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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. MICHAEL BENNETT, Chair
MICHAEL D. GILL, Member
DIONNA M. LEWIS, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

ALICE P. MILLER, Executive Director
KENNETH MCGHIE, General Counsel
CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Director,
Office of Campaign Finance
WILLIAM SANFORD, General Counsel,

Office of Campaign Finance

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(10:50 a.m.)

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3 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Good morning. Today
4 is January 9, 2019. Happy New Year to everybody
5 and thanks for participating. I want to call the
6 meeting to order. The first thing is the adoption
7 of the agenda. Could I get a motion to adopt the
8 agenda?

9 Well, let me stop and introduce who's
10 here. To my far left is Alice Miller, Executive
11 Director of Board of Elections. To my far right,
12 Ms. Cecily Montgomery, Director of Office of
13 Campaign Finance. To her left, Mr. Michael Gill,
14 Board member, to my right, Mr. Ken McGhie,
15 General Counsel, Ms. Dionna Lewis is on her way,
16 Board member, will be sitting to my left and I am
17 Michael Bennett, Chair of the Board.

18 To get started, the meeting is
19 officially open with the adoption of the agenda.
20 Can I get a motion from Mr. Gill to adopt the
21 agenda for today?

22 MEMBER GILL: Motion to adopt the

1 agenda.

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Seconded, and we
3 both concur the agenda should be adopted, so it's
4 officially adopted. Adopt the minutes from the
5 regular board meeting that was held on Friday,
6 December 14, 2018, we've had an opportunity to
7 review that before. Can I get a motion, Mr. Gill?

8 MEMBER GILL: I motion to adopt the
9 minutes from December 14.

10 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And I second. It's
11 properly moved and seconded, unanimous, to adopt
12 the minutes from December 14, 2018. Any Board
13 matters, Mr. Gill?

14 MEMBER GILL: None from me.

15 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And none from me, so
16 we'll move on to the Item No. 4, which is the
17 Campaign Financial Report from Ms. Montgomery.

18 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes, good
19 morning. The first thing I would like to report
20 to the public is that in the Office of Campaign
21 Finance the selection has been made for Fair
22 Elections Manager of the Fair Elections Program

1 Division. The person who was selected is Erick L.
2 Jackson, and Erick L. Jackson has served as a
3 senior auditor in the Office of Campaign Finance
4 as well a supervisory auditor, since 2014.

5 Prior to that he served 27 years in
6 the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in
7 the Probate Division and in other divisions, in
8 leadership positions including an audit manager
9 as well as an account executive. He also has
10 significant community service in the District of
11 Columbia as well.

12 As far as the activity in the Office
13 of Campaign Finance is concerned for the month of
14 December, 2018, in the Public Information and
15 Records Management Division there was one report
16 date. It was the December 10 report of receipts
17 and expenditures, which was filed by principal
18 campaign committees and PACs independent
19 expenditure committees, as well as our inaugural
20 committees.

21 With our principal campaign committees
22 and PACs, the total number of required filers was

1 113. There were 101 timely filers. There were two
2 who requested extensions. There were 12 failures
3 to file --

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Ms. Montgomery, can
5 you speak into the mike a little bit? I don't
6 think ---

7 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes. There
8 were 101 of the committee who electronically
9 filed. Of course that represents the total number
10 of timely filers. With respect to the failures to
11 file, again there were 12 and those 12 were
12 referred to the Office of the General Counsel for
13 the initiation of the enforcement proceedings.

14 With the Independent Expenditure
15 Committee, there were five required filers who
16 were timely filed. There was one failure to file,
17 and that failure to file was referred to the
18 Office of General Counsel for the initiation of
19 the enforcement process. There were four
20 electronic filings, and they all certified their
21 filings as well.

22 With respect to the Inaugural

1 Committee, there was one required filer. The
2 required filer late-filed, that matter has been
3 referred to the Office of the General Counsel for
4 initiation on the enforcement proceedings. The
5 filer electronically filed and certified their
6 filing as well.

7 So again, the referrals to the Office
8 of the General Counsel for the failure to timely
9 file, the December 10 report of receipts and
10 expenditures include the following. With respect
11 to the principal campaign committees, Malik for
12 At-Large, Melik Amir Abdul, treasurer; Dustin
13 "DC" Canter for DC Mayor, Tabethea Zimmerman,
14 treasurer; Friends of Traci Hugher, Traci Hughes,
15 treasurer; Justin Green At-Large, Justin Green,
16 treasurer; Committee to Elect James Butler for
17 Mayor 2018, Terrance Jordon, treasurer; Committee
18 to Elect Professor Alpha Bah, Esq., Committee to
19 Elect Professor Alpha Bah Esq., MBA, Alpha Bah,
20 treasurer; Holmes for DC, Jonas Singer,
21 treasurer; Nate Brown. Mr. Ward 6, Christina
22 Brown, treasurer; Allen for DC, Kimberly Alfonso,

1 treasurer; George Jackson for DC Mayor, George
2 Jackson, treasurer; Committee to Elect James
3 Butler for Mayor, Terrance Jordan, treasurer.

4 The Inaugural committee was DC Proud
5 2019, Jodi Ovca, treasurer; the Independent
6 Expenditure committee which was referred was DC
7 Choice, Zach Weinstein, treasurer; Holland &
8 Knight DC Political Action Committee, Dennis
9 Horn, treasurer.

10 We had one new candidate committee
11 that registered during the month of December,
12 2018, and that was Protecting Restaurant Workers
13 Committee (Referendum). They registered with us
14 on December 3, 2018.

15 We held one entrance conference during
16 December, and that was on December 18, 2018, with
17 Trupti J. Patel, treasurer, Save Our Voices No DC
18 Council Repeal of Initiative 77, again, the
19 referendum committee.

20 In the report's analysis an audit
21 division during the month of December the Audit
22 Committee conducted 119 depth reviews of

1 political action committees, principal campaign
2 committees and also of the initiative and
3 referendum committees and of the attorney
4 general.

5 With our full field audits, our
6 ongoing audits with the full field audits, there
7 is one full field audit which is presently in
8 progress, and that is of newly elected officials.
9 That would be, I'm sorry, that is an error in my
10 report. There is a full field audit which is
11 ongoing and that is on a candidate. That is with
12 respect to the campaign operations of Sheika Reid
13 4 Ward 1, which was initiated August 29, 2018.

14 We have periodic random audits which
15 are ongoing. The first one of the Constituent
16 Service Programs of the October 1, 2018, filing,
17 that is of Mayor Bowser's Constituent Service
18 Fund. That was initiated in November of 2018 with
19 our continuing committees for the 2018 elections,
20 and this is in respect to the June 10, 2018
21 filing. That would be of Anita Bonds 2018, which
22 was initiated on September 11, 2018.

1 With respect to audit issues, we
2 issued one audit and that was with respect to
3 Kenyan McDuffie 2018. That was issued on December
4 7, 2018, and that is available at our website for
5 review by members of the public. I would ask Mr.
6 Sanford to give the report of the Office of the
7 General Counsel.

8 MR. SANFORD: Good morning, Mr. Chair
9 and distinguished Board members. My name is
10 William Sanford, General Counsel for the Office
11 of Campaign Finance. During the month of
12 December, 2018, the Public Information Records
13 Management Division made 14 referrals to the
14 Office of the General Counsel.

15 The Reports Analysis and Work Division
16 made five referrals during the month of December,
17 2018. During the month of December, 2018, the
18 Office of General Counsel completed 11 hearings
19 and issued 11 orders, which included the
20 following:

21 Eight orders were issued for failure
22 to timely file reports in which no fines were

1 imposed, and three orders were issued for failure
2 to timely file reports in which fines that
3 totaled \$6,150.00 were imposed.

4 Fines were imposed against the
5 following respondents: A fine of \$2050.00 was
6 imposed against the candidate and committee
7 Justin Green At-Large; a fine of \$2050.00 was
8 imposed against the candidate and committee
9 Holmes for D.C.; a fine of \$2050.00 was imposed
10 against the candidate and the committee of Melik
11 for At-Large. All of these candidates were
12 candidates in 2018 elections.

13 During the month of December 2018, the
14 Office of the General Counsel collected \$1,500.00
15 in fines from Jeffrey Thompson in accordance with
16 the agreement between the Office of the General
17 Counsel and Mr. Thompson, a settlement agreement.

18 During the month of 2018, the Office
19 of the General Counsel opened one full
20 investigation. The investigation docket number is
21 LCF FY2018-002 and the complainant is Emily
22 Naden. That complaint was received on December 4,

1 2018. The respondent is Council Member Brandon
2 Todd and the alleged infraction is the
3 inappropriate use of government sources. That
4 investigation is pending.

5 During the month of December 2018
6 there were no Show Cause proceedings conducted
7 and no Requests for Interpretive Opinions. That
8 should conclude my report.

9 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: And that
10 concludes my report.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions, Mr.
12 Gill?

13 MEMBER GILL: No questions from me.

14 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Ms. Lewis?

15 MEMBER LEWIS: No questions.

16 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, none for me.
17 Thank you Mr. Sanford, thank you Ms. Montgomery.

18 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: The next item is
20 Executive Director's report. Ms. Miller:

21 MS. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22 I'm just going to begin by saying in each odd-

1 number year the Board shall confirm the address
2 of the registered voters through our canvass
3 process, and we will begin our canvass shortly by
4 sending to registered voters, those individuals
5 who are enrolled but did not vote or file a
6 change of address at the polls at the general
7 election.

8 A first-class, non-forwardable post
9 card was sent out to the address that we have on
10 our records. The post office returns the notice
11 and provides new address of the registrant in the
12 District of Columbia. The Board then changes the
13 address on its records and mails to both the old
14 and new address of the registrant a formal
15 notification that the address has been changed to
16 reflect the information that came from the post
17 office.

18 It's a process that's ongoing, it
19 takes us approximately six months to finish this
20 process. During this year we have about 300,000
21 voters who will be subject to the canvass. Those
22 are individuals that did not vote or change their

1 address at the polls on election day.

2 We're also in the process of pulling
3 together information for After Action report. The
4 After Action report is the information that
5 basically provides registration information,
6 performance information, as it relates to the
7 November 6 election, things such as the
8 percentage of voters that voted during the
9 election, number of special ballots, absentee
10 ballots, UOCAVA ballots, voters who were
11 registered 21 days prior to the election, those
12 who registered during early voting and poll
13 worker performance, things based on how the poll
14 workers performed on election day, if they opened
15 the polls on time, if they noted the results and
16 things like that. This report should be finished
17 no later than the second week in February.

18 And I'm also happy to report that
19 after about two and a half years, the Office of
20 Contracting and Procurement is finally ready to
21 award a contract for our voter registration
22 system. We're doing final details now to get it

1 awarded. We believe that should happen prior to
2 the end of this month if not sooner. I believe
3 we're almost there.

4 This is something that we had needed
5 for a long time that will bring us up to date in
6 terms of technology. As you know, we're working
7 on a passbook system so this kind of gets us
8 where we need to be in terms of 2019. We'll be
9 working to transition all the data over from our
10 old registration system to the new registration
11 system. This system will have a lot of bells and
12 whistles that we need to keep our information
13 current and to allow things to work as they
14 should in 2019.

15 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Have they performed
16 the successful awarding as of yet?

17 MS. MILLER: I'm not sure. I was not on
18 the panel. I couldn't be, I'm just getting this
19 information secondhand. But let me see if I can
20 get ---

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: No, no, I can get,
22 after the meeting if you can give me a brief on

1 who it is and some details about it would be
2 great.

3 MS. MILLER: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you. I don't
5 want to violate the procurement of ---

6 MS. MILLER: We didn't either.

7 (Simultaneous talking.)

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I don't want to have
9 a public conversation about it just in case they
10 haven't ---

11 MS. MILLER: We're excited about it,
12 that's for sure. It needs to happen. It's been a
13 long time.

14 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Who's leading that?
15 Is that Terry?

16 MS. MILLER: We have a panel of four
17 people that are on the staff to technical, and
18 Terry is leading the staff.

19 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: You can give us a
20 quick five-minute after the meeting would be
21 great.

22 MS. MILLER: Sure. Also, our 2020

1 election calendars are in draft form, about to be
2 placed on the website. I will just state that the
3 2020 elections for the primary will be June 16,
4 the primary for the -- party primary, those
5 candidates will be the presidential nominee,
6 delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives,
7 At-Large members of the council, ward members of
8 the councils for 2, 4, 7 and 8, U.S. Senator,
9 U.S. Representative and the non-party committee
10 person if the parties request and the local
11 committee member if the parties request. That's
12 set for June 16.

13 Primary in the November 2020 election
14 will be November 3, I think, yes, November 3, and
15 that will obviously be the candidate for
16 president, president-electors, rather, delegate
17 to the House of Representatives At-Large members
18 of the Council, they are 2-C. Ward members to the
19 councils Wards 4, 7 and 8, U.S. Senator,
20 Representative At-Large members of State Board of
21 Education, Ward members of State Board for 2, 4,
22 7 and 8, and our ANCs.

1 And just on one final note, and this
2 is at the request of staff, they asked me to put
3 on the record the fact that they thought the
4 holiday party was a success and they wanted to
5 reach out to everyone who participate. From my
6 perspective, I think anyone who had anything to
7 do with it helped make it a great success.

8 Location was good, food was good,
9 party was good. It was guests, staff were able to
10 bring their guests, it was a little different
11 event from what we've done in the past and so for
12 everyone who did participate, especially for
13 Board members and contributed more than they
14 should have, I want to personally thank you and
15 maybe we can figure out how to do something like
16 this again.

17 I think being held outside of the
18 office in a little different environment really
19 showed the camaraderie of the office. They worked
20 hard this year with three elections, and they
21 were ready to do something fun. They thought it
22 was fun and they asked me to put that on the

1 record, so that's why it's mentioned.

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Well, I'll comment
3 on that. One, I hope it was just the first
4 annual, because it was a great opportunity I
5 think for people to connect outside the office
6 and have some fun, and it was just the perfect
7 venue, perfect location. The talent was just
8 amazing, with our own Board member singing and
9 executive director and others performing, it
10 really was a unique and a very positive way
11 event. I encourage us to make that an annual
12 affair and do it again next year. It really was
13 awesome. Good stuff.

14 MS. MILLER: One thing. You can sign
15 other Board members up for the talent contest.

16 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: There you go.

17 (Simultaneous speaking.)

18 Great. Anything, any questions for Ms.
19 Miller?

20 MEMBER LEWIS: No.

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

22 MEMBER GILL: No.

1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great. Next,
2 General Counsel, Mr. McGhie, would you provide
3 your report, please, sir?

4 MR. MCGHIE: Yes. First thing I have on
5 my agenda is Proposed Rulemaking to amend Title
6 3, DCMR Chapter 10, "Initiatives and
7 Referendums." These amendments clarify the
8 various filing requirements at multiple stages of
9 the Initiative and Referendum process. They
10 specify the bulletin notice requirements for a
11 proper subject matter review hearing on both
12 initiatives and referendums and expand the types
13 of documents that non-resident circulators may
14 submit as valid proof of residence when
15 registering with the Board, and clarify the rules
16 concerning signature defects on initiative or
17 referendum petitions.

18 This rulemaking is necessary to ensure
19 the fair, efficient processing of initiative and
20 referendum measures. I'd say that the most
21 significant portion of this rulemaking is the
22 change in the notice requirement for when the

1 Board reviews proper subject matter hearings for
2 initiatives and referendums. We'll be correcting
3 the old regulation which says that notice is
4 given to DC Register for both initiatives and
5 referendums. The requirement of notice for DC
6 Register will stand for initiatives, but will
7 change for referendums because of the need to
8 handle that on an expedited basis to notice being
9 posted on the Board's website at least 48 hours
10 in advance.

11 With that said, I'm looking for the
12 Board to entertain a motion to adopt this as
13 proposed rulemaking, so that the proposed
14 rulemaking can be published in the DC Register
15 for a 30-day comment period.

16 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions? Ms.
17 Lewis?

18 MEMBER LEWIS: No.

19 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

20 MEMBER GILL: No questions.

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Can I get a motion?

22 MEMBER LEWIS: So moved.

1 MEMBER GILL: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: It's been properly
3 moved and seconded and we'll have a vote. Ms.
4 Lewis?

5 MEMBER LEWIS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

7 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: It is unanimous.

9 Okay, so please provide it accordingly.

10 MR. MCGHIE: Anybody that would like
11 copies of the proposed rulemaking, we'll be
12 posting that on the website as well.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great.

14 MR. MCGHIE: The next matter is
15 Litigation Status Update, it's Graham v. D.C.
16 Board of Elections, a case which the Board has
17 become familiar with. On December 3, 2018,
18 Valerie Graham and Jeffery Shapiro filed a
19 complaint in Superior Court challenging basically
20 three things: The Board's formulation of the
21 summary statement of the referendum 008, the
22 proper subject matter determination for the

1 referendum and the notice provided to the public
2 of the meeting at which the formulation was
3 adopted.

4 On December 4 the Court entered in a
5 letter modifying a summary statement of
6 referendum 008. On December 12 the Court entered
7 an order permanently enjoining the Court from
8 taking any action on the referendum. On December
9 13 the interveners filed a notice of appeal to
10 the Court of Appeals seeking permanent injunction
11 that was entered by the Court on December 12 and
12 on December 17 the Board also filed its notice of
13 appeal seeking review of the permanent
14 injunction.

15 The Superior Court matters, there is
16 still a matter still pending in Superior Court
17 which is in reference to Count 2, which is the
18 proper subject matter determination which the
19 Court did not rule on. That matter is currently
20 scheduled for a status hearing on Friday, January
21 18 at 10:00 a.m. for Judge Fern Saddler. That
22 would conclude my litigation status update.

1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Can we get,
2 the next meeting is not until February, so if you
3 could provide the Board a summary at some point
4 after that hearing on the 18th, that would be
5 great.

6 MR. MCGHIE: Sure, will do.

7 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions? Ms.
8 Lewis?

9 MEMBER LEWIS: Not at this time, thank
10 you.

11 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

12 MEMBER GILL: No.

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great. We'll
14 move to the next item, which is Public Affairs.
15 Any matters from the public? I know Mr. Sindram
16 is on the line and I'm not sure if you want me or
17 not, Mr. Sindram, but if you have any comments,
18 now is the time.

19 MR. SINDRAM: I do. Good morning, Mr.
20 Chair and all. My name is Michael Sindram,
21 Disabled Veterans ---

22 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Sindram, could

1 you hold it a second? I want to ask the reporter
2 if he can hear you okay.

3 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: He can hear you
5 fine. Please go ahead, Mr. Sindram.

6 MR. SINDRAM: Can you hear me? You made
7 mention that the February meeting is on or it's
8 off or will there be one?

9 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Oh, no, no, no. I
10 was just saying that we would not, that there
11 will be a status put forth in the litigation
12 prior to the February meeting and I wanted to get
13 information about that prior to the February
14 meeting. The February meeting is still on as
15 scheduled, sir.

16 MR. SINDRAM: And that litigation
17 involving Initiative 77?

18 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: No, well, yes and
19 no. Mr. McGhie?

20 MR. MCGHIE: Initiative 77 is the
21 underlying matter, but it's Referendum 008 which
22 deals with the repeal of Initiative 77.

1 MR. SINDRAM: What is the status of
2 that currently?

3 MR. MCGHIE: The interveners and the
4 Board filed a notice of appeal in the Court of
5 Appeals, and nothing has been done by the Court
6 of Appeals yet so we're still waiting on the
7 briefing schedule from the Court of Appeals.

8 MR. SINDRAM: Thank you for speaking.
9 There was mention made about Brandon Todd,
10 inappropriate use of resources. To preface, the
11 special election of Ward 4, State Board of
12 Education went well and I applaud you guys
13 sending out that postcard additionally following
14 the election to alert us. Hopefully that
15 bolstered the turnout.

16 But all to say that it's clearly
17 extremely unfair when you have everybody
18 following the rules except for one, who gets the
19 nod of the incumbent councilmen. That ought not
20 be, and I would dare say that's happening because
21 the enforcement at you all's end is not being
22 enforced, or vigorously enough. Because if there

1 are consequences that are going to make a dent,
2 folks will think twice about sharing their
3 resources, filing the Hatch Act and so on, and I
4 think in this instance the nose was thumbed and
5 as in the past, go along, get along. There's not
6 really anything that's going to be done, so
7 business as usual.

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Sindram, let me
9 just, I'm sorry to interrupt you but I just want
10 to make sure that you understand the facts. Right
11 now, there's an investigation that's happening,
12 generally with regard to that matter by the
13 Office of Campaign Finance and also by the Board
14 of Ethics and Government Affairs, is what I
15 think, well, yeah, Accountability.

16 Once that investigation is complete,
17 both with I'm sure BEGA and ourselves then there
18 will be a determination if there is additional
19 action to be taken. But there is an investigation
20 going on, so it hasn't been thrown away. I want
21 to make sure that you heard that.

22 MR. SINDRAM: Appreciate that

1 clarification. I don't have much faith in BEGA
2 and I hope, trust and pray there's not going to
3 be a playoff between BEGA and you all and then it
4 dies.

5 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Well, we're doing an
6 investigation and I'm sure that once that's
7 concluded that I have faith that our executives
8 will recommend the proper order.

9 MR. SINDRAM: Gotcha. What's happening
10 with Jack Evans? There was a number of
11 allegations and I haven't heard. What's the
12 status?

13 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I'm not aware ---

14 MEMBER GILL: Michael, I think that's a
15 matter that didn't involve a campaign and didn't
16 involve elections that the Council was looking
17 at, so it's not in our jurisdiction.

18 MR. SINDRAM: All right. And you made
19 mention, Mr. Chair, about the celebration. I
20 would have liked to have known about it, maybe
21 even if I anticipate that it was a Christmas
22 celebration?

1 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: It was a holiday
2 celebration. No, it was just for the staff.

3 MR. SINDRAM: Okay. All right. I wanted
4 to give hats off to Ms. Jennings. She does a
5 yeoman's job. Actually, she deserves a raise. You
6 know, good help is hard to find, contented cows
7 give better milk.

8 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: The minutes will
9 reflect.

10 MR. SINDRAM: And you know, Mr. Chair,
11 I don't give compliments lightly.

12 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I know, and we
13 appreciate that.

14 MR. SINDRAM: So keep up the good work,
15 fighting the good fight, and the good fight is
16 the one you win. Any questions, I'd be delighted
17 to field them at this time.

18 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: No questions from
19 me, any board members?

20 MEMBER LEWIS: No.

21 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All right. Thank
22 you, Mr. Sindram. Any other public matters? Okay,

1 with that, this meeting ---

2 MS. MILLER: I have one thing I forgot,
3 I'm sorry.

4 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Go ahead, Ms.
5 Miller.

6 MS. MILLER: I mentioned to you all
7 individually that the Joint Elected Officials
8 Committee for the Election Center Conference is
9 being held this week, and is comprised of state
10 and local officials from across the nation. They
11 will be visiting the Board's office for a tour on
12 Friday, so I just wanted to put that on the
13 record because it's significant that we'll have
14 so many people from out of town that are election
15 officials coming to look and observe our offices
16 on Friday beginning at 2:00. Thank you.

17 MR. SINDRAM: I would be remiss, too,
18 Mr. Chair, if I didn't wish any and everyone
19 within the sound of my voice a happy new year.

20 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you so much.

21 MR. SINDRAM: I hope the new one will
22 be a bit better than the one that passed. That

1 was a tough year.

2 CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes, absolutely.

3 Thank you. Meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

4 (Whereupon the above-entitled matter
5 went off the record at 11:20 a.m.)

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