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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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10:42 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Friday, November 18, 2016

One Judiciary Square 441 4th Street, N.W., Room 280 North Washington, D.C.

PRESENT:

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PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right, good morning. Let's get started here. It is 10:42. I think we're getting better, and this public meeting is in session of the Board of Elections.

We're a little late in the month, but due to the elections on November the 8 th, we thought it was wise -- can you hear us okay? REPORTER: Yes.

REPORTER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: We thought it was wise to delay the meeting and be able to have some stuff to talk about. At any rate, we are here. To my far right, Cecily Montgomery is out ill, and taking her place, general counsel to the Office of Campaign Finance, Mr. William Sanford.

To his left is Michael Gill, board member. To his left and my right, Ken McGhie, general counsel, Board of Elections. Dionna Lewis is to my left, board member, and to the far left is Alice Miller, Board of Elections executive director.

Okay. First on the agenda is the adoption of the agenda. Do I get a motion from either board member?

MS. LEWIS: I'd like to make a motion to adopt the last or the current agenda for this meeting.

MR. GILL: Second.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So moved. The agenda is adopted. Adoption of the minutes for the meeting that was on October 5 $^{\rm th}.$

MS. LEWIS: I'd like to make a motion to adopt the board minutes from last month's board

meeting of October 5^{th} , 2016.

MR. GILL: Second.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So moved. The minutes from the October 5 $^{\rm th}$ meeting is adopted. Any board matters? Ms. Lewis?

MS. LEWIS: No. CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

MR. GILL: No.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: There's one from me, and that is to congratulate all of the Board of Elections -- I hate to call people staff, because that's just not a big enough word for all of the things that you guys do; a huge success this past time. It is just an honor and pleasure, and I know speak for the other board members, to be associated with such dedicated district employees, and mostly dedicated to the process of elections for the capitol of the nation, if not the capitol of the world.

So, thank you very much for all of the hard work that goes in, not just during the week or on that day, but in the entire year preceding it. I've talked to and visited a number of different polling places, and the compliments that you guys received the various persons out in the field making or processing people through to vote is just amazing and tremendous.

I didn't see one issue, to your credit, regarding ABA. Our polling places that I visited were all exemplary beyond compliance. And all of the precinct captains were very complimentary of the support and responsiveness that came from headquarters in terms of helping them.

I actually saw someone who was a precinct captain, that I cannot remember, I visited so many polling places, at Safeway yesterday. And he was still complimenting the headquarters on what a great job you did to support the process. So, thank you. Great day and a great process over the course of the previous year.

So, please, those of you that are here, please pass it on to your colleagues how appreciative we all are, and how appreciative the citizens of the District of Columbia are, and how far ahead of many jurisdictions and many states around the country that we are in this process. So thank you.

Next item on the agenda are public matters. Anybody have any item regarding the public matters, which this particular part of the agenda is -- we moved it in order to give us an opportunity to be able to pull information together and properly respond to any public matters.

So we have it at this point, and it really would be on anything that was a part of last month's meeting. So, nothing there. Alice Miller.

> MS. MILLER: Thank you. CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Executive board. MS. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. CHAIRMAN BENNETT: You're welcome.

MS. MILLER: I'm going to quickly do a wrap up of the November election, and then we'll move to certification.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great.

MS. MILLER: So as you just mentioned, and we know you got busy at the general election on November 8^{th} . Early voting began on October 22^{nd} here at One Judiciary Square.

Subsequent to that, we had satellite stations that were opened in all eight wards beginning October 28th and remained open until Friday, November 4th. We had a total of 14 days of early voting conducted. During that time, we processed 100,077 voters. I think that's the most that's ever been processed since early voting began in 2010; close to doubling the number from the 2012 election, which was about 50,000 early voting voters.

We did have lines from time to time for early voting at the voting location. Workers performed their jobs with a smile all through the process. Everyone was committed to both their service and to make sure the public and to the voters were being cooperative during the times that the long lines prevented them from getting in and getting out in less than a 10 minute time cycle.

Usually, the lines were processed within 60 minutes, when there were lines formed, and of course, that generally happened the first day and close to the end of early voting in all areas where there was early voting.

I do want to mention that the first day of early voting generated 2,500 voters here at One Judiciary Square, and on the last day, we did experience a line that lasted approximately 90 minutes after the 7:00 voting time here on Judiciary Square. Turkey Thicket in Columbia

Heights also had very high generating early voting polls during that time span.

Election Day, also busy with 143 precincts. We had a 65 percent turnout for the November election. That's higher a turnout than we've had in recent times. The last presidential election, there was a 60 percent turnout.

So we gather the precincts located close to the local colleges generated very heavy turnout; primarily at Georgetown Library, Precinct 6. Precinct 28, a church close to Howard University, experienced a very high turnout for them, and it was generally the students coming in, and they were registering using the same-day registration process as something that they took advantage of.

The last voter was processed, I want to say at -- I guess at 20 A.M.E. Church around 11:00, and that was due to the process -- the special ballot process method as the same day registration.

With the 65 percent turnout, there were 312,000 voters that voted in this election. By way of statistics, we trained and deployed 2,150 Election Day workers and 300 early voting workers. Some of those were overlapped between Election Day and early voting.

We had 861 poll pads that we deployed; 12 were deployed specifically on Election Day. We had 280 test tray machines, 142 tabulators. And the equipment performed well with a few issues; nothing that generally could not be fixed or tweaked during the day. We had support staff that was available both from the vendors as well as from the technicians out in the field from our own staff that were able to fix anything that did break down or needed to be looked at.

We did have a glitch with the VR system that was noticed on Election Day. It appears that our election management system, our VR system, while making sure that duplicates did not transition over, it managed to delete some of the voters totally from the system. It was about 1 percent or less of the voters that were not transmitted to the poll pads. It's a problem with the VR system.

Voters were able to say they registered and voted a regular ballot. I have the IT division working with EMS Election Management System to determine specifically how that happened. I would say in my non-technical mind, it appears that some of this is due to the aging of the VR system.

The VR system is now 26 years old, and it needs -- and we need to begin conversations around upgrades, if possible, implementing a totally new VR system; poll pads are first generation, one and two years old; VR system is 26 years old, and while it was able to maintain a level of success for this election cycle, its future is questionable.

We've managed to place band-aids on it and it's worked, but it's time to explore other options, and we'll be looking into doing that next year.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MS. MILLER: We did have the usual issues with poll workers providing incorrect ANC ballots to some of the voters. We know of one specific incident which has occurred in precincts that we won. Unfortunately at this point, and I've had a conversation with the general counsel; the only recourse is for anyone who's interested in the voting re-election to challenge the certification once the board certifies those results in the Court of Appeals.

I will note for the record that ballot clerks in cabinets are continuously and tirelessly trained to look and make certain they provide notice with the right ANC ballot; we've had as many as 7 ANC slips within one precinct. They don't always do need what they need to do. The ANC is documented at the bottom of the slip that voters get.

Voters are also responsible for making sure that they have the right ANC ballot. We did highlight ANC on the ballot this time around to call attention to the ANC. There were some places where that -- unfortunately where it failed.

So, the slip is handed to the voter when they check it, so the voter has an opportunity to do their ANC, and then look at the ballot. Where it does not match, they should -- and both the ballot clerk should make certain that they're given the right ANC ballot, but they don't always do it.

The slip is then handed over to the ballot clerk where they trade the slip of paper off to get their ballot, and then where they're

voting on the touch-screen machine it's handed over to the individual activating the machine, so that that is -- that is the mechanism by which the ballot is activated on the touch-screen machine. So, that is not unusual. That happens. But I do know of that one particular incident that has come ; called to attention to us.

As required by law, we did conduct the manual audit. That's a hand tally of the election this week. We began on Tuesday and all day Wednesday. We randomly selected eight precincts, one from each ward, and a citywide race which happened to be electors in president and vice president, and randomly selected three contests we audited, and one that I randomly selected, which is like a regulation that we require.

The precincts that we randomly hand counted were precincts 24, ward 1, ward 4, precinct -- I mean, precinct 4 and ward 2, precinct 27, ward 3, precinct 48, ward 4, 139, ward 5, 127, ward 6, 104, ward 7, and 118, ward 8.

The contest board for ward 2 members, State Board of Education, Ward 8 members, State Board of Education -- the audit results are shown in your packet. They are also available on the web site. The variances between the hand count and machine count where there was a variance, that -- where a variance did exist, it was not large amount to generate the subsequent hand count.

In any case, the difference was never

more than four ballots, which was the most that it was. The difference in the hand count and the machine count for president; the race was 3,369 machine counted, and then the incumbent was 3,635. So it's a variance of negative 0.10.9 percent, which is in the allowable range according to the regulations.

So, the information concerning the --CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Well the regulations required a range.

> MS. MILLER: Yeah, I think it's 20 --(Pause) CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Sorry. (Discussion off the record) MS. MILLER: 0.25 percent. CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MS. MILLER: Okay. So with that, I'm going to request that we move to certification. To certify the results of the election, I will read into the record the -- basically, the ballot between the council members and the board races for the State Board of Education and for the ANCs.

We did have some ANCs that filed Declaration of Candidacies whose names did not appear on the ballot. For those, I will actually read the names -- the others, rather than read all 287 names, I will refer to those by attachment, which will be posted on the web site for those contests where the winners did win on election night.

So, I'm going to start with the electors of president and vice president. And for our election, the winner -- okay, the winner here for elected to vice president, vice president is Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine. So we'll certify Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine as the winner for that.

For the general election and for delegate to the United States of Representatives -- House of Representatives, Eleanor Holmes Norton. At-large member of the Council-District of Columbia, there were two winners; two positions available to vote on. The winners are David Grosso and Robert White.

Ward 2 members of the District of Columbia Council, the winner is Jack Evans. Ward 4 member of the Council for the District of Columbia, Brandon Todd. Ward 7 member of the District of Columbia, Vincent C. Gray. Ward 8 member of the council, Trayon Ward Eight" White.

At-large member of the State Board of Education, Ashley Carter. Ward 2 member of the State Board of Education, Jack Jacobson. Ward 4 member of the State Board of Education, Lannette Woodruff. Ward 7 member of the State Board of Education, Karen Williams. Ward 8 member of the State Board of Education, Margaret Spachler (phonetic 00:17:10). And the United States Representative winner, Franklin Garcia.

Also certifying the results of the advisory referendum E, the advisory referendum on the state of the Columbia Admission Act, Resolution 2016 for the referendum, the advisory referendum, 244,134 votes versus against the advisory referendum, 40,779 votes. So we would certify that as the -- for the advisory vote

referendum.

As it relates to the ANCs, as I've mentioned, we've had a number of ANCs whose name did not appear on the ballot, but they did file a declaration of candidacy that allowed them to qualify for and to have their ballots counted where there was write ins.

We did perform write-in -- we did perform a count of those ballots to make sure that the individuals, where there was more than one declaration of candidacy filed in a race were the highest vote getter.

I want to read those into the record, since their names do not appear on the Election Night results. And that would be ANC 1, 811, Dottie LaFuege; ANC 1, B06, Jennifer Bristol; ANC 1, B10, Nicole Cocozza; ANC 1, C01, Armand Armani; ANC 1, C05, Lawrence Strong; ANC 2, A08, Eve Serbinsky; ANC 2, B04, Jeffrey Sentz; ANC 2, B0 -- I'm sorry, 2B04 -- 2E04 is Mara Goldman.

ANC 2 Echo 8, Kevin Dealey; ANC 3, CO4, Robert Bo'Finland; ANC 3, DO4, Michael Sricui, S-R-I-C-U-I.

ANC 3, D07, Nicholas Grant Mendelssohn; ANC 3, F04, Diedre Paulette Graham; ANC 4, B02 is Tanya Toppelesky; ANC 5, A04, Isaiah Burrows; ANC 6, D03, Ronald Collards; ANC 7, C06, Jerrod Connelly; ANC 8, A03, Terry Acker; ANC 3, G01, Carolyn Crook.

Her name what Cook -- I'm sorry. Her name was on the ballot. She withdrew her nomination to the lot, she withdrew, and we timely received her withdrawal.

So we have indicated that she is not able to win this election, but we did have a write-in that was filed, and his name was Andrew Abraham Clayman. So we would like to certify him as the winner, since Ms. Cook is not eligible based on her withdrawal.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MS. MILLER: So, I would ask the board to make a motion to certify the names as read into the record as the winner of our November 8 th election.

MS. LEWIS: I'd like to make a motion to certify the names as read into the record as the winners of the November 8 $^{\rm th}$ general election.

MR. GILL: Second.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: If motion was properly was made and properly seconded. All in favor?

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right, so it's unanimous. Election certified.

MS. MILLER: Thank you.

So, I just want to follow up on your comments, Mr. Chair, and that is to give a general thank you to both the board members and to everyone at the board. Tireless efforts were made for the success of this election.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yeah.

MS. MILLER: Everyone worked hard and long before, during and after the election to ensure that all of the operations tied to the process were prepared and ready for the polls, full force and dealing with Election Day and things that presented itself before.

I think everyone is to be highly commended for their continued dedicated and commitment to the board and their relentless willingness to get this job done. I also want to recognize all of our partners that we work with to make certain that things happen, and that's of course, the staff, first and foremost. But also, the Department of General Services, the Office of Disability Rights.

We had interaction with Homeland Security to make certain that everything is in place as it relates to security of not only the people, but also, the processes. As you know, there were a lot of threats going on with our new cyber security. We've worked very closely with the FBI and with other federal agencies that oversee things tied to this process.

We worked with MPD and PSD, which is the Protective Services Division of Parks and Recreations; the Department of Corrections. And those are just a few. If I've left anyone out, I apologize for that, but I just want to recognize everybody and all of the entities that we worked with, and letting you know that this is by no means, a job that is done by one person or an individual.

It takes a lot of hands to get this done and a lot of dedication to make it go off so it's been successful. So, I want to recognize that and thank everyone for that.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you. Nor in one day. (Laughs)

MS. MILLER: Nor in one day. CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right. Great.

MS. MILLER: That concludes my report. CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you. Mr. McGhie, general counsel's report.

MR. MCGHIE: Okay. I've only got two things on my agenda, and they both involve rulemaking. One is final, one is proposed. The final rulemaking is to amend the Title 3: Chapter 8, entitled "Tabulation and Certification of Election Results."

As the board may recall, the board had adopted this initially as proposed rulemaking and they had it published in the D.C. Register for the 30-day comment period. It appeared in the D.C. Register on September 30th, 2016, so the 30 days for comments have elapsed, and there were no comments submitted.

So at this point, I'd like to have the board entertain a motion to adopt this as final. The regs involved -- I guess I would call the certification -- well, when there's a recount, I mean, when there's a write-in, the board was counting all of the write-ins, and this regulation would now allow for the board only to count the write-ins if an affirmation of write-in candidacy has been submitted.

So, the board would no longer have to count all of the write-ins, which would be a waste of time, because if someone had not filed an affirmation of candidacy, then nothing would be given -- the office or position would not be given to them, anyway. So that would save us a lot of wasted time.

And the other one, with deposits of the \$50 for a recount. Once the board certifies the

election results, anybody can then request a recount, and they would pay \$50 per precinct. But the regulations didn't speak to when the \$50 was due; whether that was at the time that they requested the recount; whether the time after the recount has been done. So, the regulations now provide that the person has to pay the recount seven days after we give them the estimated cost of a recount.

And those are the only two things that those regulations dealt with; the write-in candidacy and the \$50 deposit. And so like I said before, I would like the board to entertain a motion at this time to adopt it as final.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Thank you.

MS. LEWIS: I'd like to make a motion to adopt the Tabulation and Certification of Election Results" as final.

> MR. GILL: Second. CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All in favor?

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: The motion carries.

MR. MCGHIE: The only other thing I have is a proposed rulemaking to amend Title 3: Chapter 30, which is "Campaign Finance Operations." Since it is a office -- is a regulation that was proposed by the Office of Campaign Finance. I will defer to Mr. Sanford to give you the details on that regulation

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MR. SANFORD: Thank you. Good morning. CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Good morning.

MR. SANFORD: This prepares rulemaking provision of Subsection 30-11-133 of the title

three of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations which does not --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Can you hear Mr. Sanford okay?

(No response heard)

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MR. SANFORD: Which is 90,000, 5,000 limits that -- in contributions that political action committees may receive during non-election years and during the years when they have submitted notices of non-support. So it is our recommendation that that provision be repealed in its entirety, because we do not believe that there is a necessity to maintain that provision.

Another provision that is scheduled for repeal is also Subsection 30-11-30, and that provision is a provision that requires business contributors to identify all affiliated entities, whether or not they are making contributions to political campaigns.

And that is our informed belief that that provision is unnecessary, because in the event that the contributor, the affiliated entity is not contributing, the necessity to identify that entity would be meaningless. In addition, the provision of the regulation that immediately precedes it, 30-11.29 requires business contributors to identify all affiliated entities that are making contributions. And we believe that should be sufficient.

And that is are recommendation . CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Should a motion to adopt the proposed rulemaking for

publication?

MS. LEWIS: I'd like to make a motion to adopt the proposed rulemaking to the entirety of Chapter 30 for --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: For publication.

MS. LEWIS: -- for publication.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Second comment.

(Laughs)

MS. LEWIS: End comment.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I've got -- it's been properly moved to second it. I also -- those in favor. All in favor?

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: It's unanimous. You may proceed.

MR. MCGHIE: That would conclude my general counsel's report.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great. Thank you. Mr. Sanford, would you give the Office of Campaign Finance report?

MR. SANFORD: Yes. Good morning, Mr. Chairman, again, and distinguished board members. I'm here on behalf of Cecily Collier Montgomery who sends her regrets for not being able to attend due to illness today. And so I will provide the report if you'll allow it.

During the office of -- during the month of October, there were two recorded filing periods. The first filing period was the October 10th report which was due on the 11th of October, and there were a total of 89 required filers. There were 77 timely filers; 7 late filers; 7 filed late, and there were five delinquent filers. There were 12 referrals to

the Office of General Counsel for enforcement proceedings.

Following filers were referred: Chelsea for D.C. Council for Ward 7; Samwell for treasurer, The Committee to Elect Randy Short, 2016; Sakhele Seshibe, Treasurer. Final call-ins for representative, final call-ins, treasurer.

Drew for D.C., Kimberley Higgins-Bottom, Treasurer.

Bachner Committee, 2016, Carrie Bachner, Treasurer.

Dean for School Board, Ward 7, Marla Dean, Treasurer.

Friends of Jimmy Calomiris, James Calomiris, Treasurer.

Gertrude Stein political -- Gertrude Stein Democrat Political Association, Jessica Pearce, Treasurer.

D.C. Working Family, Dean Morris Michael, Treasurer.

Campaign Committee for Working Families, George Gilbert, Treasurer.

Ward 5 Democrat, Gayle Hall-Carley, Treasurer; and D.C. Chamber of Commerce, Andrew Klein, Treasurer.

During the month of October, the second filing period was the eight-day pre-general report which was due on the 31 st of October, and there were a total of 74 required filers. There were 62 timely filers, one late filer and the delinquent filers are yet to be determined. The referrals to the Office of the General Counsel are yet to be determined.

During the month of October, the report analysis and audit division of the Office of Campaign Finance submitted -- conducted desk reviews of 57 political action committees; 11 constituent services files, 3 U.S. Senate or Representative statement files, 34 principal campaign committees, one initiative referendum committee and one of the Attorney Generals.

The RAD division issued 26 audit measures and resolved five cases; referred to cases to the Office of the General Counsel and attended one webinar at the Institute of Internal Auditors. During that month, the Office of the General -- the Office -- the Reports Analysis and Audit Division conducted a full field audit and Brandon Todd for Ward 4;

A periodic random audit for the Re-Elect Vincent Orange 2016 campaign;

A random periodic audit for the Carter for D.C. Campaign; and a periodic random audit of Constituent Services Programs for the following:

The Office of LaRuby May, the Evans Constituents Services Fund and the Mary J. Ward 3 Constituent Services Fund.

And finally, the RAD division issued completed audits for the Breanne (phonetic) for D.C. on October 26^{th} , 2016, and Friends of Jimmy Calomiris on October 25^{th} , 2016.

During the month of October, the Office of the General Counsel -- of the Office of Campaign Finance received 12 referrals, conducted 17 informal hearings and issued 17 orders which included the following:

Five orders were issued with no fines in imposed, and 12 orders were issued with fines that imposed a total of \$17,750 against the following respondents:

A fine of \$600 was imposed against 1199SEIU Union.

A fine of \$1,100 was imposed against Gertrude Stein, Democratic Committee.

A fine of \$2,100 was imposed against the Vote for Carter 2016 principal campaign committee.

A fine of \$1,500 was imposed against Re-Elect Todd for Ward 4, principal campaign committee.

A fine of \$1,500 was imposed against the Zuckerberg for Attorney General Committee.

A fine of \$1,000 was imposed against the Partisan for Ward 8 principal campaign committee.

A fine of \$450 was imposed against the Judy Jones Committee.

A fine of \$1,500 was imposed against the Elect Natalie Williams Committee.

A fine of \$2,000 was imposed against the Bell for Ward 8 Committee.

A fine of \$2,500 was imposed against the Whittaker for Ward 4 principal campaign committee.

A fine of \$1,600 was imposed against the Carter at Large 2014 principal campaign committee.

And a fine of \$2,000 was imposed against the Elect Kelly (phonetic) Pitt principal campaign committee.

During the month of October, the Office of General Counsel collected a whopping \$500 in outstanding fines.

During the month of October, the Office of the General Counsel maintained 10 or 5 open investigations and no new investigations were opened.

And during the month of October, the Office of the General Counsel issued one in total payment and another payment was issued and (unintelligible) for Lawrence Cooper of the D.C. Cable, Film and -- Film, Television and Entertainment Agency.

And that was submitted on the 24 th of October, 2016; issued on the 31 st of October, and the opinion was regarding activities relating to the advisory ballot referendum.

And during the month of October, there were no sales force proceedings conducted by the Office of the General Counsel, and this should conclude my report.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great. Any questions?

(Discussion off the record)

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions? MR. GILL: Good to go. No.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great. Thank you. Any additional public questions regarding

reports? Does anybody have anything else? MR. GILL: I just would like to echo

your comments on the Election Day proceedings. I got to visit 12 different precincts, and there were the usual sort of issues which arose, and I was very impressed with the precinct captains.

They were the front line people taking in all sorts of who knows what's going to show up in terms of problems, but everyone handled it very diplomatically, showed dignity to our constituents, and I was not surprised, but pleased to see how well it went.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Awesome.

MS. LEWIS: I'd like to also echo those sentiments. I actually live over near the 20 $^{\rm th}$ precinct, and this time I --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I think you win.

MS. LEWIS: (Laughs)

MR. GILL: Yeah.

MS. LEWIS: That's always my goal (Laughter).

(Simultaneous discussion)

MS. LEWIS: And you know, I was particularly impressed by Washington Metropolitan; -- the voters and the staff at Washington Metropolitan and Banneker. I was there at 7:45, 15 minutes before the polls actually closed, and they still had very long lines.

And people were still very diligent. Voters were being patient. I mean, I was just quite impressed. That was my first time seeing that many people, and when I got to Washington Metropolitan, one of the volunteers who told me it was her first time volunteering in an election, she was in such great spirits.

There were these two long lines, and I literally got there. I was like what is happening right now (Laughs)? And so you know, she answered all of my questions, and we got in

there and we tried to -- I tried to help sort, along with Executive Director Miller.

I tried to help sort out of some of the issues and chaos, because there were a lot of special ballots as these particular locations, because of the high volume of college students that were in the area. And so we had people from here being dispatched down there. I mean, everyone was just phenomenal; people kind of working like not necessarily in roles that they were assigned, but you know, just to really help.

And you know, I was just so impressed by everyone. I was so impressed by our voters, because they were in such great spirit, despite the long lines, despite the seeming chaos of a general election which is not you know, unusual for any jurisdiction, especially with a higher turnout that we've had this year.

And I just really appreciated you know, all of the members of the Agency, because of course staff is a disservice to what they actually do. You know, our board members left here at midnight on November 9th. Right? The election was November 8th.

And you would have thought it was 3 p.m. on Tuesday here. I mean, there were just still so many people here working and just grinding. I don't even want to know what time you all left. (Laughs) But I mean, I was just --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Still here.

MS. LEWIS: (Laughter) But you know, I was just so impressed with everyone. This was actually my first general election. And so you

know, it's just very inspiring to be a part of this great organization. You know, it really is like a family, and I don't think a lot of the voters really recognize that or even know it.

And you know, it's a shame we don't get more media coverage about really, just how close-knit and how hard the Board of Elections and the members who are part of the Board of Elections -- and I'm not talking about this board. I'm talking about who are actually building it and supporting this agency really work.

And I mean, and kudos to our voters, as well. They really also helped make the election run seamlessly. Because you know, while there I'm sure were some complaints, I've heard some complaints, you know, I don't think there were nearly as many as there could have been. You know, because people don't like to wait in long lines.

You know, we do have early voting. Some people choose that, to exercise that. But you know, I think people were just in the moment. They wanted to be in the moment and they showed really good dispositions regardless if I was east of the river or west of the river. And so that was just great. And I just wanted to echo all of those sentiments.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great.

MR. SANFORD: Just on behalf of the Office of Campaign Finance, I'd just like to say the -- you know, we will provide more details at the next board meeting. But the Office of Campaign Finance dispatched staff to 85 of the

voting precincts on Election Day.

And we were also very favorably impressed by how orderly this election was conducted, even though it was a very turnout; the highest in recent memory. And we saw a very high level of compliance, and we thought it was very orderly conducted, and we would commend the board on doing an excellent job on Election Day and Election Night.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you.

MR. SANFORD: And their employees, of course, deserve all of the praise much more than I do.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And for the record, this is this board's first general election --MS. LEWIS: That's right.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So, let the record

reflect. And I think it's 11:22 and the meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

[Whereupon, at 11:22 a.m., the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned.]