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MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, March 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

PRESENT:

JOE LYNCH, ELECTION ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT  
ADMINISTRATOR

HELD AT:

The Liacouras Center  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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4           CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning,  
5 everyone. I'd like to call to order the Office  
6 of the City Commissioners, Board of Elections  
7 for Wednesday March the 10th.

8           We will begin with public comment.  
9 Commenters shall state where they live or if  
10 they are not a resident of Philadelphia, that  
11 they are a Philadelphia taxpayer.

12           Public comment is not an opportunity for  
13 dialogue or Q and A. It is public comment, a  
14 chance for you to tell us what you think.

15           Each speaker shall have two minutes,  
16 however I may extend this time at my  
17 discretion.

18           All public comments must be relevant or  
19 germane to board business.

20           Finally, it is my responsibility to  
21 preserve the order and decorum of the meeting.  
22 As such, scandalous, discriminatory or personal  
23 attacks will not be tolerated.

24           Anyone wishing to offer public comment

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1 today please step forward.

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3 (No response.)

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5 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing no public  
6 comment, we will now ask Commissioner Sabir for  
7 a report from the secretary.

8 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Good morning.

9 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning.

10 COMMISSIONER SABIR: There were no public  
11 comments e-mailed by 9:45 a.m.

12 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you,  
13 Commissioner Sabir.

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

17 MR. LYNCH: Good morning, Commissioners.

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning, Joe.

19 MR. LYNCH: Today's sunshine report:  
20 Voter Registration Unit, for the election cycle  
21 to date, we have processed 83,654 applications  
22 of which 6,300 were paper. All registrations  
23 are up-to-date.

24 Data, Imaging and Correspondence Units are

1 all processing online mail-in applications for  
2 paper mail-in applications.

3 45,000 ID cards were sent out this past  
4 Monday. As of yesterday, March 9, the Unit has  
5 processed 40,367 online applications. 33,060  
6 were paper 7,307 were online.

7 We have 2,400 paper applications and 193  
8 online mail-in applications that have to be  
9 processed. And they will be -- they should be  
10 done by the end of business today.

11 The Election Board is making phone calls  
12 to board workers to fill vacancies. This past  
13 Monday's seminar, they had 58 people come out.  
14 And Tuesday they had 53 come out -- yesterday.  
15 So keep in mind, they can only have 20 people  
16 in at a time because of COVID.

17 Election Activities and Polling Place,  
18 both units are preparing for the election and  
19 they are also helping out with opening, siting  
20 and data entry of the paper mail-in ballot  
21 applications.

22 County Board, the County Board had three  
23 district attorney, one City controller and  
24 about 1,400 board worker candidates file for

1 major party nominations.

2 For candidates running under the Green,  
3 Libertarian or Workers-Only parties, minor  
4 political parties, nomination papers will be  
5 made available March 10 on our website or in  
6 City Hall, Room 142.

7 For candidates running under the third  
8 parties, political body nomination paper will  
9 also be available March 10 or on our website or  
10 in City Hall in Room 142.

11 Nomination papers can be circulated  
12 between March 10 and August 2. Further  
13 information will be available on our website.  
14 Access to City Hall can be made by appointment,  
15 by e-mailing Phillyelection@Phila.gov or  
16 calling (215) 686-3469.

17 We are currently accepting absentee or  
18 mail-in ballot applications online at  
19 VotesPA.com or by paper application.

20 And that's it.

21 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you, Joe.

22 MR. LYNCH: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Joe, so people can  
24 see their petitions, right, do they go to our

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1 website to see the petitions?

2 MR. LYNCH: They are not being scanned  
3 onto the website.

4 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Okay.

5 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Anymore -- any new  
6 business, Commissioner Schmidt?

7 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: I have none.

8 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner Sabir?

9 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I have none.

10 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I make a motion to  
11 adjourn.

12 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: All in favor.

14 (Ayes.)

15 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: This meeting is  
16 adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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19 (Whereupon the meeting concluded at 11:02 a.m.)

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

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Kathryn Doyle  
Court Reporter - Notary Public

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