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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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The District of Columbia Board of Elections convened via Video-Teleconference, pursuant to notice, at 10:34 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
CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Office of
Campaign Finance
WILLIAM SANFORD, General Counsel
MARISSA CORRENTE, Assistant Registrar of
Voters

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

2 (10:34 a.m.)

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, well good
4 morning everybody, hopefully you can hear me
5 okay. My name is Gary Thompson, I'm the chair of
6 the Board of Elections. I'm here at home, wish I
7 could be downtown, but I am still in the late
8 stages of COVID, omicron subvariant version. I
9 feel fine, but apologies if I'm a little
10 congested. So, but I'm okay, and I'm glad I'm
11 here, and not down there, because I'm still
12 testing positive.

13 Anyway, so here we are, and I'll ask
14 the other two board members to introduce
15 themselves please. Karyn, starting with you.

16 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Hi, Karyn
17 Greenfield, one of the board members.

18 MEMBER GILL: Mike Gill, board member.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, all three of us
20 are here, once again we have a quorum. First
21 thing we'll do is I'll make a motion to adopt our
22 agenda, which has been distributed in advance,

1 and posted for the public to see. Do I have a
2 second?

3 MEMBER GILL: Second.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor?

5 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

6 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

7 CHAIR THOMPSON: And the second thing
8 we do is I'll make a motion to approve our
9 minutes from our last regular board meeting,
10 which was on Wednesday, April 6th. It seems like
11 a year ago, but they were distributed, I've had a
12 chance to read them, they look fine to me, so I
13 would make a motion to adopt them. Do I have a
14 second?

15 MEMBER GILL: Second.

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor?

17 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

18 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay.

20 MS. STROUD: Mr. Chair, can we
21 ascertain the presence of the court reporter?

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you for

1 reminding me of that. We normally have a court
2 reporter, although this is being recorded as well
3 on Zoom. Is our court reporter here?

4 MEMBER GREENFIELD: If they could
5 raise their hand.

6 CHAIR THOMPSON: There it is,
7 Jacqueline Denlinger. No, that's a clap. Maybe
8 it's meant to be a hand raised.

9 MS. STROUD: Unmute her Randy.

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: Court reporter, you
11 could also type it in the chat what -- all right,
12 well --

13 MS. STROUD: Okay, Jacqueline
14 Denlinger is the court reporter, and she has
15 indicated her presence.

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, fabulous.
17 Okay, with that, before we turn to the executive
18 director, any board matters that anyone would
19 like to raise at this time, Karyn, or Mike?

20 MEMBER GREENFIELD: No, I don't have
21 any.

22 MEMBER GILL: No, I mean just that

1 since we last met, there has been a vote, and a
2 court case, and such like on the attorney
3 general, and I guess I just want to reiterate
4 that the board never likes in this case, or in
5 other cases where there are signature petitions,
6 having to take folks off balance. All things
7 being equal, we would like the people to decide,
8 not the board.

9 That being the case, I was pleased to
10 see that the Court of Appeals agreed that where
11 we have rules, we have to enforce them.

12 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah, well said.
13 It's no fun to rule the way we did, I was down
14 about it for a couple days. Although
15 intellectually I felt like we reached the correct
16 ruling under the language of the statute, I just
17 felt down about it. And watched the court
18 hearing closely, and it was pretty clear from the
19 oral argument that they were in agreement, and
20 sure enough they were unanimously in agreement
21 with our ruling.

22 It is what it is. So, with that,

1 Monica Evans, if you could please proceed with
2 your report.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you, and good
4 morning. I'll begin with voter education, and
5 outreach. During the month of April, the voter
6 education, and outreach division conducted 26
7 outreach, or recruitment events on behalf of the
8 agency. The division conducted an additional 22
9 events that targeted seniors. 21 events were
10 held in Wards 7 and 8.

11 In addition to providing education,
12 and engagement services, the division conducted
13 election worker recruitment, and voter
14 registration events. We are currently processing
15 new voter registrations, and voter focus, and
16 producing registration reports. We discontinued
17 the use of Integrity as of April 1st. In April
18 we registered 1910 new voters, and processed 700
19 registration changes.

20 In total we mailed 2610 voter
21 registration cards. As we are preparing to mail
22 ballots for the June primary, we are encouraging

1 voters to review, and update their voter
2 registration information. We are within the 90
3 day window before the primary election, therefore
4 no additional voters will be moved from an active
5 to an inactive status until after the election.

6 Online voter registration, our online
7 voter registration portal is giving us the same
8 functionality as a mobile app, those registering
9 to vote can complete the process with a cell
10 phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer. To
11 date we have registered 3933 voters using the
12 portal. National Voter Registration Act.

13 Under the NVRA, voter registration
14 agencies must provide their clients with the
15 opportunity to register to vote by offering voter
16 registration services. To date, we have trained
17 13 of the 16 voter registration agencies in the
18 district. We have reached out to all 16. Now,
19 moving to update regarding the June primary
20 election.

21 As previously indicated, the primary
22 election will be held on June 21st, 2022. As far

1 as petitions, we received a total of 23
2 challenges, determinations have been made, and
3 the orders have been issued on all of those. We
4 will mail a ballot to every registered voter
5 affiliated with one of the four major parties for
6 the June primary.

7 We are working with KNH Mailhouse to
8 prepare the documents to be mailed. The ballot
9 lottery was held on Friday, April 29th. Ballot
10 proofing was conducted on Saturday, April 30.
11 The ballot has been finalized, and sent to KNH
12 Mailhouse. And it is anticipated that they will
13 begin mailing ballots on May 16th. The final
14 mailing of ballots will occur on June 10th.

15 And anyone who does not receive a
16 ballot in the mail by June 16th, should plan to
17 vote in person. We will have 40 early vote
18 centers, and 90 election day vote centers, and
19 those locations are listed on our website. Early
20 voting is June 10th, through June 19th. Vote
21 centers will be closed on June 20th in observance
22 of the Juneteenth holiday.

1 But we will reopen on June 21st for
2 the primary election. Mail ballot drop boxes
3 will open on May 27th, voters can deposit ballots
4 at any vote center during early voting, and on
5 election day. Ballots may also be returned to
6 BOE using the U.S. Postal Service. We are still
7 recruiting election workers, and election worker
8 training began on March 22nd.

9 Our goal is to recruit, and train
10 between 2000, and 2500 election workers for the
11 primary. To date, we have trained 1435 election
12 workers. And election workers are using our
13 online training portal to supplement the in
14 person training. Communications. Ready, set,
15 vote. Our first postcard mailer went out in
16 March, and the postcards started reaching
17 households last week.

18 We plan to mail a total of three
19 postcards for the primary election. The latest
20 edition of The Hill Rag contains a full page
21 advertisement regarding the June primary. The
22 voter guide is scheduled to go to the printer on

1 May 9th, and we are developing additional content
2 for print, radio, and television advertising.

3 And one final thing I'd like to put on the
4 agenda, I would just like to recognize Karen
5 Brooks.

6 After nearly 40 years of Board of
7 Elections, our registrar Karen Brooks has decided
8 to retire. Her retirement was effective May 1st,
9 and we wish her the best, and appreciate the many
10 years of service she provided to the board. In
11 the interim, our assistant registrar, Marissa
12 Corrente will oversee operations of the voter
13 services division. And that concludes my report,
14 thank you.

15 MEMBER GILL: Gary, I think you're on
16 mute. While they unmute our chairman, no
17 questions Monica, two comments. One, thanks for
18 recognizing Karen, I had no idea she had actually
19 been there 40 years. But always, she was a
20 pleasure to work with, and we will definitely
21 miss her. Two, just for point of clarification,
22 Integrity is a software program I believe, that

1 we are no longer using.

2 We of course, will continue to operate
3 with the highest degree of integrity at the Board
4 of Elections.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: I was also going to
6 quickly jump in, and say wow, Karen, I hope we
7 get to say a little bit more publicly, but I knew
8 she was retiring soon, I didn't know it was May
9 1st, but I'm not surprised, it's a long time to
10 be in that position. I'm pretty sure she
11 registered me to vote five years ago, whatever it
12 was, when I first voted in D.C.

13 It's an incredible amount of work, and
14 a lot of work this primary season, that's for
15 sure, in the last month. And the team as well,
16 so that's all. Okay, I guess onward with the
17 general counsel's report, and we've got a couple
18 of issues to consider in the course of Terri
19 Stroud's presentation.

20 MS. STROUD: Good morning everyone.
21 The first item on my agenda is the adoption of
22 the petition to recall Holly Muhammad, Advisory

1 Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member
2 District 8A01. And just to state the statutory
3 background, pursuant to D.C. Official Code 1-
4 1001.1 17E, in response to a recall petition, the
5 board prepares, and provides an original petition
6 form to the proponent of a recall measure for the
7 purpose of signature collection.

8 And the complainant shall formally
9 adopt such petition as their own. We received a
10 notice of intent to recall from Thomas Donohue,
11 it was filed on March 22nd, and a response was
12 timely filed on April 1st. Both of those did not
13 exceed the word count limitations. The board has
14 prepared, and is prepared to issue to Mr.
15 Donohue, an original petition form for adoption.

16 And the sole purpose of this
17 proceeding is the adoption of the recall
18 petition. And with that, the board is only
19 inquiring of the proponent whether they adopt the
20 petition form prepared by the board as their own.
21 And I know Mr. Donohue has had the opportunity to
22 review the petition. And so if he adopts it,

1 then he will (audio interference). Is Mr.
2 Donohue present on the call?

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: I see him, but he's
4 muted.

5 MS. STROUD: Unmute him.

6 CHAIR THOMPSON: While we're unmuting
7 him, let me just say at the outset, we do have
8 the statute that Ms. Stroud just referenced, and
9 that 1001.17E1 sets for that somebody who is
10 filing such a petition to recall can file a
11 statement not to exceed 200 words giving the
12 reasons for the proposed recall. And there's no
13 process for us to edit that person's statement.

14 So, likewise, the elected official has
15 a right to file a response of not more than 200
16 words, and once again, we don't -- there's no
17 process for us to edit that statement either.
18 Unlike some other statements that we do have the
19 ability to edit as the people who are on this
20 call involved in an issue of 82 know well, that
21 there's a whole process for editing proposed
22 language.

1 So, we're sort of stuck with the
2 statement as filed, and the response as filed,
3 and having no process to edit either of them,
4 what the statute then says is we the board shall
5 issue the petition form. And if the initiator
6 wants to proceed, the choice is to adopt the
7 petition as prepared, and then go out, and obtain
8 signatures.

9 That's the way the statute reads
10 anyway. I think all we can do is -- if the
11 statement, and the response are worded
12 aggressively, all we can do is ask the people
13 involved to edit their statements. But let's
14 hear from Mr. Donohue first, and then we'll turn,
15 we'll hear from Ms. Muhammad.

16 MS. STROUD: Okay, so Mr. Donohue, if
17 you could state your name, and address for the
18 record?

19 MR. DONOHUE: Yes, it's Thomas
20 Donohue, 2200 Prout Street Southeast, Unit 1,
21 Washington D.C., 20020.

22 MS. STROUD: Okay, so what I'm going

1 to have you do is to -- you have the petition
2 form, and I want to know whether you have the
3 information on the petition form accurately
4 reflects the information that you provided to us.
5 I'm looking at whether your name is correct,
6 whether we have correctly provided your statement
7 of reason to recall.

8 Your address, whether that information
9 is correctly, and accurately reflected on the
10 petition form that the board has prepared, and
11 provided for you to review.

12 MR. DONOHUE: Yes, it has.

13 MS. STROUD: Okay, and so then the
14 next inquiry is whether, or not you approve the
15 petition form, and adopt it as your own. And
16 there will be the opportunity for us to answer
17 any questions you may have at the end of the
18 proceeding. But for now, the question is of
19 whether you approve that form, and adopt it as
20 your own?

21 MR. DONOHUE: Is Holly going to be
22 given an opportunity to speak?

1 MS. STROUD: She will.

2 MR. DONOHUE: So, the purpose of this
3 is for me to approve the petition as is. What
4 would be the --

5 MS. STROUD: Well, actually it's in
6 the board's discretion as to whether, or not Ms.
7 -- because again, this is a limited proceeding,
8 where the sole purpose is to adopt (audio
9 interference) board deems it proper to hear from
10 Ms. Muhammad, then that is for the board to
11 choose. Do you adopt the form as your own?

12 MR. DONOHUE: The only -- as I had
13 spoke to you earlier, the only thing I would
14 request is -- not that there's any change to it
15 whatsoever, but just a spacing issue, and it's
16 actually my error. But if we could just change
17 the third bullet down, it's there, and the next
18 line after that bullet, it says this is my second
19 -- I just want to make it correct so that way
20 people are not getting lost with it.

21 So, it says this s my second, and it
22 should say this is my second petition, the first

1 was withdrawn as a result --

2 MS. STROUD: You seem to be frozen.

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: The bullet's in the
4 wrong place.

5 MR. DONOHUE: Yeah, but it's fine the
6 way it is. I can --

7 MS. STROUD: So, the question is
8 whether, or not you adopt the form as your own
9 for purposes of circulation.

10 MR. DONOHUE: Yes, and of course as
11 I've stated in the past, with these objections.

12 MS. STROUD: Okay, so I think you
13 trailed off at the end. So, just wanted to get
14 on the record that you do adopt the petition
15 form, the sheet that you have reviewed, as your
16 own?

17 MR. DONOHUE: Yes, with objections.

18 MS. STROUD: Okay.

19 MR. DONOHUE: Meaning this is the only
20 option that I have --

21 MS. STROUD: You'll have the
22 opportunity to speak once we complete the

1 process.

2 MR. DONOHUE: Okay, that's fine.

3 MS. STROUD: Okay, so Mr. Chair, if
4 you want to announce that the board has approved
5 the petition form that Mr. Donohue has indicated
6 that he has adopted?

7 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah, that's the
8 process, and the statute calls only for the
9 proposer to accept the petition as prepared,
10 which incorporates both statements. And I
11 understand that Mr. Donohue objects to the
12 statement that's been made by Ms. Muhammad, as
13 I'm sure she objects to his statement. But the
14 way the process works is they both prepare their
15 statements.

16 They're incorporated on the form, if
17 the proposer, in this case, Mr. Donohue, accepts
18 the petition, and it is the petition that he'll
19 carry forth onto the streets to collect
20 signatures, then that is our process for
21 approving the petition. That said, before we
22 move, and vote, I think we should hear from Ms.

1 Muhammad, this concerns --

2 MR. DONOHUE: Mr. Thompson, I think I
3 should be able to express those concerns.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: Well, I'll just say
5 this, there's no process for us to edit either
6 statement, and we don't want to start --

7 MR. DONOHUE: I know, but I think it's
8 fair that I'm being put on the record, that --

9 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah, absolutely --

10 MR. DONOHUE: If she's going to have
11 the opportunity to speak, then I should be able
12 to have that opportunity as well.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: That's a fair --

14 MR. DONOHUE: Or I'm fine with you
15 accepting it, and moving forward without hearing
16 her speak, and I'm being quite frank with you.

17 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah, I do want to
18 give her an opportunity to speak, she's clearly
19 asking to speak in the chat, and so --

20 MR. DONOHUE: Okay, then I should have
21 that opportunity as well.

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, why don't you

1 take a minute, and tell us the reasons why you
2 object to what she wrote, and then I'll recognize
3 Ms. Muhammad, and she can speak for a minute, or
4 two, and then we'll hopefully not get into an
5 open --

6 MR. DONOHUE: And I don't want to do
7 that either, but I think it is important for me
8 to say that there are things within her response
9 that have nothing to do with whatever -- the job
10 related issues that I have presented. I have
11 been blocked from attending my ANC meetings. I
12 have been -- she has not conducted her job duties
13 when asked to respond to FOIA requests.

14 I mean this is all job related
15 matters. Her response however is very
16 personable. She calls me a racist. Let that
17 sink in folks, a racist. These are things that
18 if I go to anybody's door in southeast, and my
19 neighbors are reading these terrible things that
20 are not true about me, imagine what kind of
21 atmosphere that that creates for me.

22 Asking my neighbors to read this

1 document, of which you folks at Board of
2 Elections are publishing, and distributing, that
3 I have no choice what it says on there, this is a
4 flawed system. And I understand, I've been back,
5 and forth with a lot of different people
6 discussing this, but this is a flaw. That as a
7 voter I should not be targeted.

8 I should not have to defend myself in
9 requesting for this petition. So, I'll leave it
10 at that, I appreciate your time. But I do think
11 that this is a flawed area of this system, and it
12 needs to be resolved.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you so much.
14 Let's hear from Ms. Muhammad for a minute, or
15 two.

16 MS. MUHAMMAD: Yes, are you able to
17 hear me?

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes.

19 MS. MUHAMMAD: Okay, thank you.

20 MS. STROUD: Okay, Ms. Muhammad --

21 (Simultaneous speaking.)

22 MS. MUHAMMAD: On April the 8th, I

1 received a call from Terri Stroud --

2 (Simultaneous speaking.)

3 MS. MUHAMMAD: Board of Elections,
4 requesting that I meet with her, and Tom Donohue
5 the petitioner, because he did not like what he
6 was saying about him in my response to the
7 recall. It sounded as if she was his legal
8 representation. I felt unsettled by the request,
9 and believe that the Board of Elections, and the
10 staff had greatly overstepped its bounds in this
11 case.

12 Ms. Stroud's actions are biased in
13 nature, and a serious conflict of interest. As
14 the general counsel for the Board of Elections,
15 she has a duty to remain neutral in all cases,
16 with no appearance of favor. This appears to be
17 a violation of the professional rules of conduct
18 for attorneys. Mr. Donohue has attempted to use
19 his privilege at many other district government
20 agencies to gain favor, and he failed.

21 It is unconscionable that he would
22 succeed in gaining favor at the Board of

1 Elections, where we expect the greatest amount of
2 integrity.

3 His complaint has no merit, and is
4 based on two years of the harassment of a black
5 female Muslim elected official who has dedicated
6 the last 13 years to serving the voiceless in the
7 District of Columbia.

8 Harassing black women who refuse to
9 bow to his demands seems to be a pattern of his.
10 As I, along with other senior officials received
11 a complaint from the owner of his building,
12 another black woman seeking assistance due to his
13 continued harassment, and intimidation of her
14 while she tries to operate her business.

15 Many of my supporters argue that by
16 the petitioner's actions, and cries for
17 assistance from the Board of Elections, and their
18 response with the phone call to me on April the
19 8th, that Tom Donohue would like the Board of
20 Elections to be his co-conspirator in removing me
21 from office. My constituents, and I hold that
22 this is not the case.

1 I believe that this recall has all the
2 signs of a lack of impartiality, and should not
3 be allowed to move forward. Therefore due to the
4 circumstances of what has taken place, I
5 respectfully request that the Board of Elections
6 dismiss this petition.

7 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you so much Ms.
8 Muhammad, we appreciate your statement. Hold on
9 Mr. Donohue, I see you. Why don't you take 30
10 seconds, those were comments certainly about your
11 character, and respond, and we're just going to
12 move on. Because we don't want to have a whole
13 debate between you here on the record. Ms.
14 Muhammad, if you could go on mute, and not
15 interrupt.

16 And Mr. Donohue, just 30 seconds in
17 rebuttal, and I see you wanting to speak, so
18 we'll get you unmuted, go ahead.

19 MR. DONOHUE: I just think it's
20 incredible irresponsible for this board to allow
21 her to say these things, that there's no backing,
22 there's no support of any of it. I have the --

1 as a voter, I filed a petition that says that I
2 feel that it rises to the level of my elected
3 official can no longer be able to represent me.
4 I have not attacked her personally.

5 I have not said anything negative
6 about her personally, or anything in that degree.
7 But to sit here, and allow the Board of Elections
8 to allow her to attack me personally when none of
9 what I have got to say, or anything that she has
10 said is in relation to anything that I put in my
11 petition. Now, as a regular Joe Schmoe resident,
12 how does it -- how can I get -- why is it fair
13 that I'm being attacked by my representative?

14 Who is calling me a racist. Folks, I
15 live in Ward 8. A white man being called a
16 racist, going, and knocking on my neighbor's
17 doors asking for signatures is not appropriate at
18 all. And it puts me at a serious risk for my
19 safety. I mean I'm sure that my neighbors that
20 don't know who I am -- and I'm not attacking her
21 personally.

22 I'm just saying that giving her --

1 what she just said to me, and what you all heard
2 is just irresponsible of this board when the only
3 thing that she should be responding to is the
4 claims that I make on the petition. And they're
5 all job related, not personal.

6 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you so much.
7 Let me top it off there, you've had some time to
8 speak your minds. Mr. Donohue, if you could go
9 on mute. I thank you so much. As I mentioned,
10 the statute each gives you a right to make a
11 statement. Mr. Donohue has the right to move to
12 recall under the statute, Ms. Muhammad certainly
13 has the right to oppose such a motion.

14 Look, I was an ANC commissioner for
15 eight years, it's the toughest battleground in
16 D.C., I know it well. And I think at this point,
17 the way the process works is Mr. Donohue will
18 take his petition, and go forth, and I forget how
19 many signatures you need exactly, but see if you
20 can get the requisite number of signatures in a
21 safe manner.

22 And then it will be up to the voters

1 in a 54 to 114 day window. Whenever the right
2 number of signatures are returned, it's the next
3 election within 54 to 114 days, which probably
4 would be the general election, which is when the
5 ANC commissioner is up for reelection anyway, so
6 this is -- ultimately this kind of merges in with
7 the reelection issue.

8 But nevertheless, Mr. Donohue, you
9 have the right to proceed, and so in that regard
10 I would make a motion to approve the petition.
11 Mr. Donohue has accepted it with the statements
12 incorporated therein. We'll make the change to
13 the bullet to make sure that's accurate. And
14 with that, I'll just make that motion.

15 MEMBER GILL: Second.

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: Any comments, board
17 members, or general counsel?

18 MS. STROUD: And now we'll hear from
19 the representative from voter services will
20 comment on the remainder of the recall process,
21 and Marissa Corrente, if you could state your
22 name, and address for the record?

1 CHAIR THOMPSON: Do we go ahead, and
2 vote at this point?

3 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yeah, we didn't
4 vote.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor? Aye.

6 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

7 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, go ahead.

9 MS. STROUD: I apologize.

10 MS. CORRENTE: Good morning, my name
11 is Marissa Corrente, and I serve as the assistant
12 registrar of voters here at the board. The
13 address here is 1015 Half Street Southeast, Suite
14 750. I'm going to read the memorandum that I
15 wrote, it's dated May 4th, today's date. And the
16 subject is notice of intention to recall Holly
17 Muhammad, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner,
18 Single Member District.

19 And it reads on March 22nd, 2022,
20 Thomas Donohue, a duly registered voter in the
21 Single Member District, SMD 8A01 timely filed a
22 notice of intention to recall Holly Muhammad,

1 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single
2 Member District 8A01, known as the notice. The
3 notice specified Commissioner Muhammad as the
4 elected officer (audio interference), contained
5 a statement in support of the recall that did not
6 exceed the 200 word count limit.

7 And included the proposer's name,
8 telephone number, email address, residence,
9 address, and an affidavit that the proposer is a
10 registered, and bona fide elector in the same SMD
11 as the elected officer whose recall is sought.
12 Commissioner Muhammad timely filed a response to
13 Mr. Donohue's statement of reasons to recall with
14 the board on Friday April 1st, 2022.

15 The response did not exceed the 200
16 word count limit. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code
17 1-1001.17G, the proposer of the recall of an ANC
18 shall have 60 days to circulate the recall
19 petition, and file the same with the board,
20 beginning on the date when the proposer of the
21 recall formally adopts the original petition form
22 as their own.

1 The petition form is available for Mr.
2 Donohue to pick up at the board's office. In the
3 event the board issues the petition today, Mr.
4 Donohue must file the recall petition with the
5 board no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July
6 5th, 2002. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code 1-
7 1001.17H3, a petition for the recall of an ANC
8 shall include the valid signatures of ten percent
9 of the registered qualified electors in the SMD.

10 The ten percent shall be computed by
11 the total of the number of the registered
12 electors from the SMD according to the latest
13 official count of registered electors by the
14 board, which was issued 30, or more days prior to
15 submission of the signatures for the particular
16 recall petition.

17 While the signature requirement cannot
18 yet be determined, if the most recent
19 registration figures published by the board were
20 used, the petition filed in support of the notice
21 of intent to recall Commissioner Muhammad would
22 be required to include the signatures of 215

1 dully registered voters in SMD 8A01. And that's
2 in regards to total number of registered voters
3 in ANC SMD 8A01 as of January 30th, 2022.

4 Which is 2145. Both the proposer of
5 the recall measure, and the elected official who
6 is the subject of the recall are advised to check
7 with the board's voter services office on a
8 monthly basis as new statistical reports are
9 published.

10 MS. STROUD: Okay, so as the chair
11 indicated, should the recall measure be
12 successful, meaning should the petition be
13 submitted, and it contains the requisite number
14 of signatures, pending any challenge to the
15 petition, if the initiative were found to survive
16 challenge, in the event of a challenge, then the
17 measure would go before the voters in that SMD in
18 November.

19 Because that would be the time frame
20 within which the measure could go before the
21 voters in that Single Member District.

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you.

1 I'm having a little audio, and connectivity
2 issues here at home, something's in the air it
3 seems. So, with that, I think we will move on to
4 the next issue.

5 MS. STROUD: Okay, the next item on my
6 agenda is the motion to intervene filed by James
7 Bagwell through counsel Richard Bianco, and it's
8 a motion to intervene in the challenge to
9 initiative measure number 82 -- John Bagwell is
10 the name of the individual who is represented by
11 Mr. Bianco. And it's a motion to intervene in
12 the challenge to initiative measure number 82.

13 Which was filed by Valerie Graham this
14 is a challenge to -- it was initially to
15 signatures, or to -- it was a challenge to
16 registered voters on the petition submitted, and
17 supportive of Initiative 82, and it was to
18 registered voters, and the signatures in Wards 2,
19 5, 7, and 8 alleging that the proposer of
20 Initiative 82, the petition submitted by that
21 proposer did not contain enough valid signatures
22 to appear on the ballot.

1 And Mr. Bianco, on behalf of his
2 client, filed a motion to intervene. And an
3 opposition to the motion to intervene was filed
4 by counsel for the proposer, Ryan O'Leary, and if
5 I could ascertain whether, or not Mr. Bianco is
6 present?

7 MR. BIANCO: Yes, I am here.

8 MS. STROUD: And whether, or not
9 counsel for the proposer is present, Joseph
10 Sandler?

11 MR. SANDLER: Yes, I'm here Ms.
12 Stroud, thank you.

13 MS. STROUD: And Mr. Bianco, the board
14 will allow you to state your position with
15 respect to the motion to intervene that you
16 filed, and then we'll hear from Mr. Sandler.

17 MR. BIANCO: Absolutely, thank you
18 very much, I appreciate the opportunity to
19 address the board. My name is Richard Bianco, I
20 am counsel for John Bagwell. This matter has
21 been briefed, so I don't want to go back, and
22 simply read from the pleadings that we filed.

1 But I think to sum up our filings, and our
2 position in this matter, our request to intervene
3 is at its core, a request for access.

4 So, the basic facts that support our
5 motion are that we attempted to access the
6 petition during supposedly what was the ten day
7 review period during hours of operation for BOE,
8 and were denied access for the purpose of
9 conducting that review. We appeared at the
10 board, attempted to come into the building, and
11 it was closed, and locked.

12 The security guard informed us BOE was
13 not there, and I called with my client, and we
14 left a message with respect to the purpose of our
15 visit. And then the very next day, reached out
16 to the board, and contacted general counsel, and
17 indicated that we had attempted to review the
18 petition during the review period, and were
19 denied access.

20 And asked as required by law, that
21 both us, and any similarly situated voters,
22 meaning others who may have tried to access, and

1 review the petition during the ten day review
2 period be granted a consecutive ten day review
3 period as the statute requires to take a look at
4 the petition, and compare it to the relevant BOE
5 records as to registered voters.

6 We were again denied that request. On
7 that following day, Ms. Stroud did offer to
8 provide us an electronic copy of the petition,
9 and they in fact followed through on that, but it
10 was after BOE had closed for the day on March
11 7th, being the 10th day of the review period, and
12 the challenge period had closed at that point.
13 Our motion to intervene followed.

14 And we think this is problematic for
15 a couple of reasons. One, the most obvious one,
16 Mr. Bagwell being denied access, and the ability
17 to review the records, and formulate a challenge
18 of his own. And second, and perhaps more
19 importantly, the experience that we had in
20 attempting to access the records, and review
21 them, raises the question of how many other
22 people during that ten day period were turned

1 away because BOE's office was closed when it was
2 supposed to be open for review.

3 The other thing that I think is
4 telling in this case is that among the reasons
5 that BOE provided in its response was that
6 there's no particular hours posted on BOE's
7 website for weekend review of petitions. And
8 that's of course true, the website gave operating
9 hours during the weekends, and that's when we
10 appeared -- I'm sorry, during the weekdays.

11 But we appeared on the weekends, and
12 I think that is problematic, because any other
13 D.C. citizen wishing to review this petition on
14 the weekends would not have had any notice as to
15 when the office might be open for that particular
16 purpose. So, it not only is a situation where
17 Mr. Bagwell is impacted, it's where similarly
18 situated D.C. citizens are likewise impacted.

19 And I would also note that for
20 challenges to candidate petitions, that issue has
21 been corrected by BOE now providing information
22 as to what times citizens can review petitions

1 filed during the weekend, on the weekend, and not
2 just during the week. So, essentially we were
3 deprived of the opportunity to review, and since
4 we were deprived of that opportunity -- I'm
5 sorry, since the office was closed.

6 And we didn't get any response from
7 the office with respect to okay, an employee
8 showed up late by some amount of time, and you
9 can come in now, or you can come in tomorrow. We
10 did not get any response until we then reached
11 out during regular business hours on the next
12 business day. And since we have filed this
13 motion to intervene, and because of delays in the
14 process having nothing to do with us, we
15 attempted to use the time productively.

16 And worked with the Office of General
17 Counsel and Voter Services in an effort to get
18 access to voter signature cards to compare them
19 to the petition that was provided to us after the
20 close of the challenge period to see exactly what
21 issues we might have that we could raise in the
22 context of the overall challenge.

1 And although initially the response
2 that we received was favorable, that they would
3 be willing to work with us to provide us access
4 to that information in the intervening three
5 weeks, that has not materialized. It's been
6 constant moving of goal posts. Emails of me
7 inquiring as to status, and the response being --

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: Can you wrap up?

9 MR. BIANCO: Yeah, and the response
10 being that they're working on it, and will
11 provide that to us. And as we sit here today,
12 we've still not been given access to the
13 information that we have requested. So, what our
14 ask is here is that the board allow not only us,
15 but citizens at large, or similarly situated
16 voters the opportunity to review the petition.

17 And file challenges for a consecutive
18 ten day period as required by statute. Thank
19 you.

20 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you Mr. Bianco.
21 I think Mr. Sandler, did you want to present your
22 argument?

1 MS. STROUD: And Mr. Sandler, give us
2 your name, and address for the record.

3 MR. SANDLER: Yes, thank you Mr.
4 Chairman, and thank you Ms. Stroud. Joseph
5 Sandler, address 1090 Vermont Avenue, Suite 750,
6 Washington D.C., 20005. I think that the facts
7 of this matter were laid out in Ms. Stroud's
8 email that was attached as an exhibit to the
9 motion to intervene. The board completely
10 complied with the statute.

11 Posted the petition, not merely for
12 ten days, but for 11 days, because the tenth day
13 was a Sunday, Sunday, March 6th. Mr. Bagwell
14 waited until the tenth day, on a Sunday, showed
15 up at 8:15 a.m., waited ten minutes, didn't come
16 back, didn't bother to check back, and didn't
17 show up Monday when the petition continued to be
18 posted for an 11th day.

19 It turned out the board's staff were
20 there by a quarter to 9:00 on a Sunday morning,
21 and there's just no issue here, potential dispute
22 about whether the board complied with the

1 statute. Mr. Bagwell is clearly not entitled to
2 another ten day period to review the petition to
3 the extent of his issue, that he wants to
4 intervene to assert is that he was deprived of an
5 opportunity to review the petition.

6 And it should be posted for another
7 ten days, that's not nearly meritless, it's
8 frivolous, it's not an issue the board should
9 entertain, and he should not be permitted to
10 intervene. Mr. Bagwell should not be permitted
11 to intervene for that purpose. There's no
12 indication that anyone else who wanted to review
13 lacked an opportunity to do so.

14 And in fact it was the challenger, Ms.
15 Graham, and her counsel had availed themselves of
16 the opportunity to review during the ten day
17 period, and filed a challenge. So, for those
18 reasons, we don't believe this is an appropriate
19 situation for intervention. He doesn't have any
20 legitimate interest that isn't represented by the
21 challenger, and it's just -- it would be a waste
22 of time for the parties, and the board. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you Mr.
3 Sandler. And also I think counsel for the
4 challenger, Valerie Graham may want to speak
5 briefly, I think I see Mr. Kline here.

6 MR. KLINE: Yes, I am here. We
7 certainly support the motion that's been filed to
8 the extent that individuals, registered voters
9 have been deprived of their right to access
10 (audio interference) we think that the Board of
11 Elections has an obligation to comply with the
12 law, which means requiring access during the ten
13 day period.

14 I think what's telling here is not the
15 half an hour, or whatever the delay was in
16 getting there. As I understand it, according to
17 Mr. Bianco's argument is that they also left a
18 message pursuant to the instructions on the
19 website, and never heard anything back. And
20 again, maybe this was the last day, but I think
21 that as Mr. Bianco has asserted, there may be
22 others out there.

1 I saw an email which seemed to suggest
2 that the Board of Elections believed that it had
3 no obligation to make the petitions available
4 over the weekend, despite the statute, which
5 clearly says a consecutive ten day period
6 including weekends, and holidays. So, whether
7 anyone was there in the previous weekend, the
8 previous Sunday, the previous Saturday, I don't
9 know.

10 But it seems pretty clear that there
11 was no ability for anyone making reasonable
12 efforts on that Sunday to access, and we would
13 certainly concur, and support the motion to allow
14 an additional ten day period. The other part is
15 there's no harm here, because this is not on a
16 fast track. The hearing on the challenge is set
17 for June 1st.

18 I'm kind of surprised by Mr. Sandler,
19 in that we've tangled before, and he should
20 support the board getting it right. Because the
21 last time the board didn't get it right in a case
22 that I was involved in, the board was reversed.

1 So, it seems that the best course of action is to
2 bend over backwards, and make sure that everyone
3 has the opportunity to examine the petitions,
4 participate in the proceedings.

5 And as the chair has repeatedly said,
6 which I respect, to get it right. And that means
7 not only getting it right in terms of counting,
8 but also means getting it right in terms of
9 process. Thank you.

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you Mr. Kline.
11 Mr. Sandler, since he brought you up, you want
12 one minute for rebuttal? If you keep it brief.
13 If we can unmute Joe Sandler.

14 MR. SANDLER: Okay. Yeah, just to say
15 again, that there was just no -- no one was
16 deprived of an opportunity here, it was up for
17 ten days. He could have come back on Sunday, and
18 -- or he could have come back on Monday, and
19 availed himself of the opportunity. The idea
20 that this should be reopened for another is
21 completely not in accordance with the language of
22 the statute, and we would certainly oppose it,

1 it's not a legitimate position. Thank you.

2 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you
3 so much counsel. I think we'll take it under
4 advisement, and may go into executive session at
5 the conclusion of this meeting to discuss amongst
6 ourselves, and then probably we'll issue a
7 written ruling on the motion to intervene. We
8 wanted to address this today, because it
9 obviously affects the scope of the existing
10 challenge by Ms. Graham regarding Ward 2.

11 So, we'll get this issue promptly, so
12 everybody knows what the lay of the land is going
13 forward before we have a special meeting on the
14 existing challenge to the Ward 2 votes. Okay,
15 let me pass it back to General Counsel Stroud.

16 MS. STROUD: Okay, thank you. The
17 next item on my agenda is rule making to Title
18 Three of the D.C. Municipal Regulations. The
19 first rule making is a final rule making. It is
20 rule making to chapters 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 99
21 of Title Three, the elections, and ethics chapter
22 for title of the DCMR. A notice of emergency,

1 and proposed rule making with respect to this
2 rule making was published in the D.C. Register on
3 March 11th, 2022.

4 We received no written comments to the
5 proposed rules during the public comment period,
6 and no substantive changes have been made to the
7 regulations as proposed. These regulations were
8 to conform the regulations to existing statutes,
9 and to conduct generally some housekeeping
10 measures in terms of having the regulations
11 comport with our actual processes, and
12 procedures.

13 And so what I'll do is I'll layout
14 each of the rule makings, and then ask for the
15 board's approval that the regulations, or the
16 amendments to the regulations be sent to the
17 office of the D.C. Register so they can be
18 published, and take effect as appropriate. So,
19 that first one was the notice of final rule
20 making, which was put up for an emergency, and
21 proposed rule making form on March 11th.

22 And the second rule making is an

1 emergency, and proposed rule making to again
2 reflect more accurately the board's current
3 election, and particularly post election
4 practices, and procedures. They take away some -
5 - I guess vestiges of old equipment, or
6 references to some old equipment that we used to
7 use.

8 We used to use direct recording
9 electronic equipment, and so this takes away
10 references to that equipment, which we no longer
11 use. It specifies -- it erases some conflicts
12 that existed in the regulations in terms of when
13 particular ballots would be counted. It
14 clarifies regulations that pertain to recount
15 procedures.

16 It reflects the fact that we will no
17 longer be using -- we've updated our processes
18 with respect to how we process curbside ballots.
19 We have a new, and updated process by which we
20 will administer the curbside voting process. It
21 clarifies when hearings will be held to determine
22 the validity of special ballots that are cast.

1 And certain other items that reflect
2 how our processes will be in light of changes
3 that happened in 2020 due to the public health
4 emergency brought on by COVID-19, and just
5 clarifies our rules with respect to the items
6 that I discussed. And so that's the emergency,
7 and proposed rule making which we are requesting
8 be submitted to the D.C. Register in time so that
9 they will be applicable for the upcoming primary
10 election, and the entire election cycle.

11 And then the final rule making is
12 emergency, and proposed rule making submitted by
13 the Office of Campaign Finance, and I will have
14 either Cecily, Director Collier-Montgomery, or
15 general counsel for the Office of Campaign
16 Finance, William Sanford address.

17 MR. SANFORD: Good morning Mr. Chair,
18 and our distinguished board members. My name is
19 William Sanford, general counsel for the Office
20 of Campaign Finance. The proposed emergency rule
21 making that we have submitted would amend chapter
22 30 of the District of Columbia Municipal

1 Regulations, and place it in conformance with the
2 amendment to the Campaign Finance Reform and
3 Conflict of Interest Public Disclosure Amendment
4 Act.

5 Specifically D.C. Official Code
6 section 1-1163.12A. Provisions would require
7 political action committees to establish non-
8 contribution accounts for the purpose of making
9 independent expenditures. These accounts are
10 required to be segregated from all other accounts
11 of the years for contributions to candidates,
12 political committees, political action
13 committees, and political parties.

14 I respectfully submit these provisions
15 with hopes that the board will approve them.

16 MS. STROUD: Thank you Mr. Sanford.
17 So, we submit these amendments to Title Three.
18 Upon the board's approval, they'll be submitted
19 to the D.C. Register, and they will be published
20 in the D.C. Register on Friday, May 13th, at
21 which time for the emergency proposed rule
22 making, they will become effective. But we will

1 take final rule making action on those in due
2 course, after they are published in the D.C.
3 Register.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you so much.
5 So moved that we approve all of the rule making
6 that you all have both carefully explained.

7 MS. STROUD: And so we will submit
8 them to the D.C. Register after the vote, and we
9 will post the rule making on our website for
10 comment, and if any voters want to pick up
11 copies, or hard copies, they are free to do so in
12 our offices.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: Just for the record
14 --

15 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Second.

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: Second, all in favor?

17 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: We're all good, all
19 right.

20 MS. STROUD: And the last item on my
21 agenda is litigation status. The first item on
22 my agenda is Long V. D.C. Board of Elections.

1 This matter was filed in D.C. superior court in
2 2021, it is a civil complaint seeking 10000
3 dollars in damages. Mr. Long claims negligence,
4 and unjust enrichment. He's a former poll
5 worker, and he alleges that the board issued him
6 a check without informing him not to deposit it.

7 Then had payment of the check stopped,
8 causing him to have a negative balance, and a
9 return check fee. There was an initial hearing
10 in this matter on August 9th, and the matter has
11 been continued to June 17th, 2022 to accommodate
12 action that the plaintiff needs to take in this
13 matter.

14 The next item is Henderson versus
15 Board of Elections. The petitioner filed a
16 recall petition of Sydelle Moore Advisory
17 Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member
18 District 5D05. The petition was rejected due to
19 an insufficient number of signatures. On January
20 25th, the D.C. Court of Appeals issued an order
21 directing the board to file the designation of
22 record by May 23rd, 2022.

1 The next item is Public Interest Legal
2 Foundation versus Monica Evans in her official
3 capacity as the executive director of the Board
4 of Elections. This was filed in U.S. district
5 court for the District of Columbia under the
6 National Voter Registration Act. It alleges that
7 the board is out of compliance with the NVRA's
8 public records provision.

9 The Office of the Attorney General
10 filed a motion to dismiss on behalf of the board
11 on February 3rd. The plaintiff filed a response
12 on February 17th, the Office of the Attorney
13 General responded on March 17th, 22', and we are
14 awaiting next steps in this matter. The fourth
15 item is McDuffie versus the D.C. Board of
16 Elections.

17 This matter was an appeal following a
18 D.C. Court of Appeals from a board order issued
19 on April 18th upholding a qualifications base
20 challenge filed by Bruce V. Spiva against Mr.
21 McDuffie, candidate for nomination for the Office
22 of the Attorney General in the June 21st

1 democratic primary election. The board upheld
2 the challenge based upon its finding that Mr.
3 McDuffie did not meet the qualifications
4 necessary to hold the Office of Attorney General.

5 The appeal was filed on April 21st.
6 Mr. Spiva intervened on April 22nd. Between
7 April 25th, and 26th, the matter was fully
8 briefed in accordance with a court order that was
9 issued on April 22nd. On April 27th, a three
10 member panel of the court heard oral argument in
11 the matter. On April 28th, the court granted the
12 board's order for summary affirmance.

13 On that same date Mr. McDuffie filed
14 a petition for a rehearing en banc, and a motion
15 to stay the court's order. On April 29th, the
16 board, and the intervener filed responses to the
17 petition, and on April 30th, the court issued an
18 order denying the petition for rehearing en banc,
19 and denied the motion for the stay as moot.

20 The fifth item -- the fifth matter is
21 Candon versus D.C. Board of Elections. This
22 matter was an appeal filed in the D.C. Court of

1 Appeals from a board order issued on April 22nd
2 upholding a challenge filed by Denise Reed to the
3 nominating petition submitted by Marieva Candon
4 in support of her effort to appear as a candidate
5 for nomination for the Office of National
6 Committeewoman to the Democratic State Committee
7 for D.C. in the June 21st democratic primary
8 election.

9 The board upheld the challenge on the
10 grounds that the petition did not contain the
11 requisite number of signatures for ballot access.
12 Ms. Candon filed the appeal on April 25th. On
13 April 26th, the court issued an order directing
14 Ms. Candon to file a statement outlining her
15 argument that the board erred in rejecting her
16 nominating petition.

17 And she was instructed that statement
18 by 4:00 p.m. on the 26th. Ms. Candon did not
19 meet that deadline. Consequently, the court
20 issued an order on April 27th dismissing her
21 appeal. On that same date, Ms. Candon filed a
22 motion to reinstate the matter. On April 28th,

1 the court denied that motion. The final matter
2 is Jenkins versus D.C. Board of Elections.

3 This matter was a consolidated appeal
4 filed in the D.C. Court of Appeals from two board
5 orders issued on April 22nd upholding challenges
6 filed by Lisa Gore, and James Harnett to the
7 nominating petition submitted by Liniqua
8 Dominique Jenkins in support of her effort to
9 appear as a candidate for nomination for the
10 Office of At-Large Member of the Council of the
11 District of Columbia in the June 21st primary
12 election.

13 The board upheld the challenge on the
14 grounds that the petition did not contain the
15 requisite number of signatures for ballot access.
16 Ms. Jenkins filed the appeal on April 27th. On
17 April 27th, the board filed a motion to dismiss
18 the appeal as untimely filed. On April 28th, the
19 court granted the board's motion to dismiss. And
20 that concludes the litigation status, and my
21 report.

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you

1 so much for that. And I also want to thank you
2 Terri Stroud, and your entire legal team,
3 including Christine Pembroke for the incredible
4 stretch of really hard work over the course of
5 not only the six litigations you just reviewed,
6 but also ten challenges which we went to hearing
7 on, and that each required written orders in
8 pretty short order.

9 I've worked in large law firms for
10 over 30 years, and lots of prestigious friends,
11 and I don't think those firms, they don't have
12 anything on BOE's legal staff. You guys are
13 brilliant, and excellent, and when the pressure's
14 on, as it has been in the last couple weeks,
15 you've really risen to the occasion, and tackled
16 a lot of briefing, and hard work in short order.

17 Including a lot of evenings, and
18 weekends. So, a public thank you to the legal
19 team at the BOE.

20 MS. STROUD: Thank you Mr. Chair, and
21 they're here to hear it as well, so.

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: Good. All right. I

1 guess onward with the campaign finance report
2 from Ms. Collier-Montgomery.

3 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes, good
4 morning. For my report today, I will highlight
5 several of the items that are in the full report
6 of the OCF activity for the month of April, and
7 the full report will be published at our website
8 www.ocf.dc.gov before the close of business
9 today. The full report is quite lengthy, and
10 it's 20 pages in total, and that's why I will
11 highlight a few of the items.

12 First, the Office of Campaign Finance
13 will conduct debates in the contested races for
14 the office of mayor on May 16th, 2022 from 7:00
15 p.m., to 8:30 p.m. The attorney general on May
16 17th, 2022 from 7:00 p.m., to 8:30 p.m. The
17 Council Chairman on May 18th, 2022 from 7:00
18 p.m., to 8:30 p.m. And the At-Large member of
19 the Council on May 19th, 2022 from 7:00 p.m., to
20 8:30 p.m.

21 These offices are scheduled for
22 election during the June 21st, 2022 primary

1 election. All candidates certified to
2 participate in the fair elections program who are
3 in contested city wide elections must participate
4 in the debate. Any candidates of the traditional
5 campaign finance program who have qualified for
6 ballot access will be invited to participate.

7 Where there is no other FEP
8 participating candidate, or willing non-
9 participating candidate, the mandatory debate
10 requirement is waived. The OCF will update
11 information at the OCF website, again
12 www.ocf.dc.gov as it becomes available concerning
13 the scheduled dates, times, participants, and the
14 registration process for the public to attend
15 virtually, and participate in the debates.

16 In the interest of continuing to
17 ensure the safety of our residents, the OCF
18 sponsored debates will be conducted using a
19 virtual platform, and streamed live online at
20 www.dcdebates.com. Recordings of the debates
21 will remain online for viewing after the debates
22 through the remainder of the calendar year.

1 Also during April the OCF participated
2 in five community events throughout the city at
3 which time the OCF was able to disseminate
4 information on our traditional, as well as on our
5 fair elections programs. I would also point out
6 that on April the 7th, I did present testimony on
7 the fiscal year 2023 budget requests of the
8 Office of Campaign Finance of 7473090 dollars
9 before the committee on the judiciary, and public
10 safety of the Council of the District of
11 Columbia.

12 The testimony is available at the
13 Council's website. In the fair elections
14 program, during the month of April briefly, as of
15 this date during the 2022 election cycle, the
16 total sum of 8594293 dollars, and 68 cents has
17 been authorized for disbursement from the fair
18 elections fund to the 33 candidates who are
19 currently certified in the program to participate
20 in the June 21st, 2022 primary election, and the
21 November the 8th, 2022 general election.

22 During the month of April, the OCF

1 certified ten new candidates into the fair
2 elections program for the 2022 election cycle,
3 and authorized 39 disbursements of funds to
4 participating candidates. The certified
5 candidates are Benjamin Zoltan Bergmann for Ward
6 3, the candidate was certified on April the 6th,
7 2022.

8 As a participating candidate in the
9 FEP in the June 21st, 2022 primary election for
10 the covered office of counsel for Ward 3. The
11 second is Beau Finley, Beau Finley for Ward 3.
12 The candidate was certified on April the 6th,
13 again as a participating candidate, and the FEP
14 in the June 21st, 2022 primary election for the
15 covered office of member of the Council from Ward
16 3.

17 Three, Salah Czapary. Salah Czapary
18 the candidate was certified on April the 11th as
19 a participating candidate in the program in the
20 June 21st primary election for the covered office
21 of member of the Council from Ward 1. Monte
22 Corbett Monash, The Friends of Monte Ward 3, the

1 candidate was certified on April the 11th as a
2 participating candidate in the program in the
3 June 21st primary for the covered office of
4 member of the Council from Ward 3.

5 Giuseppe Urberto Niosi. The Niosi
6 2022, the candidate was certified on April the
7 11th as a participating candidate in the program
8 in the June 21st, 2022 primary election for the
9 covered office of At-Large member of the Council.

10 Eric James Goulet. The Eric Goulet
11 for Ward 3. The candidate was certified on April
12 the 11th in the fair elections program in the
13 June 21st primary election for the covered office
14 of member of the Council from Ward 3.

15 Elissa Silverman. Elissa for D.C.,
16 the candidate was certified on April the 19th as
17 a participating candidate in the program in the
18 November the 8th, 2022 general election for the
19 covered office of At-Large member of the Council.

20 Ryan Lawrence Jones. Ryan Jones for
21 AG, the candidate was certified on April the 19th
22 as a participating candidate in the fair

1 elections program in the June 21st primary
2 election for the covered office of attorney
3 general.

4 Trayon White. The Tray White for
5 Mayor 2022. The candidate was certified on April
6 the 21st as a participating candidate in the
7 program in the June 21st primary election for the
8 covered office of mayor.

9 And the last one is Graham McLaughlin.
10 Graham for D.C. The candidate was certified on
11 April the 27th, 2022 as a participating candidate
12 in the program in the November the 8th, 2022
13 general election for the covered office of At-
14 Large Council member.

15 In our public information, and records
16 management division for the month of April, 2022,
17 briefly there were four filing deadlines. Also
18 there were no new candidates who registered
19 during the month of April with the Office of
20 Campaign Finance, but there were three new
21 committees that registered. The first two are
22 independent expenditure committees.

1 The Regional Alliance for Small
2 Business Executives registered on April the 18th.
3 The D.C. Charter School Action Independent
4 Expenditure Committee registered on April the
5 18th. And the new political action committee was
6 the D.C. Engineers Political Action Committee,
7 which registered on April the 11th.

8 Also during the month of April, I
9 would point out that 19 new candidates, and
10 treasurers completed the OCF answering conference
11 presentation. In our report analysis, and audit
12 division, that is our traditional campaign
13 finance program, I would point out that the audit
14 division issued three compliance audits. They
15 are posted on our website for review.

16 And the audits are Corren Brown For
17 Mayor, which was issued on April the 8th. Spiva
18 For D.C. AG, which was issued on April the 22nd.
19 Lauren Rogers for Ward 5, which was issued on
20 April the 29th. And that there are seven ongoing
21 audits in our traditional audit program, and that
22 there are 33 ongoing post-election audits which

1 are in our fair elections program.

2 And again, that concludes my report,
3 but the full report will be posted at our website
4 before the end of the day. And I would ask Mr.
5 Sanford, who is the OCF general counsel to give
6 the report for the Office of the General Counsel.

7 MR. SANFORD: Good morning again Mr.
8 Chairman, and distinguished board members. My
9 name is William Sanford, general counsel for the
10 Office of Campaign Finance. During the month of
11 April 2022, the Office of General Counsel
12 received six referrals, completed six informal
13 hearings, and issued six orders which include the
14 following.

15 Four orders were issued in which a
16 total of 4100 dollars in fines were imposed. And
17 two orders were issued in which no fines were
18 imposed. During the month of April, 2022, the
19 Office of the General Counsel imposed fines
20 against the following respondents. The fine of
21 1300 dollars was imposed against the Committee to
22 Elect Joint Partisan.

1 The fine of 1300 dollars was imposed
2 against Partisan for Ward 8. The fine of 1300
3 dollars was imposed against Carter At-Large. And
4 a fine of 200 dollars was imposed against Paul
5 Trantham, Member At-Large. During the month of
6 April 2022, the Office of the General Counsel
7 collected a total of 6075 dollars in fines, they
8 included the following.

9 The fine of 1200 dollars was paid by
10 the Capital Stonewall Democrats. An additional
11 fine of 3450 dollars was also paid by the Capital
12 Stonewall Democrats. The fine of 250 dollars was
13 paid by the D.C. Libertarian Party. The fine of
14 600 dollars was paid by Oye for Representative
15 22. And the fine of 575 dollars was paid by
16 Elect Chris Egiotec (phonetic).

17 During the month of April 2022, there
18 were no active investigations, and during the
19 month of April 2022, there were no requests for
20 interpretive opinions. And finally during the
21 month of April 2022, no show cause proceedings
22 were conducted by the Office of the General

1 Counsel. This concludes my report, the contents
2 of this report will be published at the Office of
3 Campaign Finance website by close of business
4 today, May 4th, 2022.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you so much.

6 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: (Audio
7 interference) Office of Campaign Finance.

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, unless there's
9 anything else, we'll turn next to public comment,
10 and then I'll make a motion to go into executive
11 session to talk about the motion to intervene.

12 Does that sound okay to wrap this up?

13 MS. STROUD: Yes.

14 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, everybody
15 that's listening, thank you for being here.
16 Please raise your hand if you'd like to make a
17 comment, and I'll just go in the order that hands
18 appear on my own screen. And I see Mr. Charmaine
19 Davis, who has his hand raised, I'll call on Mr.
20 Davis first.

21 MR. GURLEY: Hello, can you hear me?

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: Sure can.

1 MR. GURLEY: Okay, good. Calvin
2 Gurley. The computer I'm using is that of
3 Charmaine Davis.

4 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, sorry about
5 that.

6 MS. STROUD: Please state your name,
7 and address for the record Mr. Gurley.

8 MR. GURLEY: Calvin Gurley, 612
9 Underwood Street Northwest, Washington D.C.,
10 20020. I sent in two inquiries to your legal
11 counsel to try to get some type of response, or
12 conversation, and let me read it for you so we
13 know. The first one is on the subject of
14 inactive voters. And after reviewing your DCMR,
15 there are several issues that are pending for
16 your review.

17 However, can you please direct me to
18 the law, or D.C. code on the designated, or the
19 rules of procedures to designate a voter
20 inactive? As in the following, signatures shall
21 not be counted as valid if the signer's voter's
22 registration is designated as inactive on the

1 voter's roll.

2 I have not found in my research any
3 legal writing that gives guidance, instructions,
4 or procedures, or policy on how to designate a
5 voter as inactive on the D.C. voter's roll.

6 There is a D.C. law requires the D.C. Board of
7 Elections, Karyn Brook's office to annually
8 verify, and update the voter's roll.

9 And pursue by posted mail, response,
10 and update affirmation of status of the
11 registered voter. However, there is no legal
12 text that makes the update process a final, and
13 determining factor to designate the voter
14 inactive on the voter's role. Please verify my
15 limited knowledge of the D.C. law governing this
16 issue.

17 While I see that in that particular
18 procedure I indicated, that the Board of
19 Elections, Karyn Brook's office will go out, and
20 send a postcard to registered voters who are
21 deemed not to be participating in the past, I
22 guess two elections, presidential elections. And

1 with that particular tool that is used, that
2 being that postage card, if there's no response,
3 I believe, and you can correct me.

4 That it's your initiative to cause
5 that person to be designated as inactive. And my
6 opposition to that is that the voter, the
7 registered voter has approximately two, to three
8 authorizations. But if you just use one of those
9 authorizations to enact that person being
10 inactive, then that's not fair to them, and it's
11 biased, and it's discriminatory.

12 The registered voter can one, the
13 initial authorization is to vote. Number two,
14 the registered voter is allowed, and authorized
15 to allow, to authorize, or sign a signature
16 petition of any candidate. Number three, the
17 D.C. courts do use your voter's roll as their
18 list of jurors that they pick for jury duty.

19 Now, I know that mail in card may not
20 be responded, but when a voter does sign a
21 petition of a candidate, that does renew their
22 voter's registration in the eyes of the Board of

1 Elections, or it should, because they are
2 exercising one of their rights of authorization
3 to vote, to endorse a candidate by their
4 signature.

5 And if not, then the D.C. courts can
6 also confer to the Board of Elections that this
7 person did show up for jury duty by way of his
8 name being listed on the voter's roll. So, I was
9 just wondering of what decision, or of you taking
10 my opposition to get some discussion on this
11 matter.

12 MS. STROUD: So, I mean if I
13 understand your question Mr. Gurley, you're
14 saying that you think that the act of signing the
15 petition for an inactive voter should make it so
16 that they are -- you're saying that those
17 signatures should be counted as valid?

18 MR. GURLEY: No, I'm not, I'm not
19 saying that. I'm saying this. It's that you
20 made -- not you, but Board of Elections are
21 designating who do not vote as being inactive.
22 But there's other authorizations, or rights by

1 that voter which he is participating in that
2 voter's registration. That voter's registration
3 gives him the authority to vote, and to also
4 sign.

5 So, those are two I can say that I can
6 quote from the DCMR, those are the two
7 authorities that keep his voting membership
8 active. He may not participate in voting, but he
9 is exercising his right to endorse, or sign a
10 petition. Those two are granted by his voter's
11 registration. By you cancelling out, just using
12 one as an example to designate him inactive, if
13 he doesn't vote, okay.

14 But he still has the right in that
15 voter's registration that you keep it alive that
16 he can sign a petition. Do you understand what
17 I'm saying? No, you don't.

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: Well, let me suggest
19 this. Mr. Gurley, thank you so much, it sounds
20 like what you're proposing is something that
21 would broaden democratic participation, so thank
22 you. And I followed you, but it might help if we

1 have another conversation offline, maybe if you
2 send an email, and then we can address, and
3 provide some guidance on the issue you're
4 raising.

5 MR. GURLEY: Okay, did you get my
6 email address? I sent you an email, did you
7 receive that?

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: I'm not sure who you
9 sent it to, but we'll be sure, and address it, I
10 promise.

11 MR. GURLEY: Okay, great.

12 CHAIR THOMPSON: And I'll jump in on
13 it as well.

14 MR. GURLEY: Well, thank you for your
15 time.

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah, thank you. I
17 know you've been involved in the community for a
18 long time, I think we met when I was an ANC
19 commissioner.

20 MR. GURLEY: Yes we did.

21 CHAIR THOMPSON: So, nice to see you
22 here.

1 MR. GURLEY: Likewise.

2 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, I see a hand
3 raised on Zoom, the name Sandra SS Seegars, if
4 you could unmute her please, and why don't you go
5 ahead ma'am?

6 MS. SEEGARS: Okay, hello, how are you
7 sir?

8 CHAIR THOMPSON: Excellent, okay.

9 MS. SEEGARS: Yeah, I've been along
10 almost as long as Karyn, so she left me. But I
11 have a question about the process you all just
12 had with Holly Muhammad, and Thomas Donohue, and
13 then I have a question about the ten day period
14 to get changes to address. Why did you only
15 allow Holly Muhammad to speak once, and Tom went
16 on, and on? That's the first question.

17 CHAIR THOMPSON: Just sort of standard
18 procedure is the proposer speaks, then the
19 respondent speaks, whoever it is, and typically
20 there's a rebuttal, especially if there's a
21 personal sort of challenge, or comment made.
22 It's just a chance for someone to kind of have

1 the last word to address themselves. The intent
2 being to give everybody their say, that's pretty
3 standard approach.

4 MS. SEEGARS: Yeah, but you muted her,
5 and she was trying to ask you a question. That
6 wasn't right.

7 CHAIR THOMPSON: I mean the whole
8 thing was kind of on the precipice of falling
9 into a lot of interruption, and kind of a big,
10 open debate on the record, and I was trying to
11 avoid that. And I think everyone certainly got
12 their points across, and supplemented by the
13 chat. So, we thank everybody for their comment.

14 MS. SEEGARS: Yeah, but she had a
15 question to ask you, and y'all didn't unmute her.
16 But I mean that's gone now, but she had a
17 question to ask you, but you all did not unmute
18 her again. But my other issue is the -- because
19 I was instrumental in putting in place that if a
20 person is challenged, the signatures are
21 challenged, and the person moved within the ward.
22 Or within the Single Member District,

1 they had a period of time to go, and get changes
2 of addresses, and they decided that it be ten
3 days. So, I want to know if it can be changed to
4 ten days from the time the office finds, or the
5 board does the finding report, when they send it
6 out. Instead of from the date the challenge was
7 filed, is that clear?

8 Okay, so right now, it's ten days from
9 the date the challenge was filed. By the time
10 the board gets back to them, if there's some
11 change in addresses that the board is going to
12 allow, the ten days are almost gone, they might
13 have one day to do so. So, I was wondering if
14 the date could be changed from the day of the
15 filing of the board rather than the day that they
16 filed the actual challenge.

17 MS. STROUD: Mr. Chair, I can address
18 that. That would require a change through the
19 Council, because the statute provides that you
20 have ten days after the date that the challenge
21 is filed to submit changes of address. And so
22 our process is in accordance with the statute as

1 it currently exists.

2 MS. SEEGARS: You said it's with the
3 Council's office?

4 MS. STROUD: Yes, that's in the
5 statue.

6 MS. SEEGARS: Okay, so they would have
7 to change it?

8 MS. STROUD: They would have to change
9 it.

10 MS. SEEGARS: Okay, I'll get to them,
11 thank you.

12 MS. STROUD: You're welcome Ms.
13 Seegars.

14 MS. SEEGARS: All right, good seeing
15 you Terri.

16 MS. STROUD: Thank you.

17 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you so much
18 ma'am. Okay, any other hands out there? I'm not
19 seeing any. I don't see any in the chat. Well,
20 thank you everybody. It's been a good meeting,
21 and I think what we'll do at this point, is I'll
22 make a motion under code section 2-575B sub 13,

1 I've learned how to recite that.

2 That the board go into executive
3 session to deliberate upon the pending motion to
4 intervene in the Valerie Graham challenge to I82.
5 Do I have a second? We've got to unmute either -
6 - I think we have to unmute both Karen
7 Greenfield, and Mike Gill. When you mute
8 yourself, the IT guy has to unmute you.

9 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yeah, I think
10 there's something in the chat about unmuting
11 somebody who I think wanted to speak to public
12 matters.

13 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you so much.
14 I think -- Dorothy Brizill, that must be for
15 Dorothy Brizill.

16 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yeah.

17 CHAIR THOMPSON: Could you unmute D.
18 Brizill? Thank you so much for pointing that
19 out. Hello Ms. Brizill.

20 MS. BRIZILL: Good afternoon. I had
21 two issues I wanted to raise with you, if you can
22 hear me.

1 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah, we can hear
2 you.

3 MS. BRIZILL: Okay, the first issue I
4 had to raise goes to Monica Evans. Can she tell
5 me whether, or not the board has entered into a
6 contract from a communications firm to assist the
7 board in the elections this year? And if so what
8 the name of the firm is?

9 MS. EVANS: We have not.

10 MS. BRIZILL: Do you intend to?

11 MS. EVANS: Not for the primary
12 election, we have senior communications
13 consultant --

14 MS. BRIZILL: I can't hear you.

15 MS. EVANS: We do not. We have senior
16 communications individuals on board, and so we
17 are performing all of those duties in house.

18 MS. BRIZILL: What is the name of
19 those senior communications officials?

20 MS. EVANS: It's staff. I can -- all
21 falling under our PIO.

22 MS. BRIZILL: Current staff, or newly

1 hired staff?

2 MS. EVANS: Staff, and consultants all
3 under the PIO.

4 MS. BRIZILL: So, you've engaged
5 consultants, but you haven't entered into a
6 contract?

7 MS. EVANS: Well, they're temporary
8 workers, so there's no need to enter into a
9 contract.

10 MS. BRIZILL: So, to make sure we're
11 using the same language, you're not entering into
12 a PR contract, but you're using staff, and
13 individuals you refer to as consultants?

14 MS. EVANS: Temporary workers, yes.

15 MS. BRIZILL: Temporary workers.
16 What's the difference between a temporary worker,
17 and a consultant?

18 MS. EVANS: Temporary workers we bring
19 on typically during an election season to help us
20 with our election functions. A consultant, we
21 would typically enter into a contract with an
22 individual.

1 MS. BRIZILL: What's the name of those
2 temporary workers, and, or consultants that are
3 helping you with communications?

4 MS. EVANS: I can provide a list, I
5 don't have the full list in front of me, so I
6 don't want to provide you inaccurate, or
7 incomplete information. But I will be more than
8 happy to share that with you.

9 MS. BRIZILL: And how many people are
10 we talking about?

11 MS. EVANS: Again, I don't want to
12 misspeak, but I will get that information to you.

13 MS. BRIZILL: On the issue of the
14 ballots, am I correct that you indicated in your
15 report today that you're using KNH Mailhouse to
16 do the mailing of the ballots?

17 MS. EVANS: That is correct.

18 MS. BRIZILL: Are they also doing the
19 printing of the ballots?

20 MS. EVANS: That is correct.

21 MS. BRIZILL: Can you tell me what
22 Fort Orange Press in Albany, New York is doing in

1 terms of printing ballots?

2 MS. EVANS: We have not engaged the
3 services of any other vendor.

4 MS. BRIZILL: So, Fort Orange Press is
5 not printing ballots for you for this election
6 year?

7 MS. EVANS: That is correct.

8 MS. BRIZILL: Okay. Now, Mr.
9 Thompson, I had a question, or an issue I wanted
10 to raise with you, and I won't belabor it. As
11 the newest member of the board, I am simply
12 reaching out to you to ask you if you can use
13 your authority to have the PIO officer, and the
14 Board of Elections to do a better job in making
15 information available.

16 As you are probably aware of, the
17 district has a very specific, and aggressive
18 sunshine law, that says that citizens have the
19 right to request information, and they need not
20 file FOIA to get such information. A clear
21 indication of the problems at the Board of
22 Elections occurred last week when we were (audio

1 interference) figure what was going on at the
2 Court of Appeals.

3 And what was going to be its likely
4 outcome. Your PIO officer was not only not
5 forthcoming with information, he was in essence,
6 being very -- I don't know what word to use, I
7 can't figure out a word for it. The bottom line
8 is information such as a simple request, what is
9 the case number, can you provide us with a copy
10 of the filing that the Board of Elections had
11 made at the Court of Appeals?

12 What is the time line for the case?
13 He would not provide such information, and
14 instead said go get it elsewhere. That is in
15 essence his response. That is not acceptable for
16 a PIO officer at any time, especially in an
17 election year. And this has been ongoing for
18 some time. So, either something has to be done
19 in terms of a formal complaint being filed with
20 the Board of Ethics and Government
21 Accountability.

22 Or the Board of Elections needs to

1 have a sit down conversation with Mr. Nicolas as
2 regards to what his job is, and the extent to
3 which he is the public information officer, and
4 needs to make such information available to the
5 press, and to citizens alike. Thank you.

6 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, thank you
7 so much Ms. Brizill, I'll think about that, and
8 take it under advisement. Is there anybody else
9 with a hand raised? I don't see any hands
10 raised, and I'll just wait a couple seconds, look
11 at the chat space as well. All right, well thank
12 you everybody. I guess I have a pending motion
13 for the board to proceed to executive session, is
14 there a second?

15 MEMBER GILL: Second.

16 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, all in favor?

17 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

18 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: And I guess
20 relatedly, I guess a motion to adjourn the public
21 meeting presently.

22 MEMBER GILL: Well, so are we going to

1 come back, and give an update on the initiative,
2 or is Terri going to communicate them? I'm
3 ambivalent, just folks that are hanging around
4 wondering if they're going to get some --

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: I guess we can come
6 back, yeah.

7 MEMBER GILL: So, let's -- I guess
8 what do we think time wise?

9 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah, it's 12:12, I
10 think we need maybe 15 minutes. So, why don't I
11 say we'll go into special session for 10, to 15
12 minutes, and come back on the record.

13 MEMBER GILL: And then adjourn?

14 CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah, I'll say 12:25,
15 and then we'll come back in, announce our ruling,
16 and then adjourn.

17 MEMBER GILL: Works for me.

18 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yeah.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, great, thank
20 you for that. With that, we'll go into executive
21 session, and for those who want to wait around
22 for 12:25, we'll see you in a little bit. For

1 everybody else, thank you so much for joining us
2 today.

3 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
4 went off the record at 12:13 p.m. and resumed at
5 12:46 p.m.)

6 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, we are
7 back, and I can see that the court reporter is
8 with us. And we've got four other participants
9 still, thank you. I think we'll just wait just a
10 little bit to see if anyone else is going to pop
11 up. I did say we'd be back at about 12:30, and
12 it's a few minutes after that.

13 MS. STROUD: And just a reminder to
14 vote to resume the public meeting.

15 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, I'll go ahead,
16 and do it. Let me move to resume the public
17 meeting. Do I have a second?

18 MEMBER GILL: Second.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, all in
20 favor?

21 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

22 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

1 CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye. Okay, with
2 that, thank you. We've been in executive session
3 discussing the motion to intervene by Mr. Bagwell
4 in the challenge of Valerie Graham. We had a
5 chance to discuss it at length. And at this time
6 I'll make a motion to deny the motion to
7 intervene for two reasons. Number one, because
8 the intervener was, and is adequately represented
9 by the existing challenger, who has very able
10 counsel involved.

11 And number two, because under the
12 facts as presented, I see no denial of reasonable
13 access. With that, this will be subject to a
14 written order that will expand on those two
15 grounds, and that's the motion.

16 MEMBER GILL: So, I second the motion.

17 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right, any
18 comments from you Mike, or Karyn?

19 MS. STROUD: I have no comments. We
20 will draft an order that will be submitted, or
21 provided to the parties shortly, and posted on
22 the board's website.

1 CHAIR THOMPSON: We can go ahead, and
2 vote.

3 MEMBER GILL: I think we still need to
4 vote.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: So, all in favor?

6 MS. STROUD: I was jumping the gun I
7 think.

8 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

9 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: Three to zero. And
11 with a written order to follow. Okay, before I
12 move to adjourn, any other comments, or issues we
13 need to cover here? All right, it is Wednesday,
14 we're halfway through the week, we're going to
15 get there, and I'm going to test negative for
16 COVID tomorrow I hope. So, with that I move to
17 adjourn.

18 MEMBER GILL: Second.

19 CHAIR THOMPSON: All in favor?

20 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

21 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you everybody.

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