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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY
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The District of Columbia Board of Elections convened in Suite 750, 1015 Half Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., 20003, pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m., D. Michael Bennett, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. MICHAEL BENNETT, Chair
MIKE GILL, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

ALICE P. MILLER, Executive Director
TERRI D. STROUD, ESQ., General Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Director,
Office of Campaign Finance
WILLIAM SANFORD, ESQ., General Counsel,
Office of Campaign Finance
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(10:36 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: It is 10:36. This is the first meeting of 2020 of the DC Board of Elections. So welcome and thank you for coming.

I call the meeting to order. The first thing on the agenda is to determine the quorum. Board has three members. We will have a third member very soon.

The two of us are here. We need two to make a quorum. Myself and Mr. Gill are here so we have a quorum and can begin the meeting and take action.

The next thing on the agenda is the adoption of the agenda for the day and the approval of the minutes from the December 5 Board meeting.

And so Mr. Gill, I'd like to do those at the same time. If you can give me a motion to approve the agenda for today and the minutes from the December meeting I'd appreciate it.

MEMBER GILL: I make a motion to
approve today's agenda and the minutes from
Thursday, December 5.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: The motion is
properly made, accepted. And I second. And so
that's unanimous. The minutes -- the agenda for
today and the minutes from the last meeting are
hereby approved.

And Board matters. Do you have any
Board matters, Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: No, I do not.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I have only one and
that is what I alluded to earlier is that on
yesterday I believe it was the Council confirmed
the nomination of Karyn Greenfield to be a member
of this Board.

She has not been sworn in yet, but my
guess is between now and the February meeting she
will be sworn in and we will have a new Board
member in February.

So looking forward to that and having
a full complement for 2020 of the Board.

Item number 5 on the agenda is
Ms. Cecily Montgomery, director of Office of Campaign Finance, your report.

MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes. Good morning. The first thing I wanted to report is that in the Fair Elections Program Division during the month of December we had two new candidates who registered for the program.

The first was on December 15, 2019 and that is the Committee to Elect Jeanne Lewis for City Council at-large.

On December 23 the Committee to Elect Mario Cristaldo at-large Council member registered.

They at this point -- Jeanne Lewis was the 23rd candidate to register in the program, and Mario Cristaldo was the 24th candidate to register in the program.

We have 11 candidates at this time who are registered in the traditional campaign finance program.

During the month of December we also
authorized seven matching payments and one base amount to candidates who are certified in the program in the total sum of $128,499.50.

And also the names of those candidates and the amounts of the payment amounts as well as the approval date and also the reports to which those matching funds referred will be listed in our staff at the end of the day.

On December 31, 2019 we certified the seventh candidate in the Fair Elections Program. That is Yilin Zhang for Ward 2. And she was certified as a participating candidate.

We issued three status reports for candidates who have indicated intent to seek certification in the Fair Elections Program.

And that was for the Committee to Elect Renee Bowser, Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7, and Daniel Hernandez for Ward 2.

But the threshold to date have not been met by those candidates.

There was no community outreach during the month of December.
During the month of December also the Fair Elections Program conducted 18 desk reviews and also issued three requests for additional information letters as a result of their review of the December 10, 2019 R&E reports.

Again, as a result of the total amounts that have been issued during Fiscal Year 2020 as of this date we have basically directed the payment for $202,401.05 with respect to matching payments which qualified for match to the seven candidates who were previously certified and to the newly certified candidate including the base amount.

Also, there is one referral to the Office of the General Counsel from the FEP program and that is on December 19, 2019. And that was with respect to Green from Ward 7 Principal Campaign Committee.

In the Public Information and Records Management Division there were two filing dates during the month of December.

The first was for the Legal Defense
Committee and that report of receipts and
expenditures was due on December 2, 2019. And
the report was in fact timely filed.

With respect to our principal campaign
committees and our political action committees
December 10 was the filing deadline for the
report of receipts and expenditures.

We had 60 required filers, and 53
timely file, and there were 7 referrals to the
Office of the General Counsel.

In our Fair Elections Program
principal campaign committees December 10 is also
a filing deadline for the report of receipts and
expenditures.

We had 11 required filers, 10 timely
filed. We had one late filer, and one request
for an extension. And there was one referral to
the Office of the General Counsel.

With our independent expenditure
committees, again December 10 was the deadline
for the filing of the report of receipts and
expenditures.
We had six required filers, five timely filers, and one failure to file. This was referred to the Office of the General Counsel.

In total there were nine referrals to the Office of the General Counsel and the names of those committees will be listed in our stats at the end of today at the OCF website.

We have new candidates and committees who registered during the month of December. Jeanne Lewis, Committee to Elect Jeanne Lewis registered on December 15.

Mario Cristaldo, Committee to Elect Mario Cristaldo at-large City Council registered on December 23.

Franklin Garcia, Franklin for DC 2020 at-large City Council registered on December 27.

The Campaign to Decriminalize Nature DC which is an initiative committee registered on December 27, 2019.

We held one entrance conference during the month of December on December 4. There were four participants. Again, the names of those
participants will be listed in our stats at the end of the day at our website.

In the Reports, Analysis and Audit Division for the month of December the audit division conducted 66 desk reviews of reports which had been filed with the agency.

With our ongoing reviews, ongoing audits we have a full field audit of a newly elected official to the State Board of Education as a result of a 2018 general election.

The audit is ongoing. It's the Committee to Elect Zachary Parker 2018 which was initiated in March of 2019.

We have an ongoing periodic random audit, Re-elect Brandon Todd 2020 which was initiated on September 4, 2019.

And that is of an active candidate in the 2020 election cycle. And it is with respect to the July 31, 2019 filing.

We issued two audits during the month of December and they are available at our website for review by members of the public.
The first was Emily for Education, full field audit. It was issued on December 13, 2019.

Phil's Fund Constituent Service Fund which was a periodic random audit was issued on December 13, 2019. And both were compliance audits.

At this time I would ask the General Counsel William Sanford to give the report for the Office of the General Counsel in the Office of Campaign Finance.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you.

MR. SANFORD: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and distinguished Board Member Gill. My name is William Sanford and I am the general counsel for the Office of Campaign Finance.

During the month of December 2019 the Office of the General Counsel received nine referrals which included the following.

One referral of a principal campaign committee, six referrals of political action committees, one referral of an independent
expenditure committee, and one referral of a fair
elections committee.

During the month of December 2019 the
Office of General Counsel issued one order and a
full investigation, imposed a fine of $4,000.

The fine of $4,000 was imposed against
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Daniel
Warwick, Aaron Landry, Randy Downs, Matthew
Sampson, Mike Silverstein, and Kari Cunningham
collectively.

That is subject to being reduced to a
$1,000 fine if the commissioners complete ethics
training with BEGA, the Board of Ethics and
Government Accountability within 60 days, or
within a schedule that has been prescribed by
BEGA.

During the month of December 2019 the
Office of the General Counsel completed the
investigation of the six named commissioners.

The full investigation docket number
was OCF-FY2019-001. The complainant was Edward
Hanlon. The date of the submission of the
complaint was September 5. Investigation was completed on the 2nd of December and the order was issued on December 17.

During the month of December 2019 the Office of the General Counsel received one request for an objective opinion. The requestor was Jordan Grossman.

That request was submitted to the office on the 13th of December, 2019. And the issue in the request was campaign expenditures related to attendance at local events.

And that request is pending and will be issued within the 30-day prescribed period.

And during the month of December 2019 there were no show cause proceedings. And that should conclude my report.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you, Mr. Sanford. Ms. Montgomery?

MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes, that concludes the report of the Office of Campaign Finance.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you. I don't
have any questions so we're good.

Next on the agenda is the report from
the executive director, Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER:  Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The first item on our agenda is the request that
the Board certify the vacancy in the Ward 2
member of the Council which we received notice
yesterday, Tuesday, January 7 of the Ward 2
member's intent to resign.

At this point the Board needs to
declare the seat vacant. The vacant seat is
effective based on notice of resignation on
January 17. The Board has five days within which
to declare the seat vacant so I would ask the
Board to have a motion to declare the Ward 2 seat
member of the Council vacant, certified vacant.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Just to be
clear, I received notice yesterday in writing
from Councilmember Jack Evans that he was
resigning his seat as Ward 2 chair -- sorry. As
Ward 2 member effective January 17.

Even though the effective date of his
resignation is January 17 we have five days --
based on the law we have five days to certify the
vacancy from the date of the notice which was
yesterday.

So, Mr. Gill, can you give me a motion
to certify?

MEMBER GILL: Based on that letter
that we received I make a motion to certify the
seat vacant.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Motion has
been properly made. I second. So I need to make
a public vote. Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: Aye.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And I go to aye as
well. So it's unanimous, the two Board members.

Ward 2 Councilmember or the Council
seat for Ward 2 is officially vacant.

MS. MILLER: Having certified the seat
vacant I would now request the Board to move
forward and schedule a special election.

The request is that the special
election to be conducted on June 16 to fill the
vacancy in the Ward 2 Council seat.

This complies with the law which provides that the Board has 174 days to hold a special election to fill a vacated seat.

So the date that I'm asking the Board to certify the special election for is June 16, 2020.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Prior to getting a motion on that, just to be real clear, we are -- we have a range in terms of time period in which we have to have a special election.

The law doesn't make any distinction relative to the fact that we have -- that this is an election year anyway and that there's a primary scheduled for June 2.

So the way it will work is there will be a primary election to fill a number of seats which includes Ward 2, the Councilmember from Ward 2. That election will take place, that primary election will take place on June 2.

And then there will be a general election in November, the first Tuesday in
November that will also be the general election for that particular seat.

However, the law requires that we have a special election to fill that seat for the remainder of the current term that Mr. Evans is sitting.

And so the election to fill that seat for the remainder of the term will be June 16. So the person that wins that election will be the Councilmember for Ward 2 from that point in time through December -- or January 1 of 2021.

And then whoever wins the general election in 2020 in November will take over and be the Councilmember for that ward going forward as of January 2 when they're sworn in.

I wanted to make sure that we had that on the record. So if I could get a motion for the special election.

MEMBER GILL: I move that we accept the date of June 16 as requested for the special election for Ward 2.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. It's been
properly moved. I second. And for a public
vote, Mr. Gill.

MEMBER GILL:  Aye.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT:  And I vote aye as
well so it's unanimous that there will be a
special election to fill the vacancy created by
the resignation of Councilmember Jack Evans for
Ward 2. There will be a special election on June
16 of 2020.

Ms. Miller?

MS. MILLER:  The other matter is just
generally that petitions will be available. Mr.
Chairman, do you want me to go through some of
that?

CHAIRMAN BENNETT:  Yes.

MS. MILLER:  We'll have them available
on the 15th of January which is next Wednesday.
But you have some other things that you want to
walk through.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT:  I'm just going to
walk through some highlights, highlights of dates
between now and June 16 just for the record.
There will be a full listing on the website for both the Office of Campaign Finance and the Board of Elections by the end of the day. It's all the dates for the filings and the dates for participation in the Fair Elections Program and all that. It will be on the website by the end -- on both websites by the end of the day.

And the information on both websites will be the same. You'll have a full set of dates that will include those interactions with the Board of Elections on the Office of Campaign Finance, and you'll have the same set of dates that will be on the Board of Elections website that will include those filing deadlines and activities for the Office of Campaign Finance.

So just for the record to make sure that we have it down today is yesterday, Tuesday, January 7, we received notice of the resignation of Jack Evans as Ward 2 Councilmember.

We have five days in which to declare the vacancy. Today we declared the -- certified
the vacancy of the Ward 2 Councilmember spot.

And the -- sorry. Okay. And then we
set the date for the special election on June 16.

From the Office of Campaign Finance
perspective today is the first day of the special
election cycle and the Fair Election Program
qualifying period for the special election.

And that begins on the day the special
election is called which is today.

On Friday is the first optional filing
date for candidates seeking certification until
certification is achieved in the Fair Elections
Program for the special election.

Wednesday, January 15 is the deadline
for which the Board must make nominating
petitions available. So nominating petitions
available for the special election will be
available on Wednesday, January 15.

On March 18 is the deadline to file
nominating petitions for the special election.

And March 18 is also the last day of
qualified candidates seeking certification in the
Fair Elections Program for the special election.

March 21 through March 30 is the period nominating petitions are posted for a challenge. That's the official challenge period.

And like I said, March 30, the challenge period ends at 5 p.m.

March 30 is also the optional filing date for participating candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program.

April 10 is the mandatory filing deadline for participating candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program.

And as I said earlier the actual election -- there are a lot of other dates that will be on the website, but the actual special election will be on June 16. So I wanted to make sure that those dates and items were on the record.

MS. MILLER: If I may just one other thing. With respect to the nominating petitions for this special election there's a requirement of 500 signatures of registered qualified
electors residing in Ward 2.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Any other items that we had -- that you think should make special note for the record, Ms. Montgomery?

MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes. The only thing that I would add is for candidates who are seeking to participate in the Fair Elections Program as a result of the vacancy created for the special election that the requirements, the threshold requirements would be and are that they obtain at least 150 qualified small dollar contributions from residents of the District of Columbia which in aggregate total $5,000 or more and that the contribution limit for the Office of Member of the Council electors from a ward is $50.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, thank you. Mr. Gill? Ms. Stroud, anything you wanted to add?

MS. STROUD: No, I think you listed all the dates that are essential to know.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Ms. Miller,
I'll give it back to you for you to finish your report.

MS. MILLER: Thank you. The second item on my agenda is the final polling place relocation of Precinct 105. I ask Mr. Budoo to come forward to present that to the Board.

MR. BUDOO: Good morning. Arlin Budoo, facility operations manager for the Board of Elections.

In December I submitted to the Board a potential relocation of Precinct 105 from the Benning Park Recreation Center located at 5100 Southern Avenue SE to the new St. John Baptist Church located at 5228 Call Place SE. They'll be using the fellowship hall.

This will be a temporary location while C.W. Harris is still undergoing renovations. This precinct was relocated prior to the 2018 primary election.

So I will request that the Board make this request final for the relocation of Precinct 105.
MEMBER GILL: I make a motion to accept the recommendation.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: The motion has been properly made and received. Mr. Budoo, the only question I have is this is going back to St. John's Baptist Church?

MR. BUDOO: No.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: This is a new space, right?

MR. BUDOO: This is a new space. We were in C.W. Harris which was closed for scheduled renovations. And we relocated to the Benning Park Recreation Center.

And then that site is now getting ready to undergo scheduled renovations so we had to relocate from that site as well.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So going back to the original site is not an option.

MR. BUDOO: Not an option right now.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. And we've already considered the ADA issues around that.

MR. BUDOO: I have. I have not had a
chance to take Ms. Terrica Jennings over for her
to do her review on it.

But I'm quite sure that there will be
-- if there is an issue. It's a ground level
entrance to the facility. It's an open space
there.

There are ADA accessible restrooms.
But she still has to do her final survey as well.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. I'll -- I
second the motion and consider it a unanimous
approval of the move.

However, if for some reason or another
Ms. Jennings and her program have an issue then
the expectation is that you come back to the
Board.

MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great.

Thanks.

(Simultaneous speaking.)

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And what I'd like
to do is at least since we don't have Ms.
Jennings' final review of that, at least at the
next Board meeting if you could report that it is consistent with ADA requirements.

MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, thank you.

So go forward please. Unanimous approval. Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: While we're talking about polling places on December 3 the Council formally adopted and established by resolution Precinct 144.

So beginning with the June 2 primary we will operate 144 precincts, 1 additional precinct than we've had in the past. We're moving from 143 to 144. So we're grateful for that.

Outreach for the month of December. Staff participated in nine outreach events. All those were listed on our website.

They included voter education events such as the high school voter education drives at Duke Ellington, Luke Moore High School, voter registration drives and election worker
recruiting events at Georgetown Neighborhood Library and other such events.

The June 2, 2020 primary is upon us.

For that election nominating petitions will be available this Friday, January 10. And the deadline to file petitions are March 4.

I do want to say that we haven't had any response yet from the schools regarding closure for the June primary. I know the Council has been consistent with trying to get some information on that.

So as of this moment the schools as far as we know will still be open. That concludes my report.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions, Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: No questions.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Item number seven, general counsel's report.

MS. STROUD: Good morning. Before I give the general counsel's report I wanted to acknowledge and introduce Ms. Tanisha Erskine who
joins us as of this past Monday. Please stand up, Tanisha. She's our new paralegal in the Office of the General Counsel.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great, thank you. Welcome.

MS. STROUD: My -- the only item on my agenda is litigation status. The five cases are the same as they have been.

The first is William V. Hunt v. the Board. This is a matter in which Mr. Hunt requested that the Board count the write-in votes cast in Mayoral contest in the November 2018 general election which the Board was not required to do.

Briefing in that case is complete and we're awaiting the court's order on the Board's motion to dismiss.

The next case is Butler v. Board. This matter is an action for a writ of mandamus to compel the Board to accept the DC term limits campaign initiative as a proper subject.

The Board filed a motion for summary
judgment on November 21, 2019 and it was supposed to be cross motions that were filed by the Board and the plaintiff.

The plaintiff did not file a motion for summary judgment, and the court had indicated that it would issue a decision on the dispositive motions on December 23, but it has not to date.

The next case is Graham v. the Board. And this matter involves the Board's appeal of a permanent injunction entered by the Superior Court which prohibits the Board from taking any action on the Referendum 8 Presentation.

Briefing in this case is complete and the DC Court of Appeals has ordered that the case be scheduled for oral argument as soon as the calendar permits.

Cases 4 and 5 are Philip Hammond v. the Board and Robin Marlin v. the Board.

These matters involve appeals of Board orders finding no vacancies -- of resolutions issued by ANC 7B which found no vacancies in single member district 7B04 and 7B05.
These matters have been consolidated. The appellants were to have filed their brief in the matter on December 16. They did do that, but they did not file an appendix.

And on January 3 the court issued an order giving the appellants an additional 15 days to file an appendix and warned that failure to do so could result in dismissal. And that is the litigation status for this month, the past month.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions, Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: No questions.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: None from me. Any other items, Ms. Stroud?

MS. STROUD: No, that's it.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Have you announced the -- are you on the website with regard to the hearing next month?

MS. STROUD: That's not on the agenda yet.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. All right.

Great. We'll move on.
Now is the point for public matters.

I and Mr. Gill will stay here and hear from members of the public if there are any.

And no disrespect, but the chair will have to depart in a few minutes. So at this point in time are there any public matters that need to come up for the Board today?

MR. SINDRAM: Yes, Mr. Chair. Michael Sindram, disabled veteran who served our country more than most. How are you?

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I'm good, sir.

MR. SINDRAM: Mr. Gill, we have an elephant in the room. Mr. Sanford, I've got a question for you. You indicated December 19 you sent a Green referral to the GC. What's that about?

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Green referral to the general counsel.

MR. SINDRAM: December 19th.

MR. SANFORD: I don't recall sending any Green thing referred to the Office of General Counsel.
CHAIRMAN BENNETT: He doesn't recall what you're referring to, Mr. Sindram.

MR. SINDRAM: You made a litany of names. One of them was Green, indicating on December 19th there was a referral to the GC. And then my additional question is, too --

MR. SANFORD: Go ahead, Mr. Sindram.

I'm not sure what you're referring to.

MR. SINDRAM: I'm referring to your representation on the record at the open Board meeting here today that on December 19th you mentioned the name Green. There was a referral to the general counsel. Do you want to go back and play the tape and listen to what you said? That's question number one.

Question number two, you indicated a litany of ANC commissioners, I believe out of Ward 7. And the ultimate fines imposed of $1,000 ethics training. And I'd like to get a handle briefly on what that's about. You didn't really specify as to what went down.

MR. SANFORD: Mr. Sindram, first of
all, it was the director who referred to the referral of Green to the Office of General Counsel from the Fair Elections Program. That was not part of my report. But that was a referral for non-compliance with the rules that govern the Fair Elections Program. I hope that answers your question regarding Mr. Green.

MR. SINDRAM: Yes, thank you. And then you indicated a litany of ANC commissioners.

MR. SANFORD: Okay. I think I know what you're referring. And I will not go into great detail on this because I think I did explain it.

The office received a complaint from a Mr. Edward Hanlon in Ward 2 against several commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners in the same ward. And we conducted the full investigation and issued an order regarding the complaint.

The complaint was that those commissioners were involved in the improper use of government resources. And we made a
determination that they had engaged in certain activity that could be construed as such and we imposed a fine of $4,000 and determined that that fine would be subject to a reduction to a $1,000 fine if they attended ethics training before the BEGA, the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability.

MR. SINDRAM: Gotcha. Thank you. Thank you. There was from the general counsel indicating the Butler matter, summary judgment.

MR. SANFORD: You mean the Board's general counsel.

MR. SINDRAM: Yes. Not to be confused with you, Mr. Sanford. But thank you again for your clarification.

To the Board general counsel, you indicated about a live case, the Butler matter, involving term limits.

Keep in mind, Mr. Chair, we the people weighed in on this in 1992. And I know Jack Evans was at the forefront not to have term limits so he could be Councilman for life. But
now see how that panned out. He's gone. See ya, glad I'm not gonna be ya.

But we're back to the term limit issue. We've already weighed in. We've already decided this. Res judicata, collateral estoppel. Why do we keep going round and round? It reminds me, Mr. Chair, when we had a hearing on Evans and a lady came forward and she says, why are we keeping discussing this? Evans' lawyer drags this on and on and on. And like yesterday the Council. Great, you have a hearing again. We can weigh in which, we've already done, and get rid of him. He should have been gone long ago and far away.

But the residuals of his unjust enrichment, of his violations of law remain. And one of them is, again, term limits. We the people, the sovereign body, weighed in. So why is not our decision honored?

You've indicated repeatedly, Mr. Chair, as also -- we need an elephant in the room. We want get people to weigh in. But when
we weigh in and we speak and it falls on tin
ears, why waste our effort? It doesn't make
sense.

And then one final question for you,
Mr. Chair, on the filling of the third position
there on the Board. Is there an update?

MEMBER GILL: So, the chairman's left,
Michael, but there is an update. The third Board
member was confirmed by the Council and we are
awaiting that Board member being officially sworn
in. But it's our expectation that we will have a
full quorum next month.

MR. SINDRAM: What is the name of that
Board member?

MEMBER GILL: Karyn Greenfield.

MR. SINDRAM: What is it?

MEMBER GILL: Karyn Greenfield.

MR. SINDRAM: Briefly, any idea on her
background, where she's coming from?

MEMBER GILL: Well, I had the
opportunity to meet her a couple of times through
email. I haven't met her in person, but I
believe the confirmation hearing would have her
full testimony.

MS. STROUD: And her confirmation
resolution, which would have her background
information, is available from the Council
website.

MR. SINDRAM: Okay.

MEMBER GILL: If she's on our Board,
she's an esteemed and distinguished individual.

MS. STROUD: Absolutely.

MR. SINDRAM: We'll wait until the
honeymoon is over. But in any event, has the
Council set a confirmation date for her
confirmation?

MEMBER GILL: She's confirmed. I
don't believe there is a swearing in date yet,
that we're aware of, but we're expecting it
relatively soon.

MR. SINDRAM: Gotcha. And then last
but not least, we need an elephant in the room.

Competition is good. The elephant and the
donkey. We need the elephant. Are you with me?
Silence is not golden.

MEMBER GILL: We are listening to your comments.

MR. SINDRAM: Well, I hope you're not only listening but acting. Like the word says. Show me your faith by your works. Faith without works is dead. We need an elephant in the room. And to make it more accommodating and user friendly for all. Right now, in D.C., we know the donkey -- the ass and the donkey carry the day. And we don't even have an election. We just have a primary. The primary determines, based upon Democratic candidate, the winner. And people, again, we're not stupid. We see this and we say, well, why bother going to the polling facility, whatever else, because it's already determined, predetermined, if you will? So, help me help you help us. Change that. Make it happen. We need an elephant in the room.

MEMBER GILL: All right. Thank you, sir.
MR. SINDRAM: Yes, sir.

MEMBER GILL: And with that and no other public matters for the Board I will call the meeting adjourned. Thanks, everyone.

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