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MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

LISA DEELEY, CHAIRWOMAN
SETH BLUESTEIN, COMMISSIONER
OMAR SABIR, COMMISSIONER

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1 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning. I
2 call the April 13th, 2022 meeting of the
3 Philadelphia City Commissioners to order.

4 First, I will preserve the order and
5 decorum in these meetings. Everyone in
6 attendance should be on notice that shouting
7 out or interrupting the proceedings will not
8 be tolerated. Those who violate this will be
9 asked to leave.

10 The Sunshine Act permits anyone
11 attending a public meeting to object to a
12 perceived violation at any time during the
13 meeting. If you choose to do so, please
14 succinctly state your objection. Objecting is
15 not an opportunity for speechmaking.

16 We will now move to public comment.
17 Commenters shall state where they live or if
18 they are not a resident of Philadelphia that
19 they are a Philadelphia taxpayer.

20 Public comment is not an opportunity
21 for dialogue or Q&A. It's a public comment, a
22 chance for you to tell us what you think.
23 Each speaker shall have two minutes. However,
24 I may extend this time at my discretion. All

1 public comments must be relevant and germane
2 for business.

3 Finally, it is my responsibility to
4 preserve the order and decorum of the
5 meetings. As such, profane, slanderous,
6 discriminatory, or personal attacks will not
7 be tolerated.

8 Please note we will be doing polling
9 place changes later in the meeting so anyone
10 wishing to be heard on a polling place change
11 should wait until that time. Is there anyone
12 here for public comment?

13 We will now move to Commissioner
14 Bluestein for e-mailed public comments.

15 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: There were no
16 e-mailed public comments as of 9:45 a.m. this
17 morning.

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you,
19 Commissioner. We will now proceed to Old
20 Business and I'll call on Joe Lynch to read
21 the report from the executive director.

22 MR. LYNCH: Good morning,
23 Commissioners.

24 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning, Joe.

1 MR. LYNCH: Today's report:

2 -- The County Board as of yesterday
3 have processed all paper applications received
4 through Monday and are up-to-date with the
5 electronic ballot applications.

6 They have approved 75,796 vote-by-mail
7 applications for the Primary, which is 2,987
8 added from last week's total.

9 Of the those applications processed so
10 far, 46,185 are paper applications and 29,611
11 are electronic applications.

12 -- The voter registration unit report
13 for the election cycle: To date they have
14 processed 90,798 registration applications of
15 which 7,000 were paper. All units except
16 documents are working primarily on mail-in
17 applications.

18 They are also processing proof and
19 registration applications and what mail-in
20 apps come in.

21 -- The Election Board online training:
22 818 poll workers did online training, 5,727
23 are confirmed poll workers. Messages left
24 with Board Workers: There was 594 left for

1 Board Workers. In-person trained poll workers
2 -- overall there was, 1,474.

3 Total people scheduled for in-person
4 training to date is 1,076.

5 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you, Joe.

6 MR. LYNCH: That's all. Thank you.

7 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: We will now proceed
8 to New Business and if there's anyone here to
9 speak on a polling place change, please step
10 forward.

11 Seeing none, we will proceed with
12 Charlie Stroman for the polling place change.

13 MR. STROMAN: Good morning,
14 Commissioners.

15 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning.

16 MR. STROMAN: First a little polling
17 place update: 708 sites. We're still waiting
18 to satisfy two of them for a total of three
19 divisions. I have three hearing proposed
20 changes.

21 The first would be in the 9th Ward,
22 15th Division moving from Henry Houston School
23 to the Allens Lane Art Center and that was
24 back to the original location.

1 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I motion that we
2 approve the proposed move Ward 9, Division 15.

3 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
5 Bluestein, please call the role.

6 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
7 Deeley?

8 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.
10 Commissioner Sabir?

11 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Aye.

12 MR. STROMAN: The next proposed change
13 would be the 38th Ward, the 4th Division moved
14 from E.W. Rhodes Elementary School to the
15 Devereux Memorial Church and that is for voter
16 convenience.

17 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I motion that we
18 approve the proposed move Ward 38, Division 4.

19 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
21 Bluestein, please call the role.

22 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
23 Deeley?

24 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.
2 Commissioner Sabir?

3 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Aye.

4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: That move is
5 approved, passed unanimously. Also Ward 9
6 Division 15 that also passed unanimously.
7 Proceed.

8 MR. STROMAN: The last one will be in
9 the 61st Ward, the 1st Division moving from
10 Universal Hair Salon to the Lowell School for
11 voter convenience.

12 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I motion that we
13 approve the proposed move.

14 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
16 Bluestein, please call the role.

17 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
18 Deeley?

19 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.
21 Commissioner Sabir?

22 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Aye.

23 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Ward 61, Division 1
24 that polling place change is passed

1 unanimously.

2 MR. STROMAN: That's all I have,
3 Commissioners.

4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you.
5 Commissioner Bluestein, do you have any items
6 to be added to the agenda?

7 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I have none.

8 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner Sabir,
9 do you have any items to be added to the
10 agenda?

11 COMMISSIONER SABIR: No, I do not.
12 However, Madam Chair, if I may, we have Linda
13 Milton (ph) there. She is like a mentor,
14 mother, activist, and I'm glad she's in our
15 presence. Thank you.

16 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you, for
17 recognizing, Commissioner Sabir. It was
18 lovely to see you this morning.

19 With no items remaining on the agenda,
20 this meeting is adjourned to the call of the
21 chair. Thank you.

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(Whereupon the meeting concluded at 11:06 a.m.)

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