back in  
22 Prince George's County Court September the 12th.

1 I bet -- Would one of you like to go out there  
2 and see what address he does provide to them, Mr.  
3 McGhie, since, you know, you upheld his office?

4 And it's an embarrassment to the  
5 community. You don't have no idea how many people  
6 have come before me or who calls me and say:  
7 Paul, what are you going to do about these ANCs  
8 who do not live in their district?

9 I have been threatened. Kendall Simmons  
10 threatened me last -- two Saturdays at Iverson  
11 Mall. I got paperwork on that. I happened to go  
12 out there to buy some shoes. He happened to be  
13 there and threatened me, told me what he going to  
14 do. You understand? I don't have to be subjected  
15 to that.

16 Here, we have this young lady, Ms. Mikale  
17 Baskin (phonetic). Oh, Mr. Rudy McGann, you knew  
18 your name was going to be coming up in here.  
19 Okay? Mikale Baskin had the audacity, sir, to go  
20 and file on me, only to prove that she -- can I  
21 pass this to you for --

22 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Sure.

1           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM:  -- your -- Mikale  
2 Baskin --

3           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT:  You -- You can come  
4 around.

5           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM:  -- had the audacity  
6 to go down to a court -- I don't know how she was  
7 able to deceive a court -- to state that I am  
8 stalking her; she's afraid of me. I'm in domestic  
9 court.

10           It was a embarrassment to see Mr. Rudy  
11 McGann come to a courtroom to only say that he's  
12 testifying to state that I do not work for the  
13 Board of Elections. At no time have I ever -- did  
14 I ever tell anybody that I worked for the Board  
15 of Elections, at no time. That was the most  
16 embarrassing thing for me to see, and I'd like to  
17 know who gave him the instructions to go down to  
18 Superior Court. He was not subpoenaed. I think  
19 it's unethical, unprofessional, and Mr. McGhie,  
20 once again, refused to do his job, because you  
21 know what they told me in their comments? He  
22 didn't lie. He didn't lie.

1           Neither did I. I never claimed that I  
2 worked for the Board of Election. So, either Rudy  
3 McGann has a relationship with this individual,  
4 or who gave him the instructions to go down --  
5 step out of this office to come down to Superior  
6 Court? That case was dismissed. I got served  
7 January the 30th. January the 30th, 4:00 p.m.,  
8 Judge Southerland (phonetic) vacated that order.

9           I went to court February the 08th. Mikale  
10 Baskin showed up. She -- only because she could  
11 not prove that evidence. She went off of hearsay.  
12 The judge told her, which he surely learned. I  
13 thought he was an attorney, but he surely  
14 learned. We don't go off of hearsay, and we  
15 definitely, if it wasn't already put into the  
16 record, then it's not coming in this courtroom.  
17 She had no evidence. She went down and -- I don't  
18 know how she ever did that. I swear, I don't know  
19 how she did that.

20           Then, February the 15, she --

21           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Can I ask you have  
22 a seat, sir?

1           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Yes, sir. Then -- I  
2 don't mean to be threatening. I don't want you to  
3 --

4           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: No, no, you're  
5 fine. I -- I just -- I just thought you'd be more  
6 comfortable.

7           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: January the 15th,  
8 Judge Turner dismissed that case. She never  
9 showed up. That was an embarrassment, time  
10 consuming for me, all because all I did, which  
11 the Board of Elections -- going back to the board  
12 -- you have to bring us evidence proving that  
13 these people don't live where they say they live.  
14 I did that, and look at the subjection and the  
15 abuse, the embarrassment, the humiliation, and  
16 still, the lack of responsibility to do your job.

17           So, therefore -- in my closing -- I came  
18 before this board one more time out of respect. I  
19 done went to BEGA. I done went to Karl Racine's.  
20 I've been down to the board. My next step is to  
21 this mayor. She wants to get reelected. Some  
22 heads going to roll or some -- some -- some

1 structure is going to be changed in this board  
2 when it come down to ANC.

3           Let me tell you how they're manipulating  
4 the board, Chair Bennett. Lorenzo Green did the  
5 same exact thing. I investigated Lorenzo Green  
6 when he was a chair for Ward 8. I went to  
7 Gardley's (phonetic) office before I even did. I  
8 said, I'm going to investigate Lorenzo because of  
9 some stuff that he did in the board.

10           And I said -- I went to the actual  
11 apartment, 1615 Morris Road, Southeast, and which  
12 he had down as his apartment. I went there,  
13 knocked on the door, only to learn that he wasn't  
14 there -- live there. Then, I went to the  
15 management's office. I went to her, and I said,  
16 Ma'am, my name is Paul -- And she said, I know  
17 who you are, Paul. I said, Okay. I forgot me and  
18 her was in a meeting at the 7th District. She  
19 said -- I said, Does Lorenzo Green live here? She  
20 said, Why? I said, Well, we just want to know,  
21 because he sits on our board. And she said, Well,  
22 Trantham, he does not live here. I said, Thank

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1 you. She said I would have to bring a letter from  
2 Gardley's office in order for her to give us a  
3 letter stating that he does not reside there.  
4 Gardley failed that in doing it, but he was  
5 informed the whole entire time.

6 All I'm saying to this board is, I don't  
7 understand how, in the District of Columbia --  
8 nowhere else in America that I know of that you  
9 can go and raise your right hand and swear under  
10 oath, and the board and the people take it as  
11 true, without believing that someone could be  
12 down here just lying. I don't know where else  
13 where you can go and not show ID.

14 That's merely all I've asked. Change it  
15 where, okay, when you come down here and file and  
16 -- and sign your declaration, what's wrong with  
17 saying, We need identification to confirm that  
18 you live where you say you live? Okay? I ain't  
19 ask for nothing -- too much more, and I don't see  
20 where that's too difficult, because what you are  
21 having is a lot of individuals down here that are  
22 coming down here defrauding this system, only

1 with "raise your right hand."

2 I did it. Anybody -- someone from Isis  
3 could come here, any day of the week, and get  
4 notice of this and say, Let me go into the board.  
5 And guess what? The board and the community will  
6 respect them -- should they be successful to get  
7 on the ballot, will respect them as a candidate,  
8 as an official. But if Mr. McGhie will take his  
9 pride, put it aside, and do what is supposed to  
10 be done, maybe so many of them won't be able.

11 I say this last, but please cut me off if  
12 I go any further after this one. Jacque Patterson  
13 did it. Now, you know Jacque Patterson been on  
14 the board before. Now, how do you suppose Jacque  
15 Patterson have to get a thousand signatures but  
16 come down here with 500 signatures that are not  
17 legitimate? Maybe one, two, maybe, let's say,  
18 ten. Let's go to 100. Maybe. But 500, and you  
19 know they're not legitimate? He did not  
20 anticipate that Mary Lord would send people down  
21 here to check those signatures. You understand?

22 So, what I'm saying is, they've found a -

1 - they've found a loophole in this system right  
2 here. And --

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay, you asked me  
4 to cut you off --

5 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: And so many of them  
6 are doing it.

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- so I'm -- I'm  
8 going to do that. I'm going to do that.

9 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you, Mr.  
10 Bennet.

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mr. -- Mr.  
12 Trantham, let me just kind of say a couple of  
13 things. One is, we normally don't give beyond 5  
14 minutes or so, but --

15 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you for your  
16 grace.

17 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- but -- but your  
18 -- your -- and obviously, you've got lots of  
19 concerns, and so I made an exception to -- to --  
20 to allow you to --

21 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you for your  
22 exception.

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- to go, and --  
2 and that's fine.

3 The other thing is, is that there -- Let  
4 me just make sure I've -- I'm real clear. There  
5 are -- it looks like you've got eight or nine ANC  
6 --

7 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Seven, sir.

8 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Seven.

9 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Seven actual who are  
10 in question --

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Seven --

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- of their true --

13 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Seven --

14 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- single member  
15 district.

16 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- current ANC  
17 commissioners where there is some issue with  
18 regard to -- to their residency that would allow  
19 them to -- to -- to maintain their -- their ANC  
20 commission.

21 And then, thirdly, the response that you  
22 received -- and this is to put it mildly -- that

1 you received from our office was not sufficient  
2 or didn't -- didn't answer the -- the questions  
3 or address the matters that you thought were  
4 appropriate to be addressed.

5 I -- and so -- Okay. And so, what you're  
6 asking us to do is to kind of revisit your --  
7 your request, or your concerns, and to -- to --  
8 to -- to maybe look a little further in that  
9 regard --

10 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: That's --

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- but also to --  
12 to -- to -- to address it in a way that -- well,  
13 at least to address it -- to -- to -- to give it  
14 further -- further consideration.

15 Let -- let me -- before I -- before I let  
16 you ask anything else, does any other board  
17 members have any questions that you want to get  
18 any clarity on with Mr. Trantham?

19 MALE SPEAKER: No.

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mr. -- Mr. Gill?  
21 Ms. Lewis?

22 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: I do, but not yet.

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

2 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: I'm still looking.

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay. Let me -- Let  
4 -- let me say, we -- we have been given notice of  
5 -- of your concerns, haven't gone through it,  
6 particularly, in detail. We do have a lot of  
7 confidence in -- in the staff, Mr. McGhie, Ms.  
8 Brooks, that -- that they do look at things,  
9 like, relatively carefully. However, the fact  
10 that you came before us today says we're going to  
11 take a look at it again and -- and try and think  
12 through your questions and your -- your concerns.

13 Ms. Lewis, do you have any --

14 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Yeah. So, Commissioner  
15 Trantham, when you came -- I remember you coming  
16 before us before.

17 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you.

18 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

19 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: And, you know, when we  
20 saw one another in Ward 7, that was, maybe, a few  
21 months after that. And I recall, you were  
22 challenging petitions, and I also recall that

1 there was a candidate that we threw off the  
2 ballot, and I think you were present here when we  
3 had that hearing on it. I don't think that you  
4 were the challenger of it, but I can't remember  
5 the gentleman's name.

6 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Joshua Johnson.

7 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Yes, that's it. And --  
8 and we did take the evidence that we had, and we  
9 very diligently looked at the documents that were  
10 provided, and we, you know, looked at our own  
11 records to see, and -- and we took action as a  
12 result of that.

13 I don't recall, though, us having this  
14 same type of comprehensive discussion regarding  
15 these various individuals and their residency  
16 around that period of time when we were doing the  
17 petition challenges for the candidates who were  
18 seeking to have their name placed on the ballot.

19 And so, at that time, did you have this  
20 information? Is this something you obtained after  
21 the fact? If you could just kind of tell us,  
22 procedurally, so we're all on one accord, because

1 I don't recall -- and correct me if I -- it's  
2 just a lapse of memory -- but I don't recall us  
3 having, you know, this comprehensive discussion  
4 and robust discussion about the evidence that you  
5 had, the evidence that you gathered, the  
6 investigation that took place on your part  
7 regarding these various individuals.

8 I do recall that Karen Lucas, for  
9 example, her petition challenges were challenged  
10 by, I believe, someone in Ward 8. I do remember  
11 that. I remember --

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Crystal -- I got to  
13 get her last name, but Crystal. Yes, I am aware.

14 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: And there were a few  
15 others I recall hearing whose -- whose petitions  
16 were challenged. But I don't -- I think this  
17 residency piece is a little bit unique, and I  
18 think that this is a little different from what  
19 we heard before.

20 So, if you could just kind of walk us  
21 through your timeline, you know, to let us know,  
22 kind of, what -- how long that process took, when



1 you learned this information, so we can go back  
2 and kind of figure out what we can do moving  
3 forward. I think that'd be very helpful.

4 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Ms. Lewis, you're  
5 100% correct, 100%. At that time that Joshua  
6 Johnson, who was being -- I did challenge him, as  
7 well, but I pulled my -- I withdrew my challenge  
8 because Anthony Muhammad had challenged him, and  
9 I saw no need in both of us challenging, when one  
10 is -- already has succeeded in the challenge at  
11 that time.

12 And the board did act on Mr. Joshua  
13 Johnson, simply because Mr. Johnson did not come  
14 back and provide the necessarily (sic) paperwork  
15 that was requested from the board in order for  
16 him to be allowed to be on the ballot. After  
17 that, Joshua Johnson -- Well, that's another  
18 story with him and Muhammad.

19 Now, yes, to your question. Yes, after  
20 the fact -- as you noticed earlier in the  
21 statement, I said after the election of November  
22 the 08th, I received calls from several

1 individuals, one in Ms. Mikale Baskin. As a  
2 matter of fact, if I may go back -- if I can  
3 bring back to y'all remembrance -- remember when  
4 Ms. -- the lady in the wheelchair had got killed  
5 over there, and -- and on Martin Luther King Day  
6 we celebrated? Okay.

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

8 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Mm-hmm.

9 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay. When I got to  
10 the end -- because I was driving my church van --  
11 when I got to the end of the parade, which I was  
12 the first, the police had come to me and said,  
13 "Paul, did you hear what happened?" I said, "No."  
14 So, when they told me, I went over there.

15 Well, Ms. Mikale Baskin and her sister,  
16 Kianna Baskin (phonetic), was there. Well, the  
17 news was there, too. Sam and them was there.  
18 Anyway, two of the residents around there had  
19 come up. They said, Sir, can we talk to you? And  
20 they pulled me aside, and I said, Yes. They said,  
21 Sir, we don't know her. I said, You don't? They  
22 said, No. We've lived around here 40 years. We

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1 don't know that young lady.

2           That was not the first time -- that was  
3 the first time. Then, another time, someone  
4 called me -- three times -- and one of the  
5 candidates that ran in that position had called  
6 me and said, How much would it cost for you to  
7 investigate to confirm whether or not this person  
8 live there?

9           That's simply all I did, two different  
10 times. I even went to the person's rental office.  
11 But to be accused of stalking? I never had a  
12 telephone conversation with her. We've never even  
13 had a discussion. And I don't even know how she  
14 was able to manipulate the courts with that, even  
15 going into domestic. Her and I never had a --  
16 been in no type of relationship.

17           Now, to walk you through the calendar:  
18 Yes, I got a call for India Blocker, which I'd  
19 informed, at that time, Trayon White. He's aware  
20 of it, but I can't come down here and charge  
21 Trayon White with fraud. Now, I can say his  
22 integrity and his honesty is questionable,

1 because he's aware of it, and that's a fact. You  
2 understand? He bailed Kendall Simmons out. Truly,  
3 he would have to know that the address that he  
4 provided was not 1313 Congress Street but 441  
5 Atlantic Street. That's some question; that's  
6 something to look into, enough to look into.

7           Then, I got a call for Karen Lucas. Well  
8 -- about me being investigate. Then, I had four  
9 cousins that are police officers, three of them  
10 here in the District and one in Prince George's  
11 County. So, one of them, I gave him the tag  
12 number of Karen Lucas, all the way out to her  
13 house, right here. This is the house that Karen  
14 Lucas -- excuse me -- Karen Yvonne, the address  
15 that comes up under the tag. If you go to Channel  
16 7 News, June 23rd, and see where she openly admit  
17 and say: Yeah, I got tags from Virginia.

18           Well, what more does this board need to  
19 know to -- need to see and hear to say, Okay, let  
20 us do an extensive investigation on some of these  
21 people that are being accused? And then, where's  
22 the respect for me as an ANC commissioner, who

1 live where he say -- Where's my respect at from  
2 this board, from Karen Brooks, from McGhie?  
3 Where's my respect as a ANC commissioner? Let's  
4 put aside the private investigation, but as a ANC  
5 commissioner that do live within his single  
6 member -- Where's my respect?

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Can I -- can I --  
8 can I interrupt you again?

9 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Go ahead. Go ahead.

10 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Do you have  
11 anything, Mr. -- Mr. Gill?

12 MR. MICHAEL GILL: No, no, just -- I  
13 mean, we, you know, spoke earlier, and maybe Ken  
14 can address it, but -- but, you know, isn't --  
15 where -- where -- What are the steps in this  
16 process? Maybe that's where we jump to in terms  
17 of --

18 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Well, let me --  
19 Yeah -- Go ahead.

20 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Well, in terms of --  
21 ANCs are -- this type of -- this type of query  
22 goes to the ANC first?

1 MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

2 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Okay.

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: So -- so, let me --  
4 let -- let me -- let me do this, because I don't  
5 think we're going to be able to -- to adjudicate  
6 this today. Let me ask you to do two things. One  
7 is, try -- I know this is frustrating for you,  
8 but try really, really, really, really hard to  
9 not make disparaging comments about individuals  
10 and -- and --

11 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay. Okay.

12 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- on a personal  
13 basis.

14 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay.

15 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: That -- that's --

16 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I'll honor that.

17 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- that's -- that's  
18 --

19 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I'll honor that.

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- really  
21 challenging and, you know -- I mean, so.

22 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Sir, I'll honor it.

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Thank you.

2 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I will honor that.

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: So -- and -- and --  
4 and secondly, we'll make a commitment to you  
5 today to -- to -- to revisit these matters. I  
6 think this is -- involves seven individuals. It's  
7 a little bit complex relative to the -- to the  
8 law and the regulations associated with them and  
9 also the -- the -- the -- the procedure and --  
10 and, I think, process to address these. We have a  
11 lot of confidence in Mr. McGhie and Ms. Brooks  
12 and Mr. McGann and our entire staff relative to  
13 that. But it doesn't mean that we won't take a  
14 look at what your response is.

15 One of the things, I think, that may --  
16 that we may need to do is to get some clarity  
17 around your request. I've heard you today, but  
18 honestly, I need to take a look at -- at the  
19 documents that you've submitted -- we need to  
20 take a look at the documents that you've  
21 submitted to make sure that we're clear with  
22 regard to what you're asking.

1           Sometimes -- sometimes, the form of the  
2 question may end up driving an answer that  
3 doesn't really answer the question. And so -- but  
4 I do hear you and appreciate your concern about  
5 whether or not we've done our due diligence in  
6 terms of -- of looking at the matters that you've  
7 presented to us.

8           So, thank you for your concern, but I  
9 don't have a -- a --

10           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Timeline?

11           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- a timeline. I'm  
12 going to ask Ms. Lewis to take the lead on -- on  
13 -- on this relative to--

14           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Chair Bennett?

15           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- taking a look at  
16 that, but --

17           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: With all due respect,  
18 okay?

19           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

20           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I'm going to say  
21 this. I'm very professional, and I understand,  
22 sometimes people can get emotional, even myself.



1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

2 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: You know, and I was  
3 very disappointed when I did do all the work that  
4 I was asked to do by the board, only to receive  
5 the results, and yes, that would be this  
6 frustration.

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

8 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I went out into these  
9 homes. I took my time to investigate. I went out  
10 to their house. I've been, you know, to their  
11 houses. And it does me no good to come into this  
12 board, or anywhere else, to accuse people of  
13 something that ain't true.

14 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: No, I appreciate  
15 what you're saying.

16 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: And -- and to say  
17 this, to be very clear with you when you're  
18 saying, what I'm asking you to do. I didn't say  
19 the registry; I said the residency.

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I didn't say nothing  
22 about the registry, because truth, if you check

1 the residency and see that they're not living  
2 there, then the registry has to be incorrect.

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I said the residence  
5 in --

6 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

7 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- which they say  
8 they live.

9 And then, the only thing that I -- What  
10 I'm asking -- let me be very clear what I'm  
11 asking from this board, so that this doesn't  
12 happen in 2018. How come the board can't say,  
13 Okay, we see where -- some loopholes where people  
14 have gotten through some of our systems. Let us  
15 put some stuff in place.

16 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Excuse me.

17 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: One of the things  
18 that a lot of them are doing now is using other  
19 people's addresses to state that they live there,  
20 and even some of them are paying the individual.  
21 You've got somebody that's making no money at  
22 all, and you give them a proposition -- I'll pay

1 your electric bill, or I'll give you this if you  
2 just say I live here --

3 Well, how do you know that if you don't  
4 come back with some certification, something --  
5 either or a deed or a notarized letter stating,  
6 Hey, this person resides where they say they  
7 reside, or, They reside with me. They've been  
8 here for a certain period of time. They've been  
9 here within the -- let's say the 60-day period.

10 You understand? That's all I'm merely  
11 saying. We're not -- I'm not trying to come in  
12 here and change y'all entire system. I'm just  
13 telling you where I see the loophole, where I see  
14 the cracks, where I see how they have manipulated  
15 the process of coming to get on the ballot.

16 Should I have challenged it at that time?  
17 I did not know. Or if I did know, I did not act  
18 upon it. Then, when I chose to act upon it, this  
19 is the stuff that I received after acting upon  
20 it.

21 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Can I just ask a  
22 question?

1 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Yes, ma'am.

2 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: When you presented  
3 this information previously, what was the extent  
4 of the information, and did you gather additional  
5 information after that? And then, the third part  
6 of that is, can you provide us with all the  
7 information and documentation that you have so we  
8 can review it, as well?

9 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: What I did present,  
10 which is right here, in the initial thing -- and  
11 I had to go through Anita Barnes' office, because  
12 I got -- I felt like I was getting no results.  
13 This is -- was the first initial that I went to  
14 when I officially started submitting stuff. I  
15 submitted each and every last one of their  
16 address, and I explained exactly the address in  
17 which they say they live and the address in which  
18 -- where they live. And it was totally ignored.

19 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Is this --

20 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I went to Ms. Karen  
21 Brooks, I mind you, March of last year. I believe  
22 it was the 17th. I believe, don't quote me. Me

1 and her stood right there in front of her  
2 workers, and I -- me and her had a limited  
3 discussion, and she said, "Mr. Trantham, why  
4 would they do that?" I said, "I don't know, but  
5 they're doing it."

6           And this -- and listen, listen, listen at  
7 this, listen, all as this board knows. This is  
8 not the first time that you all have heard of  
9 people falsifying their addresses to become ANC  
10 committee, whether it's a non-paid position or  
11 not. It may be a non-paid position, but guess  
12 what position it -- that it does. It has  
13 influence, because they have to vote -- we have  
14 to vote on certain things within our commission.

15           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

16           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: We have to vote on  
17 money. We have to vote on contract. And if you  
18 already been deceptive getting on the ballot,  
19 what makes you believe that they won't be  
20 deceptive in the voting process? They could send  
21 somebody in here and say, "Look, come on in here.  
22 I sit on this board."

1           So, that -- even though it's a non-paid  
2 position, it's a position that does have a little  
3 bit of authority and influence as the city  
4 council listens to us.

5           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yeah, we get it.

6           MS. DIONNA LEWIS: So, was it -- was it  
7 just that document that you -- I'm just trying to  
8 understand what you submitted before.

9           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I submitted that  
10 through Council Member Anita Barnes, and I stated  
11 that I went through her because when I came down  
12 here, Ms. Karen Brooks had stated that's not  
13 enough. Me and her had a telephone conversation,  
14 and she didn't even know -- or when I said, Ms.  
15 Brooks, what I'll do is skip trace, she didn't  
16 even know what skip tracing was. She said, Is  
17 that legal? I said, Yes, and I go to tell her  
18 what skip tracing is, that most attorneys use it.  
19 She wasn't even aware of what skip tracing. And  
20 she said, Well, I'll go back and research it.  
21           So, the -- I said, Well, what more do I  
22 have to -- I don't even know right now, other

1 than what I have already provided you all, with  
2 the addresses and where we know they don't live -  
3 - the only thing that I can only say that could  
4 help this board is reach out to the Housing  
5 people or the complex. They and y'all would have  
6 the authority -- like BEGA, you understand? -- to  
7 be able to reach out and do their investigate. I  
8 went to Mr. Charles (phonetic), in there, in  
9 BEGA. I done went to everybody. I didn't just go  
10 around the city. Then, I'm taking time out, 5:00,  
11 4:00 in the morning. I'm out here snapping shots,  
12 going and playing investigator.

13 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: So -- so what I'm  
14 asking is -- because that, in and of itself, does  
15 seem insufficient to me, so if you could provide  
16 us more robust information, since you have  
17 pictures and video, I think that'd be very  
18 helpful --

19 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay. That -- that --

20 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: -- for our assessment.  
21 I mean, I'm a trial lawyer by day, so I  
22 understand sufficiency of evidence, and -- and

1 that, in and of itself, from my perspective, at  
2 least, is not sufficient.

3           So, it sounds like you have sufficient  
4 evidence. It sounds like you have more evidence  
5 and more documentation. So, if you could provide  
6 that to us for our review, I think that'd be very  
7 helpful --

8           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I sure will.

9           MS. DIONNA LEWIS: -- to us. I mean,  
10 because you do have to understand -- which I'm  
11 sure, as you know -- we don't have a private  
12 investigator on staff --

13           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay.

14           MS. DIONNA LEWIS: -- so we are a little  
15 hampered within our own internal resources in  
16 what we can do. So, if there is a challenge,  
17 especially something as significant as this, if  
18 you can provide us with the information that we  
19 can use to move forward, I think that'd be very  
20 helpful in how we're making our assessments.

21           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I surely will.

22           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: And I think -- I --



1 I think, just to -- and I assume you've accepted  
2 taking the lead on this --

3 (Laughter)

4 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: I don't think I have a  
5 choice.

6 (Laughter)

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: But I think, just  
8 to close out -- One, Mr. Trantham -- Is it  
9 Trantham?

10 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Yes, sir.

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Thanks for your --  
12 taking the time to come. Two, my guess is, is  
13 that as we do some further review, we'll probably  
14 have additional questions for you and --

15 Mr. PAUL TRANTHAM: Yes.

16 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- maybe ask  
17 additional things from you in trying to do a  
18 little more back and forth.

19 I, for one -- and -- and I kind of look  
20 to Ms. Lewis on that, but I, for one, think that  
21 we really need to kind of narrow this down to the  
22 few issues that are here and --

1 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay.

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- and to --  
3 because it -- it -- it feels a little bit -- with  
4 all due respect, it feels a little bit all over  
5 the map.

6 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: It is.

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: And so, I think  
8 this needs to be narrowed, you know, so we can  
9 take a -- take a good, clear look at it and --  
10 and maybe give a response that may not  
11 necessarily satisfy you but may be more specific  
12 as to the issues. And maybe the response will  
13 satisfy you. I don't -- I'm not prejudging what  
14 the response will be.

15 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: What I've --

16 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: So, don't --

17 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: What I've come to is  
18 --

19 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: So, don't hear  
20 that, but -- but I just want to make sure we get  
21 clear --

22 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: What I've come to is

1 -- Go ahead, sir. I'm sorry.

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: But -- but I just  
3 want to get -- get clear. One of the things I  
4 like to do is to kind of narrow everything down  
5 to the -- the -- the least common denominator,  
6 and so if we can do that, then I think that we  
7 have a better opportunity to -- to -- to be most  
8 responsive.

9 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: And I shall provide  
10 that. I'm going to -- Let me just tell you what  
11 I'm going to provide from what I hear you saying.

12 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Okay.

13 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I'm going to go back  
14 and get the tape and the video from Sam Ford. I'm  
15 going to go to East of the River and get that  
16 copy. I'm going to go to Loose Lips. I'm also  
17 going to provide y'all with the address that I've  
18 already went out and investigated that I know  
19 that the individual lives at or resides at or  
20 where purchased.

21 I'm going to try and make an attempt to  
22 see if I can get a notarized letter by Kendall

1 Simmons' aunt, stating that he doesn't reside  
2 there. If I can't go that way, then what I'm  
3 going to do is go around and go to the housing,  
4 because his name cannot be on that lease. It's  
5 her name, Felicia (phonetic) -- and I forgot her  
6 last name.

7 But it clearly -- the video will be, I  
8 think, sufficient enough for all of you once you  
9 see this video. It's -- it's just -- I'm -- it --  
10 it kills me that -- it surprises me that a lot of  
11 you have not seen it, Channel 7, Sam Ford, June  
12 the 23rd, 5:44. I'm surprised --

13 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Well --

14 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- that a lot of you  
15 have not seen that video of him doing that whole  
16 entire interview about the ANCs not living in  
17 their single member district.

18 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yeah. Michael?

19 MR. MICHAEL GILL: I just -- I just want  
20 to say: So, we're happy to -- to take it.

21 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Yes, sir.

22 MR. MICHAEL GILL: But -- but I just

1 don't want to front run the process. Can we just,  
2 one more time -- The process is, we're not the  
3 deciders. There's a -- there's a -- there's a  
4 step that it needs to go through before it comes  
5 to the board.

6 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

7 MR. MICHAEL GILL: The ANC is responsible  
8 for, sort of, adjudicating this at that level,  
9 and if you don't feel that they've done an  
10 appropriate job or -- then -- then, I think, it  
11 gets brought to us.

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Let me ask you that -  
13 -

14 MR. MICHAEL GILL: I just want -- I just  
15 want -- I just want to make sure we don't jump  
16 something and take information in, only to then  
17 tell you, okay, now go take it to the ANC first.

18 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Now, you said -- Can  
19 you be a little bit clear when you're saying -- I  
20 did bring it to the board, or Ms. Karen Brooks,  
21 who is the register, correct?

22 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Right.

1           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I brought that to her  
2 attention, as a ANC commissioner and as a private  
3 investigator. I brought that. I feel as though  
4 what was the response was not satisfactory.

5           MR. MICHAEL GILL: Right.

6           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: So, then, I -- the  
7 next step was to come before this board as a  
8 hearing.

9           MR. MICHAEL GILL: So, I think -- I don't  
10 want to jump ahead of Ken here, but I think --

11          MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay.

12          MR. MICHAEL GILL: -- in terms of  
13 challenging someone's name to be on the ballot,  
14 there's a process where that happens before us.

15          MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay.

16          MR. MICHAEL GILL: If someone's been on,  
17 they've been elected -- you're saying they no  
18 longer live there. I -- I believe the first step  
19 is, you take that information to the ANC itself,  
20 and -- and --

21          MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Well, the --

22          MR. MICHAEL GILL: -- the ANC itself then

1 makes a determination as to whether that's the  
2 case. And then, I don't know what the appeal  
3 process is from that, but if they say, no, they  
4 do, and you -- you object to that, then, I think,  
5 it comes to us.

6 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Mr. -- Board -- Mr.  
7 McGill, that's where myself, Chair Watson, Chair  
8 Cuthbert, Chair Anthony Muhammad, Olivia  
9 Henderson, Theresa Steele (phonetic) -- we're all  
10 a little perplexed about that process in which  
11 you're asking us to take it to our board first,  
12 when we already know. Just as I explained to --

13 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Well --

14 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- Ms. Renee  
15 Christensen, when she even made that suggestion,  
16 to go back to your ANC and put something in place  
17 -- Well, number one, four of the people that's on  
18 our board are the ones that we have already, in  
19 my book, specifically. So, I know that ain't  
20 going to fly, right there, when we do the voting.  
21 It ain't flying.

22 Now, to my understanding -- and I may be

1 a little bit more confused at the writing, but I  
2 thought that I was instructed to bring it to the  
3 Board of Elections, and when I brought that to  
4 Ms. Karen Brooks, Ms. Karen Brooks did tell me at  
5 that time what I would need to bring in order for  
6 you all to act. And I believe that I did do such  
7 a what as, and I also had other people involved.

8 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Well, if you've -- if  
9 you've done what we've asked, then we can't ask  
10 more, so.

11 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you.

12 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Well, that's why I  
13 think it -- But that's why I think at -- At this  
14 point, I think it's really important to kind of  
15 narrow the issues down, so that we understand  
16 what we're looking at, and then there's some  
17 issues that we -- that we may say, You know what,  
18 you've really got to deal with the ANC, even  
19 though it involves that person that you're  
20 challenging, first, and then we can hear it, or  
21 there are other issues that we may say, you know,  
22 here's our response to them based on -- on what -

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1 - on what we did. But -- but I really want to  
2 make sure that we have an opportunity to --

3 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: To read that. I just  
4 appreciate you reading it.

5 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- to kind of  
6 revisit the issues and -- and -- and to -- to  
7 respond in a way that I -- I think that,  
8 hopefully, can provide the kind of clarity needed  
9 to -- to move forward.

10 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: And, Commissioner  
11 Trantham, did you provide a memo previously, kind  
12 of examining or exploring what the presented  
13 issues are that you want us to take a look at?

14 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I think I did through  
15 what Mr. David Meadows sent over from Anita  
16 Barnes' office, an inquiry on the process of  
17 ANCs, because as I stated in the early beginning,  
18 I mentioned this to Ms. Anita Barnes, and I  
19 showed her some evidence, and she said, "Oh,  
20 wow."

21 So, I think I have, but let's just say,  
22 for the sake of all this, anything that y'all ask

1 me to provide from this point on in narrowing it,  
2 I will do so, no problem. And my only goal is --  
3 now, is that in 2018, this board cannot be  
4 manipulated the way that, in my personal opinion,  
5 it has.

6 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: We appreciate that.

7 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: That's all.

8 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Did you have -- Mr.  
9 -- I'm going to ask Mr. McGhie to at -- at least  
10 make one comment, then we're going to close out,  
11 Mt. Trantham.

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: That's cool. It's all  
13 right.

14 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

15 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Okay, I just wanted  
16 to lay out the law to you. I know you have a copy  
17 of the law, because you're reading, I guess, a  
18 portion of it today. But the law states -- In the  
19 -- in the letter that we sent to you, we told you  
20 that procedurally, that if an ANC person no  
21 longer resides in the -- in the jurisdiction in  
22 which they were elected or whatever, they're

1 supposed to resign, and if they resign, we  
2 declare it vacant, and then we put everything in  
3 place to fill the vacancy.

4           If the person does not resign, then the -  
5 - the ANC is supposed to have a hearing and do a  
6 resolution, and then they do the resolution  
7 saying that the person no longer resides in that  
8 single member district. And when they have the  
9 hearing, they send a notice to the person and --  
10 telling them that, Look, we have evidence or  
11 whatever that you don't reside in the single  
12 member district. This is your opportunity to  
13 respond.

14           And so, it's like a little trial that  
15 they do at the ANC level, and --

16           MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: So -- Okay.

17           MR. MICHAEL GILL: -- and then, if -- if  
18 -- if they decide that the person doesn't live in  
19 the single member district, and the person  
20 insists that they do live there, they can appeal  
21 the resolution by the ANC to the board, and then  
22 the board, at that time, will have its hearing on

1 whether the resolution is valid or not.

2 MR. MICHAEL GILL: So, what happens when  
3 the ANC meets, and -- and, as he's mentioning,  
4 maybe there's a few folks in cahoots, and he  
5 disagrees with their determination? Is there an  
6 appeal process to the Board of Elections?

7 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: I don't know. That,  
8 I don't know.

9 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Because -- but it may  
10 be --

11 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: But you heard me. You  
12 heard me.

13 MR. MICHAEL GILL: But it may be you have  
14 to at least -- I'm just afraid --

15 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Make an attempt?

16 MR. MICHAEL GILL: -- we're going to take  
17 -- we're going to do all this and then we're  
18 still not going to be able to -- to do anything  
19 about it. And so, I think you have to at least  
20 raise --

21 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Make an attempt?

22 MR. MICHAEL GILL: -- it at the ANC

1 level. If -- you know, I can't prejudge how they  
2 react, but let's say they react the way you --  
3 you say they're going to. Then, I think, you  
4 know, some notice of that, some letter that you  
5 wrote and some response back from them saying,  
6 everyone lives there, we're confident -- Then  
7 bring that -- We can -- we can act on that.

8 I think the problem now is that it's just  
9 -- there's -- the -- as the chairman said, it's a  
10 lot of stuff, but the board absolutely appreciate  
11 your commitment and your passion about this. You  
12 know, more folks should care this much.

13 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I appreciate it.

14 MR. MICHAEL GILL: But I don't -- I don't  
15 want you to come back if we can't have a -- an  
16 ability to adjudicate it.

17 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Well, I'm going to do  
18 what y'all ask me to do.

19 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: But we're going to  
20 revisit the -- the issues and -- and -- and try  
21 and narrow them down, and -- and then, you know,  
22 try and assure that -- that -- that we're

1 responding to what your concerns are.

2 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I appreciate that.

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: And -- because what  
4 I hear today is that you don't feel like we  
5 responded to your concerns, and -- and -- and we  
6 -- and -- and I think it's important that -- that  
7 we take a look at that and -- and --

8 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Just for the record,  
9 like --

10 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- make sure that  
11 we do.

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- you said, let's --  
13 I had to chalk up India Blocker, because when we  
14 look at what is asked of her to provide, and she  
15 did -- whether she live there or not, she did  
16 provide necessary -- the required information  
17 that was needed.

18 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

19 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I get that, okay?

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Whether she live  
22 there or not, I get that.

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

2 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: What I don't get, or  
3 what I had a hard problem accepting is that  
4 Kendall Simmons never even gave -- responded  
5 within the 30-day period --

6 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

7 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- to say yay or nay,  
8 but yet, his was upheld, as well. And maybe it  
9 was missed through the discussion is how they're  
10 doing it is getting individuals to say they live  
11 there.

12 Well, maybe -- is it possible --  
13 suggestion -- for the board to say, If you come  
14 with someone living in an apartment or you're  
15 living with someone, you need to bring us a  
16 notarized or certified letter saying that you  
17 live there, how long you've lived there, or -- or  
18 something like that? You know, because Karen  
19 Lucas is doing it, her father's name.

20 I done did all the background. I have  
21 every individual's name, even all the way down to  
22 Sharece Crawford who she's renting from somebody

1 -- this guy is in Virginia. But why can't they  
2 bring a letter stating, okay, this person lives  
3 here, is renting from me or has leased from me or  
4 owns this? You understand?

5 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yeah.

6 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Let me --

7 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: That's all I'm merely  
8 asking.

9 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Well, let me -- let  
11 me just give you our rationale for why we said --  
12 we rejected Russell Simmons.

13 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Kendall Simmons. Yes,  
14 sir.

15 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Okay. So, with  
16 Russell Simmons --

17 MALE SPEAKER: Kendall.

18 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Kendall.

19 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Oh, Russell Simmons?

20 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Russell --

21 (Laughter)

22 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Russell Simmons



1 wouldn't like that around here.

2 (Laughter)

3 (Off-mic speaking)

4 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Okay. So, with him -

5 -

6 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Her.

7 (Off-mic speaking)

8 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: No, it's a "he."

9 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Oh, "he"?

10 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: It is a "he." It is  
11 correct.

12 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Yeah. Mm-hmm. So,  
13 our statute says that we can -- the register can  
14 look at somebody's voter registration and see  
15 whether or not they are properly registered. The  
16 only thing that they can't look at is the  
17 residency. So, you can look to see whether or not  
18 they're over 18, if they got arrested, there's a  
19 felony, or whatever, and you can -- you can kick  
20 them off the voter rolls if -- if the -- the  
21 register makes the determination that they're not  
22 properly registered, with the exception of their

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1 residency.

2           And the reason why, I believe, that it  
3 precludes the register from looking at residency  
4 is because with residency in the District of  
5 Columbia, it's intent, so whether or not that  
6 person intends to come back to their place of  
7 residence. So, somebody could go away to school,  
8 they could -- they could be in the service, or  
9 they could be gone for, like, almost a year or 6  
10 months or whatever, and then, with the case of --  
11 of a boyfriend or girlfriend, go live with your  
12 boyfriend, you know, for 4 months in Maryland,  
13 but, you know, you can still come back to your  
14 place of residence.

15           And so, the only time that the board  
16 looks at residency -- because the statute says we  
17 cannot look at residency -- is if there's  
18 evidence that you've abandoned your residency.  
19 So, if you submit evidence to us that they've  
20 abandoned their residency -- that means evidence  
21 that they're -- they're paying taxes in Maryland,  
22 they've got a driver's license in Maryland, they

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1 send their -- their kids to school in Maryland --  
2 because you have -- they have to be a resident of  
3 Maryland to do that -- or you're registered to  
4 vote in Maryland, that's evidence that you've  
5 abandoned your residency in the District of  
6 Columbia.

7 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Let me -- Thank you  
8 so much for saying that. Thank you. I just -- it  
9 just came back to my remembrance, and it was told  
10 to me -- going back to India Blocker. Okay, she  
11 has a home in Maryland, February the 27th, 2017.  
12 Correct me if I'm wrong, but I was told that even  
13 if you do live in Maryland and you have a house -  
14 - even if you live in the District and you have a  
15 house in Maryland, you have to still put that  
16 house on your taxes to get the credit. Am I  
17 correct?

18 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Yeah, and we checked  
19 -- and we -- we --

20 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay, that's evidence  
21 enough right there.

22 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Well, we checked,

1 and she did not claim a homestead exemption in  
2 Maryland.

3 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Well, I don't know  
4 how she's not, because, sir, you may go through  
5 this -- here it is right here, all of it. This is  
6 black and white. I can't get no better than that.  
7 That's -- that's black and white. I can't get  
8 that no better. And you can go to property search  
9 in Maryland, and I can't --

10 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Well --

11 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- get that no better  
12 than that.

13 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Well, but it -- it --

14 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Go ahead, I'm -- I'm  
15 listening.

16 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Just to play devil's  
17 advocate: Someone can have a lake house in  
18 Maryland and still be a resident of the District.

19 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I understand that,  
20 but that was going to --

21 MR. MICHAEL GILL: So, if she --

22 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- the piece -- that

1 was going to the piece as I went to -- when I  
2 went to housing and I -- I mentioned her name,  
3 for real, Ms. Deborah Coleman, who is doing the  
4 investigating -- As a matter of fact, last  
5 Thursday, me and her had a conversation, and she  
6 stated to me, she said, "Mr. Trantham, this  
7 process takes a while."

8 MR. MICHAEL GILL: Mm-hmm.

9 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: But she called out to  
10 the -- the rental office, and she spoke to the  
11 manager, and that conversation was not too great.  
12 As a matter of fact, today is initially when  
13 she's supposed to be actually getting ready to go  
14 out and do her investigation.

15 Now, what she did share with me -- Mr.  
16 Trantham, even though -- whatever our findings  
17 are, we still can't share that with you. I said,  
18 Well, then, how are we going to know how to act  
19 on the board? We're at a blind.

20 MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

21 (Simultaneous speaking)

22 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: We looked at this,

1 also, and like -- like we just said, you can own  
2 property in Virginia, Maryland, wherever, and  
3 right here, it says "Homestead Application  
4 Status: No application." So, she did not request  
5 that. And the only way you can ask for a -- a  
6 homestead exemption is you saying that this is my  
7 principal primary residence.

8 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: So, I have to go --

9 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: And it says "no  
10 application."

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: So, let me -- let  
12 me just -- let -- let me just -- let me just --

13 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Even though it says  
14 she --

15 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: She owns it, yeah.  
16 She -- Clearly, it says she owns it; she owns  
17 that property.

18 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: So, and if she owns  
19 it, and we know she lives there --

20 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: She did not claim a  
21 homestead exemption.

22 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay. I thank you for

1 that information.

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yeah.

3 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I will go further on  
4 that one.

5 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yeah. Let me -- let  
6 me -- One, thank you, and I -- I do think we're  
7 kind of getting into the adjudication of it. But  
8 that said, thank you for giving us that. We're  
9 going to have Ms. Lewis take the lead and -- and  
10 kind of -- and -- and revisit this -- this matter  
11 and --

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I appreciate it.

13 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- try and narrow  
14 it down to the -- to the issues that are at hand  
15 and -- and -- and give you a response that,  
16 maybe, adds additional clarity to what we've  
17 already done. And I'm not sure where we're going  
18 to end up, but --

19 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Just --

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: I'm trying to close  
21 out, but go ahead.

22 (Laughter)

1 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Just real quick. For  
2 timeline purposes, how soon do you think you can  
3 get us documentation or evidence --

4 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: What's today? Today  
5 is --

6 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Today is Wednesday,  
7 September 06th.

8 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Will you give me 'til  
9 Monday?

10 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Yeah. That --

11 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I'll have all that --  
12 I'll have --

13 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: -- that's perfectly  
14 fine. I mean, if you can do it within the next  
15 week, I think that'd be helpful --

16 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I will have -- Will  
17 you give me a list --

18 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: -- so we can have --

19 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- of everything? And  
20 I'm going to go through it, so just --

21 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Well, you give us the  
22 list of what you want to provide, because we



1 don't know what you're --

2 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Okay. I'll tell you,  
3 I will --

4 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: -- going to have in  
5 your investigation.

6 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: -- provide it. I will  
7 -- before I leave here, I'll give you a list of  
8 everything that I have.

9 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Oh, you can just send  
10 the list when you send the documents, so we know,  
11 kind of, what the index looks like. We just want  
12 to -- Just send us everything, because we want to  
13 make sure that we can address this in short  
14 order. We don't want to have it lingering for too  
15 long. So, that's why I want to kind of get a  
16 timeline in place of what we can expect from you,  
17 so we can be on the lookout for it, you know,  
18 before the year gets away from us and before we  
19 start getting too much into the holiday seasons,  
20 and it's already September.

21 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yeah, so if you  
22 want to get additional data, let -- let -- let's

1 say within the week, Mr. Trantham.

2 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I'll have that  
3 information.

4 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

5 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you.

6 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Okay.

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Was there any --  
8 any -- any other matters, any other public  
9 matters?

10 (No audible response)

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

12 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Can I get my license  
13 now?

14 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Yes, sir.

15 (Off-mic speaking)

16 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: All right.

17 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you.

18 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: Thank you.

19 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Thank you so much.

20 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you for hearing  
21 me.

22 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Next item on the

1 agenda is Executive Director Board of Elections'  
2 report. Ms. Miller?

3 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: Good morning.

4 (Laughter)

5 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Still.

6 FEMALE SPEAKER: Six minutes, so.

7 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Thank you, again,  
8 Mr. Trantham.

9 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

10 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: Thank you so much for  
11 hearing me.

12 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Thank you so much.

13 MR. PAUL TRANTHAM: I -- I really  
14 appreciate this.

15 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Well, we appreciate  
16 you.

17 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: Good morning. The  
18 first item under my agenda is the agency  
19 relocation. I just want to say, for the record,  
20 that last month, the Department of General  
21 Services confirmed to us that they had entered  
22 into a -- a 10-year lease on behalf of the board

1 for a space to relocate the agency to 1015 Half  
2 Street, Southeast. The lease that was negotiated  
3 includes the board and other government agencies.  
4 Based on the information from the Department of  
5 General Services, DGS, the board will physically  
6 relocate its offices sometime around the first  
7 week in January -- January 2018.

8           The finished space is scheduled to be an  
9 open space concept environment, with fewer  
10 offices and more workspace -- work stations for  
11 staff. It's currently shell space that will be  
12 built out, so we'll have training rooms, a  
13 hearing room, like we have here, space --  
14 hoteling space, which is set up for temporary  
15 workers, which will be a permanent setup, which  
16 will actually be nice, and also, like we have  
17 here, the viewing space for the public to look at  
18 the tabulation process in the counting center  
19 that we also have.

20           It's approximately a block -- less than a  
21 block, two-tenths of a mile away from the Metro  
22 station, the Navy Yard Metro Station on the Green

1 Line. Other tenants that are currently in the  
2 building include the National Labor Relations  
3 Board, CBS Radio, the deputy mayor for economic  
4 development.

5           The board will continue to occupy  
6 satellite space here at 441 4th Street using the  
7 general counsel's office, the space where we are  
8 right now, in addition to the board room, for  
9 some of our operations, our administrative  
10 operations. We'll also continue to have the early  
11 voting here at One Judiciary Square, like we've  
12 been doing. None of that will change.

13           We will, of course, do the messaging, as  
14 we need to do, with utilizing social media, the  
15 website, PSAs, broadcasting Lively, use print  
16 media with community newspapers, circulars, the  
17 mayor's online event calendar, and where we have  
18 email addresses -- I think 40% of our voters have  
19 provided email addresses -- we will do a  
20 broadcast to those voters to let them know that  
21 the agency's physical location will be moving.

22           I do want to say that a lot of our stuff

1 is online, so we don't get a lot of visitors  
2 here, as we used to. Most of our services are  
3 provided online, so the actual physical  
4 appearance of voters is not nearly --

5 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Not near what it  
6 used to be.

7 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: -- what it used to  
8 be. So, there will be, obviously, some of that,  
9 but not nearly what -- what it could be in terms  
10 of people physically showing up.

11 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

12 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: So, we will make  
13 certain that that is known -- that needs to be  
14 known. The -- the pickup for nominating petitions  
15 is January 26th, so that might have some effect,  
16 but, again, some processes will still be  
17 available here. We would like to have most of  
18 that taking place down at the -- the new  
19 location, at 1015 Half Street, Southeast.

20 We will also try to host an open house  
21 once we get settled in, prior to the January 26th  
22 petition pickup period, so that will, again, give

1 -- give members of the public an opportunity to  
2 come see the space and to look at it.

3           So, that takes -- that takes that  
4 information forward with respect to the move, and  
5 we'll continue to put that out as we get more  
6 information on a firm date from -- from DGS.

7           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

8           MS. ALICE P. MILLER: Okay? National  
9 Voter Registration Month is the month of  
10 September. Our Voter Education Outreach Division  
11 has several events planned for the month of  
12 September, cumulating with a voter registration  
13 drive here at this location on September 26th,  
14 which is National Voter Registration Day. D.C.  
15 BOE will host a National Voter Registration Day  
16 in front of One Judiciary Square with local live  
17 media coverage on that day during the morning  
18 drive time, in other words, during morning rush  
19 hour.

20           On Thursday -- tomorrow -- the board will  
21 host a voter registration workshop for community  
22 partners, such as Court Services and Offender

1 Supervision Agency. D.C. Department of Parks and  
2 Recreation, D.C. Public Schools, Carlos Rosario  
3 International School will all be here, and we  
4 will talk to them about D.C. -- about the  
5 National Voter Registration Day. We'll provide  
6 guidance to them. Hopefully we'll get the message  
7 out to their community partners about National  
8 Voter Registration Day to promote that --

9 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Mm-hmm.

10 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: -- to get their --  
11 their community folks registered and to promote  
12 registering individuals to vote and registering  
13 them to vote in the District of Columbia.

14 The kick-off -- NVR Day kickoff, D.C. BOE  
15 will give remarks to new citizens and voters at  
16 the immigration naturalization services on  
17 Friday, this --

18 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

19 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: -- Friday,  
20 September 08th --

21 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Oh, cool.

22 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: -- and talking



1 points include how to register to vote in D.C.  
2 and, as always, how to contact the offices if  
3 they need more information.

4           E-sign -- I want to just give a quick  
5 update. We did meet with representatives from --  
6 from the Denver office last month, and we are  
7 very comfortable and confident that that project  
8 is well underway and ready to go. They are  
9 scheduled to be here with us the week of  
10 September 08th to provide training to staff on  
11 how to train the individual circulators and  
12 candidates on how to use the app once it is  
13 provided for our purposes.

14           We -- they've worked extremely hard to  
15 meet our needs with respect to D.C. and -- and  
16 our petition requirements. They'll support us  
17 once we get this in place, and I can't tell you  
18 how fortunate we are to have them working with us  
19 and -- to get this process in place to meet the  
20 requirements of the law for the October 01  
21 deadline. So, we're feeling really good about it,  
22 and they've been very supportive and very

1 helpful. So, I think we'll be ready to go in  
2 time, at least for the January pickup --

3 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

4 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: -- with that.

5 And just one other thing, and that's as  
6 it relates to the voter registration system, the  
7 new VRS system. We met with our contracting  
8 officer 2 weeks ago regarding the procurement of  
9 the VRS system. She's reviewed the contract and  
10 commented on the statement of work and other  
11 requirements for the procurement. The goal is  
12 that the state -- that -- her goal is to submit  
13 the documents to the Office of the Attorney  
14 General by September 08th, and then to have the  
15 statement -- the solicitation to hit the streets  
16 for proposals by the 15th of September and to  
17 have it out for a 30-day bid process. Hopefully,  
18 proposals should be back in by the middle of  
19 October so we can get started.

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: The AG's office,  
21 they just -- they just do --

22 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: They --

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- a -- do a  
2 verification for --

3 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: A legal review.

4 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: -- legal  
5 sufficiency?

6 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: That's correct. So,  
7 if this schedule works, we would have proposals  
8 in by the middle of October for the contracting  
9 officer to start reviewing and submitting those  
10 back to us for -- for bid and to make -- to then  
11 schedule the contractors to come -- the vendors,  
12 rather, to come in and make presentations.

13 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Great. Okay.

14 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: So, that's the  
15 status of that. It's -- it's a long process --

16 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Sure.

17 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: -- but at least we  
18 know it's moving. And that's it.

19 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: And it will be  
20 worth it.

21 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: Yeah. Okay. That's  
22 it for me.

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Any questions from  
2 the board for Ms. Miller?

3 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: No.

4 MALE SPEAKER: Nope.

5 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay. Mr. McGhie?

6 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Okay, the first  
7 thing I have on my agenda is final rulemaking to  
8 amend three DCMR chapters: 30, 34, 38, and 41.  
9 That is a -- well, that is Office of Campaign  
10 Finance rulemaking. The board adopted that as  
11 proposed rulemaking on August 12th, and it was  
12 published in the D.C. Register on April the --  
13 no, the -- it was published in the D.C. Register  
14 on April 21, 2017. The -- the -- the board  
15 received no comments on the proposed rulemaking,  
16 and we're requesting that the board at this time  
17 adopt it as a final rulemaking.

18 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay. Can I get a  
19 motion to adopt this as final rulemaking?

20 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: I move to adopt this  
21 as final rulemaking.

22 MALE SPEAKER: Second.

1           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: All in favor,  
2 "aye." It's unanimous.

3           MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Okay. All right, the  
4 only thing I have left is a litigation status  
5 update. The first one is One Fair Wage v. the  
6 D.C. Board of Elections & Ethics. As you know,  
7 that was a challenge to the board's initial  
8 ruling that the One Fair Wage initiative did not  
9 have a sufficient number of signatures in order  
10 to have their board continue with the process.

11           They filed a complaint in D.C. Superior  
12 Court. The board had 60 days to answer, so in the  
13 interim, the Office of the General Counsel looked  
14 at the signatures that were excluded and made the  
15 determination that some of them should have been  
16 included in the -- in their petition. And so, we  
17 entered into a joint stipulation with the -- the  
18 proposers for a voluntary dismissal. We filed  
19 that on August 14th, and that's still pending. We  
20 anticipate that the court, at some point, will  
21 just issue an order that -- approving the -- the  
22 voluntary dismissal.

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

2 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: Other two matters  
3 are for Office of Campaign Finance petitions for  
4 enforcement. The first one, Carter I, was to  
5 enforce a \$1,750 fine. The other one, Worthy, was  
6 to enforce a fine of \$2,000. We presented our  
7 petition to the court. The court granted our --  
8 our order, and so we now have a judgement for  
9 those two amounts, and we're going to be filing a  
10 -- a recording on judgment in -- with the  
11 recorder of deeds today.

12 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

13 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: The only other one  
14 is -- is Carter II, and we still have to present  
15 that to Superior Court for a judgment on that  
16 one.

17 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

18 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: And that would  
19 conclude --

20 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT:

21 MR. KENNETH MCGHIE: -- my litigation  
22 status update.

1           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay. Any  
2 questions? Ms. Lewis, Mr. -- Mr. Gill?

3           MR. MICHAEL GILL: Nope.

4           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay. Ms.  
5 Montgomery.

6           MS. CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes, good  
7 morning. I would also like to place on the public  
8 record that the Office of Campaign Finance is  
9 also scheduled to relocate to 1015 Half Street,  
10 Southeast, Washington, D.C., during the summer of  
11 2018. And so, we are in the process of getting  
12 ready for that move, and as -- as soon as we know  
13 more definitively about the exact time of the  
14 relocation, we will make sure to give advance  
15 notice to the public through our website and also  
16 through various other means, through our public  
17 training, as well.

18           But as far as I know, in terms of our  
19 discussions with the Department of General  
20 Services, it will not occur until sometime during  
21 the summer of 2018. In fact, I was told probably  
22 closer to the latter part of the summer of 2018.

1 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Okay.

2 MS. ALICE P. MILLER: During the month of  
3 August -- I previously reported, at the August  
4 board meeting, that July the 31st was the  
5 deadline for the filing of the Report of Receipts  
6 and Expenditures for our principle campaign  
7 committees, our political action committees, and  
8 our independent expenditure committees, but at  
9 the time of the August meeting, I did not have  
10 the exact numbers in terms of the filers for that  
11 report date, and I do have those at this time.

12 We have 126 required filers. We had --  
13 and of that number, that is broken down to  
14 represent 67 principal campaign committees and 59  
15 political action committees. One hundred and nine  
16 of the required filers timely filed. We had four  
17 requests for extensions, which were granted. We  
18 had 17 failures to file and 17 -- and those 17  
19 were referred to the Office of the General  
20 Counsel for the initiation of the enforcement  
21 process. With the electronic filing, all 109 of  
22 the timely filers did electronically file their



1 Reports of Receipts and Expenditures with us, and  
2 as well, they certified their filings. Eight of  
3 the principal campaign committee filings were  
4 termination reports.

5 In terms of the actual referrals to the  
6 Office of the General Counsel, the following  
7 principal campaign committees were referred:  
8 Toliver for Ward 4, Emily Gumpert, Treasurer;  
9 Patterson for Ward 8, Jacque Patterson,  
10 Treasurer; Zukerberg for Attorney General, Lenox  
11 Ramsey, Treasurer; Friends of Leon T. Andrews,  
12 Jr. 2016, Ernest Williams, Treasurer; Drew for  
13 DC, Kimberly Higginbotham, Treasurer; Holmes for  
14 Ward 8, Stephen Seh, Treasurer; Committee to  
15 Elect Natalie Williams, Natalie Williams,  
16 Treasurer; Carter At-Large 2014, Christian  
17 Carter, Treasurer; Committee to Elect Khalid  
18 Pitts 2014, Khalid Pitts, Candidate; Justin Green  
19 At-Large, Justin Green, Treasurer; Sheila Bunn  
20 for Ward 8, Rachel Richards, Treasurer; Lannette  
21 Woodruff for School Board, Lamont Harrell,  
22 Treasurer; Yes for Lillian Perdomo, Lorraine

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1 Wilison -- Wilson, Treasurer; Committee to Elect  
2 Jacque Patterson 2016 -- I'm sorry, Lamont  
3 Harrell, Treasurer.

4           With respect to the political action  
5 committees who failed to timely file or to file  
6 their Report of Receipts and Expenditures, there  
7 were three: Gertrude Stein Democratic Club  
8 Political Action Committee, Jessica Pierce,  
9 Treasurer; D.C. Recovery Act for Living  
10 Descendants of American Slaves, John Cheeks,  
11 Treasurer; 2017 Committee to Recall Mayor Muriel  
12 Bowser, Victor (coughing) Honey, Treasurer.  
13 Excuse me. The names of the political action  
14 committees and their treasurers will appear at  
15 our website, as well.

16           During the month of August, in terms of  
17 new candidates and committees who have registered  
18 to participate in the 2018 election cycle are the  
19 following: Greg Boyd, City Council, Ward 1,  
20 registered on August 02, 2017; Sheika Nikole  
21 Reid, Reid 4 Ward 1 2018, City Council, Ward 1,  
22 registered on August 09, 2017; James Butler,

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1 Committee to Elect James Butler for Mayor,  
2 registered on August 18, 2017.

3 We held one entrance conference during  
4 the month of August, and that was held on August  
5 the 16th, and the attendant -- the participants  
6 were: Sheika Nikole Reid, Candidate, Reid 4 Ward  
7 1 2018; Margaret Ntambi, Treasurer, Reid 4 Ward 1  
8 2018; Latisha Atkins, Treasurer, Ward 7  
9 Democrats. And also, their names will be  
10 published at our website, as well.

11 In our Audit Branch during the month of  
12 August, the Audit Branch conducted approximately  
13 108 -- I'm sorry, 114 -- 114 desk reviews of  
14 reports filed by our PACs, as well as our  
15 Constituent Service Funds, and as well as by our  
16 ongoing principal campaign committees. With our  
17 ongoing audits, we have one field audit, and  
18 that's of a newly elected official, Vince Gray  
19 2016.

20 With our periodic random audits for our  
21 candidates in the upcoming 2018 election cycle,  
22 we initiated a periodic random audit of the July

1 31, 2017, filing. The audit notification letters  
2 were issued on August 21, 2017, for Brianne for  
3 DC 2018; Carley for Ward 5, 2017 Council;  
4 Committee to Elect Lori Parker for DC Council.

5 Also, we initiated periodic random audits  
6 of our -- of three of our political action  
7 committees of the July 31, 2017, report. The  
8 audit notification letters were issued on August  
9 the 21st. The PACs are: the Metropolitan  
10 Political Action Committee, the Republican  
11 Committee DC, and DC Legal.

12 We issued one audit during the month of  
13 August, and that was of a constituent service  
14 program, the Citizen's Outreach Fund, and the  
15 audit report issued on August 31, 2017, and it is  
16 available at our website for review by members of  
17 the public.

18 And I will ask the general counsel,  
19 William Sanford, to give the report of the Office  
20 of the General Counsel for the Office of Campaign  
21 Finance.

22 MR. WILLIAM SANFORD: Good afternoon, Mr.

1 Chairman and distinguished board members. My name  
2 is William Sanford, General Counsel for the  
3 Office of Campaign Finance. During the month of  
4 August, the Office of General Counsel received 17  
5 referrals. There were no informal hearings  
6 conducted, and no fines were imposed, and no  
7 fines were collected.

8           During the month of August 2017, the  
9 Office of the General Counsel maintained a total  
10 of three open investigations, and they included  
11 the following: OCF Full Investigation 2013-013,  
12 Lee Calhoun, respondent; infraction, campaign  
13 contribution violations. That investigation was  
14 internally generated.

15           The second investigation is OCF Full  
16 Investigation 2013-014, also internally  
17 generated. The respondent was Stanley Straughter.  
18 The infraction, again, was campaign contribution  
19 violations.

20           And the final open investigation is OCF  
21 Full Investigation 2013-015, internally  
22 generated. The respondent in this matter was

1 Jeffrey Thompson, and that was also for campaign  
2 contribution violations.

3           During the month of August 2017, the  
4 Office of the General Counsel issued 1  
5 interpretive opinion. The requester was Beverly  
6 Perry, Executive Assistant to the Mayor of the  
7 District of Columbia. It was submitted -- a  
8 request was submitted on August 04th, and the  
9 issue was regarding the creation of a D.C.  
10 Statehood portal. And that opinion was issued on  
11 August 15, 2017, and is available at the Office  
12 of Campaign Finance website.

13           During the month of August 2017, there  
14 were no show cause proceedings conducted by the  
15 Office of the General Counsel, and that should  
16 conclude my report.

17           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Ms. Montgomery?

18           MS. CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: And that  
19 concludes the report of the Office of Campaign  
20 Finance.

21           MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Any questions from  
22 the board?

1 MS. DIONNA LEWIS: No.

2 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Any public matters,  
3 questions regarding reports?

4 (No audible response)

5 MR. MICHAEL BENNETT: Meeting is  
6 adjourned. Thank you.

7 (Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.)

8 (Off the record.)