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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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The District of Columbia Board of
Elections convened via Video Conference,
pursuant to notice at 9:07 a.m. EDT, Gary
Thompson, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY THOMPSON, Chair
MIKE GILL, Member
KARYN GREENFIELD, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

MONICA HOLMAN EVANS, Director
TERRI STROUD, General Counsel
CHRISTINE PEMBROOK, Sr. Staff Attorney
MARISSA CORRENTE, Registrar

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2 9:07 a.m.

3 MR. THOMPSON: All right, well, we're
4 going to go ahead and start the meeting.

5 My name is Gary Thompson, the chair of
6 the Board of Elections. Hopefully, everybody can
7 hear me okay.

8 MR. GURLEY: Yes, can you hear me?

9 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, we can hear you.

10 MR. GURLEY: Okay, great.

11 MR. THOMPSON: And with us here today
12 also is Mike Gayle and Karyn Greenfield, the
13 other two Board Members.

14 And so, we have a quorum to proceed
15 with this special meeting to hear two challenges
16 or two appeals to determinations on petitions for
17 the general election.

18 Also, the Executive Director, Monica
19 Holman Evans is on as well as in our BOE our
20 Registrar, Marissa Corrente. And from the Office
21 of General Counsel, Christine Pembroke.

22 We've got two matters to consider, as

1 I mentioned. And we're going to start with Mr.
2 Calvin Gurley's appeal of his petition
3 determination.

4 And first, I'm going to turn it over
5 to Ms. Pembroke to summarize the BOE's
6 determination and then she'll call upon Marissa
7 Corrente to give us some -- the details of the
8 determination.

9 And then, Mr. Gurley, we'll ask you to
10 speak.

11 So, Ms. Pembroke, why don't you go
12 ahead?

13 MS. PEMBROOK: Thank you, Chair
14 Thompson. Good morning everyone.

15 The first matter on the agenda is in
16 re Calvin H. Gurley. Mr. Gurley submitted a
17 petition to be a candidate for the Office of
18 chair of the Council.

19 That petition was reviewed by the
20 Board staff and a determination was made that a
21 preliminary determination, which is a
22 determination as to the face of the petition. We

1 don't really look behind the validity of the
2 signatures.

3 But Mr. Gurley's petition failed to
4 contain a sufficient number of signatures.

5 And he was notified of that
6 determination by letter and he filed a timely
7 filed an appeal of that determination.

8 So, with that, I guess, the Registrar
9 voters can give more background as to the
10 determination as to the number of signatures on
11 his petition.

12 MS. CORRENTE: Sure. So, on Monday,
13 August 15th, we issued the preliminary
14 determination to Mr. Gurley. And we sent it via
15 mail and also emailed it that day as well.

16 And, ultimately, the outcome of the
17 letter was that Mr. Gurley failed to file with
18 the Board the required number of valid signatures
19 according to D.C. Municipal Regulations Title 3,
20 Chapter 1605.3(a) and 1605.4.

21 Though, we have a further breakdown of
22 that. So, Mr. Gurley filed his nominating

1 petition on August 10th and did not meet the
2 minimum signature requirement for the Office of
3 Chair. The minimum requirement to obtain ballot
4 access for this office is 3,000 signatures of
5 registered District voters.

6 In total, with both his initial and
7 supplemental filings, Mr. Gurley's petition
8 appeared to contain 3,052 signatures. However,
9 after the 236 signatures on the 24 petition
10 sheets with incomplete circulator affidavits were
11 discounted, the petition was determined to
12 contain 2,816 signatures.

13 And, Mr. Gurley's sheets also weren't
14 all properly numbered. So, when we went through
15 them, ultimately, we found that there were 24
16 sheets that had incomplete circulator affidavits.

17 And that was a mix of different
18 missing information. Some of it was just missing
19 the circulator date. Some of it was missing the
20 circulator signature. Some of it was the
21 circulator name or address. So, it was a mix of
22 different reasons that the circulator affidavit

1 was incomplete.

2 But, ultimately, it totaled 24 pages
3 and accounted for 236 signatures, which brought
4 Mr. Gurley below the required threshold.

5 MS. PEMBROOK: Chair Thompson, you're
6 on mute.

7 MR. THOMPSON: All right, thank you so
8 much. So, about that, I had a connection issue
9 with my laptop and I'm on with my cell phone now.

10 Thank you so much.

11 Mr. Gurley, we're going to go ahead
12 and hear from you. First, I'd like to swear you
13 in and ask you if -- that you're -- everything
14 that -- your testimony will be truthful.

15 MR. GURLEY: Yes, do I have to raise
16 my hand?

17 MR. THOMPSON: That's okay.

18 Thank you, Mr. Gurley, for being here,
19 I really appreciate you taking the time to
20 explain your appeal before us.

21 So, go ahead, please.

22 MR. GURLEY: Well, thank you for the

1 opportunity. Good morning, everyone. I do
2 appreciate this opportunity.

3 The office of appeals, and the office
4 there, and the new Registrar is thorough. She's
5 doing her job well.

6 I did send in a written appeal to the
7 Chair and the Members will be able to read that.
8 Or you're just going to take oral testimony?

9 MR. THOMPSON: I think both. We've
10 all had a chance to read it and would also like
11 to hear any additional comments you'd like to
12 make.

13 MR. GURLEY: Oh, okay. If you've
14 already read it, then that's great then.

15 And if you note that the written part,
16 I'm just using that, so I won't deviate.

17 Brought up the point and the new
18 Registrar, if she doesn't mind me using her first
19 name, Ms. Melissa, did -- told me the situation
20 whereas the 24 pages did have a problem with the
21 circulator things or that particular portion of
22 the petition page.

1 As I've written in the appeal, that
2 the Board of Elections, when I first came to
3 initiate my campaign, they did vet and do a
4 background, if you can say background check, and
5 validated everything as far as my address, my
6 voter status, that being an independent, I wasn't
7 going to cry. And everything was on record with
8 the Board of Elections.

9 And that, in itself, I would think
10 that the records verified as being a candidate
11 and as a resident of the District. So, there
12 shouldn't be any question as far as in that space
13 of the circulator that I'm a non-resident
14 circulator.

15 I was hoping that the Board would
16 accept that that particular person who signed
17 Calvin Gurley, who's already on record that the
18 signature or the printed name would be acceptable
19 as far as validating that circulator's question
20 if I'm a non-resident or not.

21 I was hoping that either/or if there's
22 a signature then -- and a missing name or a

1 printed name, that the Board would accept that
2 and forgive that and vice versa, if there was a
3 printed name and the signature was missing.

4 As I said, again, I'm on record and I
5 was already vetted that I am a citizen and a
6 registered voter in the District. So, that
7 shouldn't be come into any question.

8 I was hoping if there could be any --
9 so, the leniency is on the Board, I was hoping.

10 But the main situation is the first
11 ground was a new administration and then in the
12 change in procedures and policies in the
13 Registrar's Office.

14 As you know, Ms. Karen Brooks was the
15 BOE with the third floor. As long as I know,
16 since I first ran in my first election, I ran in
17 several. And her name, Ms. Brooks, has become
18 like an institution in her office in which she
19 managed, had many staff people come and go. But
20 she maintained her position there.

21 During this time of Ms. Karen Brooks,
22 and she was the Registrar, the policy and

1 practice for candidates of the submittal span
2 over many years. And the candidates were given
3 an opportunity to submit to one of the Board
4 staff, this is just the old way of Karen, and
5 it's been the way for at least 20 years.

6 That the staffer would take the
7 petition forms and do a cursory review. They do
8 a count. They lightly review and then they'd
9 clarify any ambiguity right in front of the
10 candidate there so there won't be any
11 misinterpretations.

12 And, plus, in thinking back, I think
13 that this particular procedure that Ms. Brooks
14 used reduced the number of potential hearings
15 that we're having right now because those
16 staffers, when they do the cursory review, they
17 would bring out any ambiguities and then the
18 candidate would know that there's something
19 missing or there is something peculiar, something
20 irregular.

21 And, at that particular time, there
22 would be a visual, there would be a situation of

1 transparency.

2 And that is the particular procedure
3 that I came to know, I came to understand, and I
4 came to respect. That was the procedure or
5 office policy of the BOE that was clad in stone
6 and iron that that particular procedure was the
7 standard and would remain the standard for years.

8 So, when many candidates came in
9 through the door at five o'clock, there were, you
10 know, we sat -- they were taken in and given an
11 area in which to wait for the staffer to call
12 them over.

13 In some instances, people came in
14 through the five o'clock time or period of the
15 deadline. And some people came early, like I
16 did, two hours or so. As long as to make sure
17 traffic wouldn't hold you up in getting to the
18 BOE. And, you know how traffic is in D.C., so
19 getting there early, and sometimes, so, you know,
20 and completing their forms and checking their
21 forms also.

22 And numbering and all the

1 requirements, getting your petition grouped
2 together so they could go to Ms. Karen Brooks
3 during her policy there.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Gurley, could I ask
5 you a question?

6 MR. GURLEY: Yes, sir.

7 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you.

8 We're not really enforcing time limits
9 today, no problems. But we don't want to go on
10 too long.

11 MR. GURLEY: Oh, okay.

12 MR. THOMPSON: I was wondering if you
13 could address -- there's a number of circulator
14 signatures that are absent. There's a lot of
15 sheets that don't have the name or the signature
16 of the circulator or the affidavit filled out. I
17 was wondering if you can comment on why there
18 were a number of sheets that lacked those things
19 and, you know, what might you say to cure the --
20 what appears to be a defect in the circulator
21 sheets?

22 MR. GURLEY: I relied upon the old

1 procedure or the old policy of submitting the
2 document. And I relied on that pretty heavily
3 that there would be a transparency, cursory
4 review with the staffer there and witnessing it,
5 bringing out or allowing me to cure those
6 petitions.

7 So, as I put it in the statement, Ms.
8 Brooks policy and method of doing the five
9 o'clock, you know, five o'clock deadline is
10 different for different people.

11 Ms. Brooks policy which I had been
12 accustomed to and I respect and came to
13 understand.

14 And Ms. Melissa, neither is wrong or
15 right. It's just, at that particular time, when
16 I walked into the five o'clock on that particular
17 day on the tenth, that I was anticipating, and
18 when I got there, I got there pretty early, Ms.
19 Melissa can let you know, at least about three
20 o'clock.

21 And I did try to take the time, and I
22 did take the time to count and make sure that

1 each page was numbered and the circulator was
2 filled out.

3 I was hoping that that particular
4 procedure in which the staffers were there, that
5 when they did do the cursory review that those
6 particular shortages or shortfalls would be
7 caught so I could cure it. And that was the
8 pretty much the practice at that time.

9 But now, I understand that when you
10 get there, file on the deadline or earlier, that
11 you just surrender.

12 MR. THOMPSON: So, let me just ask
13 this question. If they -- if someone had looked
14 at your sheets and immediately pointed out the
15 defects in several of them, missing circulator
16 signatures, et cetera --

17 MR. GURLEY: Yes.

18 MR. THOMPSON: -- what -- would you
19 have been able to cure the defect immediately
20 with -- I mean, how would you have gotten the
21 correct circulator signature and date and address
22 on each of the sheets where it was missing?

1 MR. GURLEY: Oh, I was the circulator
2 for each one of those 3,052 signatures. Okay? I
3 had the normal form that my wife performed, but I
4 did the majority of that 3,000. I was the
5 circulator.

6 I didn't have the money, and I did
7 have people to volunteer to help me, but they
8 never came through. So, I was left with the task
9 of circulating most of that. I did have help
10 from my wife, as I told you, and a neighbor up
11 the street.

12 But aside from that, the ones that,
13 the 24 or the 20 are solely mine. And she said,
14 either saw my name, probably not the printed name
15 or you saw the signature and perhaps not the
16 address. But there was an identifier on that
17 particular circulator that did identify that
18 street being on the account of Calvin Gurley.

19 Yes, at the time that -- if in the old
20 practice, yes, there would be time to cure that,
21 that being, you know, once you are in the office,
22 the Registrar's Office after five, that they

1 would ask you, are you through verifying and
2 reviewing your pages or your submittals.

3 And they said, they, that being the
4 staff with Ms. Karen, allowed for that time to be
5 used as they were, I guess, reviewing everyone
6 else, and they would allow you to cure your
7 submittals.

8 MR. THOMPSON: So, there are 24 sheets
9 with missing information regarding the
10 circulator. And you're saying that if you were
11 given the opportunity when you came in, you would
12 -- you personally would have signed each one
13 where it was missing and added your name, added
14 your address, completed the affidavit?

15 MR. GURLEY: Yes, I would have
16 completed it, yes, if I was given time. But, as
17 I said, there's two different systems here and at
18 that particular time, I was asked to surrender
19 those particular.

20 And I do appreciate that the time, you
21 know, I surrendered around, I think it was 5:15
22 or so, 5:15, 5:20. By the time they finished,

1 they being the office, finished the count, it was
2 about 5:20, 5:25 I believe.

3 But I surrendered it around 5:15. And
4 from 5:15 to around 5:15 to 5:25, ten minutes,
5 the staff took the particular bundle and took it
6 with them and they counted it to make sure the
7 numbers were there.

8 And there was no, as I said, in the
9 past, there was no cursory type of review. There
10 was no -- and personal, visual candidate and
11 staffer as far as reviewing each one page and
12 making sure that everything was legit and
13 everything was complete.

14 But that's the old Karen Brooks way
15 and now, you know, it's the new one.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Let me just, you know,
17 set aside the -- your experience with the former
18 Registrar or anything else.

19 I guess what I'm asking is, as you sit
20 here today under oath, you're testifying that you
21 personally were the circulator on each of these
22 24 sheets?

1 MR. GURLEY: Yes.

2 MR. THOMPSON: And sometimes, you
3 forgot to sign them. But you're testifying to
4 that today?

5 MR. GURLEY: Yes.

6 MR. THOMPSON: And, just for the
7 record, what is your address?

8 MR. GURLEY: My address is 612
9 Underwood Street, Northwest.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

11 MR. GURLEY: Washington, D.C. 20012.

12 MR. THOMPSON: All right.

13 And you would sign the affidavit? I'm
14 sure you're familiar with the affidavit that's on
15 the circulator sheet, you would sign onto the
16 terms of that affidavit as well?

17 MR. GURLEY: Yes, yes, yes, sir.

18 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

19 All right, well, I think I understand

20 --

21 MS. EVANS: Mr. Chairman?

22 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, go ahead.

1 MS. EVANS: Yes, good morning.

2 Just a question for Mr. Gurley. Did
3 you receive a copy of our circulating and filing
4 nominating petitions guidelines that outline the
5 responsibilities of the candidates? Did you
6 receive that when you picked up your petitions
7 that outlined the current?

8 You keep referring to the former
9 process and I can't speak to what Ms. Brooks
10 said, but we did provide candidates with the
11 process as it stands with all of the
12 responsibilities for filing nominating petitions
13 and supporting documents.

14 And I was just curious to know if you
15 received that document?

16 Thank you.

17 MR. GURLEY: I'm sure that I did
18 receive it. The Registrar's Office is very
19 thorough in following those particular guidelines
20 and the package. They're very thorough as a
21 routine.

22 So, I have read it many years ago.

1 So, when I do, as I said, this, you know, into a
2 campaign, I'm quite sure that those particular
3 headings are checked off on a check off list.

4 So, it was included, but if there was
5 any new additions or any new news or law that was
6 made to it, I'm quite sure that the Registrar's
7 Office would have told me. But I took it for
8 granted that since I received this before, you
9 know, maybe ten years ago, that it hasn't
10 changed. And I know the language pretty much, so
11 don't review it all the time. I receive a
12 package.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. Any other Board
14 Members have questions for Mr. Gurley?

15 (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

16 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

17 Mr. Gurley, I know you've been on the
18 ballot many times, appreciate your participation
19 and you certainly are familiar with the process,
20 that's clear.

21 MR. GURLEY: Yes.

22 MR. THOMPSON: And that's a lot of

1 signatures to gather. So, you know, I appreciate
2 --

3 MR. GURLEY: Yes, it is kind of
4 monkeypox or whatever else is going on, I had to,
5 I guess, I separate myself from my wife a couple
6 weeks because of being out in the public.

7 I had to give it to all those out
8 there who were gathering signatures because --

9 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

10 MR. GURLEY: -- that new pandemic that
11 came out was serious and we didn't know where it
12 was coming from, but I had to give circulators
13 there to.

14 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. Well, here's
15 what we're going to do, we have another appeal to
16 hear and it also has to do with circulator
17 signatures and information. So, we're going to
18 hear that one.

19 And then we'll go into executive
20 session as a Board and we'll talk about both
21 cases because there's some common issues. And
22 we'll have to talk about the extent to which some

1 defects can be waived and maybe some can't and
2 then we'll make a determination.

3 MR. GURLEY: All right, thank you,
4 sir.

5 MR. THOMPSON: We really appreciate
6 you taking the time this morning.

7 MR. GURLEY: Well, I thank you for
8 taking the time and giving me an opportunity.

9 Have a nice -- the response will be in
10 writing or you would call us, just right here,
11 just wait or what?

12 MR. THOMPSON: I think what we'll do
13 is we'll go into executive session. And then, if
14 you'd like to wait, we'll come back onto the
15 record and recite the determination.

16 And then, it will be followed by a
17 written opinion.

18 MR. GURLEY: Okay, that'll be fine.
19 Yes, I don't mind waiting.

20 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

21 MR. GURLEY: Okay, thank you, sir.

22 MR. THOMPSON: All right, thank you so

1 much.

2 MR. GURLEY: All right.

3 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, Ms. Pembroke,
4 anything else regarding Mr. Gurley's matter?

5 MS. PEMBROOK: No, I have nothing more
6 for Mr. Gurley.

7 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, turning then to
8 the next appeal by, I think, Mr. Douglass, if you
9 could explain that one as next?

10 MS. PEMBROOK: Yes, thank you, Chair
11 Thompson.

12 Earle Douglass submitted a nominating
13 petition for the position of Advisory
14 Neighborhood Commissioner for a Single Member
15 District 3E04.

16 As a result of the preliminary review
17 by the Registrar's Office, his petition was found
18 to be insufficient and he was issued a formal
19 determination that his petition would not be
20 accepted.

21 He timely appealed from that decision.
22 And I guess maybe the Registrar can now address

1 the reasons for the finding with respect to the
2 adequacy of the signatures on Mr. Douglass's
3 petition.

4 MS. CORRENTE: Thank you.

5 So, we put a letter in the mail on
6 August 15, and also followed up over email with
7 that letter to Mr. Douglass.

8 And basically, it outlined that he
9 failed to file with the Board the required number
10 of valid signatures according to D.C. Municipal
11 Regulations Title 3, Chapter 1605.3(a) and
12 1605.4.

13 So, when Mr. Douglass filed his
14 nominating petition on August 9 and did not meet
15 that signature requirement for the Advisory
16 Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member
17 District 3E04, it was because the minimum
18 requirement to obtain ballot access for this
19 office is 25 signatures of duly registered Single
20 Member District 3E04 voters.

21 And his petition contained 20
22 signatures ultimately.

1 So, he submitted three pages that
2 total 30 signatures, but one had an incomplete
3 circulator affidavit. So, on that one, it was
4 just that the circulator date was missing. So,
5 removing that -- those ten signatures on that
6 page because of that incomplete circulator
7 affidavit, brought him below the minimum
8 requirement, putting his total number at 20
9 signatures.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, Mr. Douglass, I
11 think you're on, is that right?

12 MR. DOUGLASS: Yes, sir.

13 MR. THOMPSON: And in speaking here
14 today, do you promise to tell the truth?

15 MR. DOUGLASS: I do.

16 MR. THOMPSON: All right, well, please
17 proceed and take a few minutes and explain your
18 situation and maybe regarding the missing date.

19 MR. DOUGLASS: I don't think it'll
20 take minutes. I made a mistake and forgot to put
21 a date there.

22 I am the only circulator and that's --

1 I would like the opportunity to cure and correct
2 or have it waived. It was a clerical error and I
3 apologize.

4 MR. THOMPSON: What was the date, if
5 you have that information?

6 MR. DOUGLASS: Everything was
7 submitted on the ninth.

8 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

9 All right, well, I certainly
10 appreciate your situation. I ran for ANC four
11 times and also had to walk around and get my 25
12 signatures. My dog helped me, that's all, you
13 know. People wanted to pet my dog, then I said,
14 okay, will you sign my petition? And I still
15 struggled to get 25.

16 Okay, well, any questions from anybody
17 from the BOE or the Board for Mr. Douglass?

18 MS. GREENFIELD: I don't have any
19 questions.

20 MR. GILL: No, seems pretty
21 straightforward.

22 MR. THOMPSON: All right, thank you,

1 Mr. Douglass, for taking the time to chat with us
2 this morning.

3 MR. DOUGLASS: Sure.

4 MS. PEMBROOK: Chair Thompson, if I
5 may just interject one comment?

6 MR. THOMPSON: Yes?

7 MS. PEMBROOK: I just want to make
8 sure that both candidates understand that their
9 petitions have been posted for a challenge
10 period. So, the determination today doesn't
11 necessarily mean one way or the other that their
12 candidacy will be allowed to go forward.

13 People can submit challenges to their
14 petition. The public is reviewing those
15 petitions. And so, there may be further
16 proceedings regardless of what the Board's
17 decision is today.

18 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, that's a
19 good point. I forgot that as well that there's
20 really two steps to this. One, the BOE accepting
21 the petitions and counting the numbers.

22 And, as mentioned before, with respect

1 to Mr. Gurley's petitions, the BOE does not get
2 behind the signatures themselves and verify that
3 each one is a valid registered voter and so on
4 and so forth.

5 And the members of the public can
6 still issue such a challenge.

7 And so, you may be back but, for now,
8 we've got these two determinations -- appeals
9 from determinations that the BOE has made.

10 And I think at this point, unless
11 anybody suggests otherwise, I would ask that the
12 Board go into executive session to discuss the
13 two matters. And then come back probably in
14 about 20 minutes and state our decision on the
15 record, followed by a written determination.

16 MR. GILL: Second.

17 MR. THOMPSON: All right, all in favor
18 of proceeding to executive session?

19 (CHORUS OF AYES)

20 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, yes, Mr.

21 Douglass, Mr. Gurley, if you're still -- if you
22 want to hang around, that's fine, or you can dial

1 back in in about, you know, say, 15 minutes and
2 we'll -- you'll probably hear us issue our ruling
3 verbally.

4 But, for now, I think we're going to
5 -- I think we actually remove people from the
6 meeting, is that right?

7 MS. PEMBROOK: Yes, they'll be removed
8 or put in a waiting room.

9 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. All right, so,
10 let's proceed with that and go into executive
11 session.

12 (Whereon, the above-entitled matter
13 went off the record at 9:39 a.m. and resumed at
14 9:49 a.m.)

15 MR. THOMPSON: All right, it looks
16 like everybody is back here.

17 Is the court reporter back on the
18 record?

19 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

20 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, thank you.

21 Welcome back, Mr. Gurley and Mr.
22 Douglass, others. We're back from our executive

1 session.

2 And we've reached our two
3 determinations. We're going to start with Mr.
4 Douglass.

5 There's some -- there is precedent in
6 past cases of waiving the specific defect of the
7 petition lacking the circulator -- lacking a
8 date. So, we're going to follow that precedent
9 having heard your testimony, Mr. Douglass.

10 And I would so move with the Board
11 that we grant your appeal.

12 Is there a second?

13 MS. GREENFIELD: I second.

14 MR. GILL: Second, I was probably on
15 mute.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

17 All right, so, all in favor?

18 (CHORUS OF AYES)

19 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

20 Turning then, to Mr. Gurley's appeal.
21 We'll obviously apply the same precedent and cure
22 the defects regarding the missing dates.

1 But to our knowledge, there's no
2 precedent with respect to the other missing
3 information pertaining to addresses and, more
4 importantly, missing signatures and incomplete
5 affidavits which are really important to the
6 process and are well explained in the guidelines.

7 So, with that, I would move that we
8 respectfully decline the appeal by Mr. Gurley.

9 MS. GREENFIELD: Second.

10 MR. THOMPSON: All in favor?

11 (CHORUS OF AYES)

12 MR. THOMPSON: I can't hear Mike.

13 But okay, well, and there will be two
14 written rulings to set forth the reasons for our
15 determinations.

16 And, with that, I think we can
17 adjourn. Do we have any other business, Ms.
18 Pembroke or anybody else?

19 MS. PEMBROOK: I don't believe there's
20 anything else.

21 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, well, it's
22 Friday. Hope everybody has a good day and a fine

1 weekend.

2 And with that, I move we adjourn.

3 MS. GREENFIELD: And I second it.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, all in favor of
5 adjourning?

6 (CHORUS OF AYES)

7 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, thank you so
8 much.

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