

Meeting of the Commissioners - Elections
February 10, 2021

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

LISA DEELEY, CHAIRWOMAN
AL SCHMIDT, COMMISSIONER
OMAR SABIR, COMMISSIONER
SETH BLUESTEIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
TRINA BODNIK

ALSO PRESENT:

JOE LYNCH, ELECTION ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR

HELD AT:

The Liacouras Center
1776 N Broad St
Philadelphia, PA 19121

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2 PROCEEDINGS

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4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning. I call
5 the Sunshine Meeting of February 10 to order.
6 We'll begin with any public comment.

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing none, we will
9 proceed to the report from the secretary for
10 e-mailed public comment.

11 MR. BLUESTEIN: Good morning. There were
12 no public comments received.

13 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you.

14 We will now proceed to old business with
15 the report from executive director, Joe Lynch.

16 MR. LYNCH: Good morning, Commissioners.

17 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning, Joe.

18 MR. LYNCH: I have the Sunshine Report for
19 February 10.

20 Data and Imaging, to date the Imaging Unit
21 has processed 22,550 electronic applications.
22 They were up to -- as of yesterday, they were
23 up to January 27.

24 Data Unit has entered 4,500 paper

1 applications and are up-to-date.

2 So far there were 4,600 deceased rovers
3 removed from the files. 71,481 people, who
4 have been inactive and failed to vote the last
5 two federal elections, have had their status
6 changed to canceled. 9,850 five-year notices
7 were mailed two weeks ago and the status of
8 those voters have been changed to inactive,
9 although they are still eligible to vote if
10 they are inactive.

11 We will start mailing out voter ID cards
12 on February 12. Apparently, the Data Unit is
13 proofreading and making corrections on
14 processed applications.

15 The Election Board is working on a
16 calendar for the seminar classes. We have
17 confirmed eight places that will host us for
18 the in-person training. There will also be the
19 virtual training like we had in the general
20 election. The in-person classes will be the
21 same as the general, with only 20 people at a
22 time allowed in the class. Masks and social
23 distancing will be enforced.

24 The Polling Place Unit and Election

1 Activities, both units have been working
2 together cleaning out from the general election
3 and preparing for the upcoming primary.

4 County Board of Elections, nomination
5 petitions have been made available since
6 yesterday for the Democratic and Republican
7 nominations for the office of district
8 attorney, city controller, judge of elections
9 and inspector of elections.

10 Information pertaining to the nomination
11 petitions are on the front page of our website
12 at Philadelphiovotes.com. Nomination petitions
13 are available both on our website and in City
14 Hall Room 142.

15 Starting February 16, the south gates of
16 City Hall across from the Ritz-Carlton Hotel
17 will be open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to
18 5:00 p.m. for petition-related services.

19 As in the past, blank petitions are not
20 available. All petitions must be created using
21 the petition creation form. Staff is available
22 to assist those who need it. This will ensure
23 accuracy of the candidate database.

24 Nomination petitions can be circulated

1 February 16 at the earliest. Nomination
2 petitions must be filed with the City Hall --
3 at City Hall Room 142, no later than March 9 at
4 5:00 p.m.

5 We are currently accepting absentee or
6 mail-in ballot applications online at
7 VotesPA.com or by paper application. And
8 that's it.

9 As far as the warehouse goes, the
10 warehouse is still doing what they do. They
11 are cleaning out the machines, prepping them
12 and getting them ready for when we start doing
13 the ballot. And that's it. That's all I have.

14 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you, Joe.

15 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Joe, I just have one
16 question.

17 MR. LYNCH: Sure.

18 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Petitions for judge
19 of election board, is it the same process?

20 MR. LYNCH: What's that?

21 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I said: The people
22 voting for the election board, is it the same
23 process?

24 MR. LYNCH: It's the same process. They

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1 can actually download the forms as of --
2 starting yesterday, you can download them, but
3 they can't go to City Hall until the 16th.

4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you, Joe.
5 Any new business?

6 COMMISSIONER SABIR: (Indiscernible.)

7 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you.

8 Hearing no new business, I make a motion
9 to adjourn.

10 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: All in favor?

12 (Ayes.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: The meeting is
14 adjourned to the call of the Chair. Thank you.

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17 (Whereupon the meeting concluded at 11:07 a.m.)

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3 I, hereby certify that the
4 proceedings and evidence noted are
5 contained fully and accurately in the
6 stenographic notes taken by me in the
7 foregoing matter, and that this is a
8 correct transcript of the same.

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11 Kathryn Doyle
12 Court Reporter - Notary Public

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