

ELECTIONS
5/25/2022

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, May 25, 2022

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

LISA DEELEY, CHAIRWOMAN
SETH BLUESTEIN, COMMISSIONER
OMAR SABIR, COMMISSIONER
NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
ERIC KAPENSTEIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I call the May 25, 2022 meeting of the Return Board for the 2022 Primary and Special Election to order.

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

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

We will now move to public comment. Commenters shall state where they live or if they are not a resident of Philadelphia, that they are a Philadelphia taxpayer or since this is the Return Board, which candidate they represent.

1 Public comment is not an opportunity for
2 dialogue or Q and A. It is public comment, a
3 chance for you to tell us what you think. Each
4 speaker shall have two minutes. However, I may
5 extend this times at my discretion. All public
6 comments must be relevant or germane to Board
7 business.

8 Finally, it is my responsibility to
9 preserve the order and decorum of these
10 meetings. As such, profane, slanderous,
11 discriminatory or personal attacks will not be
12 tolerated.

13 Anyone here representing a candidate to
14 offer argument on a mail ballot -- on a mail
15 ballot sufficiency determination should wait
16 until a category they wish to make argument on
17 is called later in the meeting.

18 Anyone wishing to offer public comment
19 please step forward

20 THE WITNESS: Good morning, Commissioners.

21 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning. Hold on
22 one second.

23 MS. STRAUSS: Good morning, Commissioners.

24 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning.

1 MS. STRAUSS: My name is Sharon Strauss,
2 speaking on behalf of Protect Our Vote Philly.
3 I'm also a machine inspector in Ward 9.

4 Today, this Board will vote on whether to
5 count undated ballots. Pennsylvania Election
6 Code does not specify that undated ballots
7 can't be counted, and no court has ever
8 invalidated these ballots.

9 Last June, the Board initially voted to
10 count them, but then under pressure from some
11 members of the State Legislator and from the
12 Department of State, reversed itself. Only
13 Commissioner Deeley stood up for voters. Thank
14 you, Commissioner.

15 At the time, Protect Our Vote urged you to
16 ignore the Department of State's misleading
17 instructions on undated ballots, which you were
18 not obliged to follow. Instead, you threw out
19 over 1,300 perfectly valid ballots. Last
20 November it was over 1,800 ballots.

21 Again, we urged you not to disenfranchise
22 these voters. And again, the Board Members,
23 except for Chair Deeley, voted to throw these
24 ballots into the trash.

1 There are over 2,100 undated mail ballots
2 this time. These ballots are valid. They are
3 known to be cast by eligible voters during the
4 legal period. A date written in is no more
5 relevant to their validity than if they were
6 told to fill in their favorite color.

7 So again, we urge you to interpret the law
8 in the voter's favor. Yes, you must separate
9 these votes in case of a clear indisputable
10 court order not to count them. But short of
11 such a court order, please just count these
12 votes. Thank you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you. We will
14 now to move to Commissioner Bluestein.

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

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you.

19 I now call on Dana Eckroade to present on
20 the mail ballot sufficiency determinations.

21 Dana, state your name for the record.

22 MS. ECKROADE: Dana Eckroade.

23 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Proceed.

24 MS. ECKROADE: For date, is there any

1 reason to believe anyone other than the voters
2 listed on the declaration --

3 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hold on.

4 MS. ECKROADE: Number one, blank
5 declaration envelope, we had 138.

6 Number two, missing signature --

7 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Wait, wait. Hold on.
8 One at a time. So blank declaration envelope,
9 138.

10 I motion -- is there anyone here
11 representing a candidate to offer argument on
12 these -- on this category?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing none, I motion
15 that we do not count blank declaration
16 envelopes.

17 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
19 Bluestein, please call the roll.

20 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
21 Deeley?

22 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: No count.

23 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote not to
24 count.

1 Commissioner Sabir?

2 COMMISSIONER SABIR: No.

3 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Motion blank
4 declaration envelope will not be counted.

5 The next --

6 MS. ECKROADE: Number two, missing only
7 signature, 18.

8 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
9 representing a candidate to offer argument on
10 this category?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing none, I motion
13 that we do not count missing signature.

14 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Second.

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

17 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
18 Deeley?

19 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

21 Commissioner Sabir?

22 COMMISSIONER SABIR: No.

23 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Clarification,
24 Commissioner.

1 Are you voting to count or not count the
2 missing signatures?

3 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Not to count.

4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you.

5 The motion for missing signature will not
6 count.

7 Number three?

8 MS. ECKROADE: Number three, mark of voter
9 affixed on right side of declaration envelope,
10 missing signature of witness. We have four.

11 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
12 representing a candidate to offer argument?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hold on one second --
15 sorry. I'm out of order.

16 Is there anyone here representing a
17 candidate to offer argument?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing none, I motion
20 we do not count.

21 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Second.

22 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
23 Bluestein, please call the roll.

24 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner

1 Deeley?

2 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

4 Commissioner Sabir?

5 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Aye.

6 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Motion of voters, but
7 no witness signature, not count. Proceed.

8 MS. ECKROADE: Number four, signed by
9 another individual, other than the voter,
10 three.

11 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
12 representing a candidate to offer argument on
13 this category?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing none, I
16 vote -- I motion -- I make a motion that we do
17 not count signed by another individual other
18 than the voter.

19 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Second.

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

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: Signed by another
5 individual other than the voter, no count.
6 Proceed.

7 MS. ECKROADE: Number five, missing only
8 date, 2,125.

9 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
10 representing a candidate to offer argument on
11 this category?

12 (Hand raised.)

13 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Please come forward.

14 Please state your name and the candidate
15 you're representing.

16 MR. ROSSI: Thank you. Paul Rossi for
17 Dr. Mehmet Oz.

18 First, I want to thank the staff here at
19 the Board of Elections. Everything they did
20 was fantastic. People out in the community
21 need to understand that in order to get it
22 right, it sometimes takes a longer time than
23 most voters would like. But everybody -- the
24 public needs to understand that you guys took

1 the time to get it right, and that's the most
2 important thing here. And I think that needs
3 to be said.

4 All of the staff here have been fantastic
5 to both campaigns. It's been a fair process,
6 and I would like that on the record.

7 With respect to the undated, or improperly
8 dated ballots, I understand the potential
9 fluidity in the state of the law, but the state
10 of the law currently is the Pennsylvania
11 Supreme Court has ruled that the date issued is
12 material. The precedent in place currently
13 with respect to this election is governed by
14 the decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court,
15 that they should not be counted. Now, that may
16 change in the future, but as of now, PA Supreme
17 Court has said these -- this defect is
18 material, and these ballots should not be
19 counted.

20 Third Circuit specifically limited its
21 decision, its order, to that -- to the race in
22 Lehigh County. We don't know why they limited
23 it to that race, and I think it's stipulated at
24 this point if it's going to be applied

1 statewide.

2 It very well may be, but at this point,
3 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court case law is
4 binding on this Board, and these ballots should
5 be rejected. Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you.

7 Is there anybody else here to offer
8 comment on the behalf of a candidate with
9 regard to this category?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Seeing none, I'm going
12 to proceed.

13 Dana, is there any reason to believe that
14 anyone, other than voters listed on the
15 declaration envelope, voted those ballots?

16 MS. ECKROADE: No.

17 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Has there been any
18 fraud of irregularity being alleged?

19 MS. ECKROADE: No.

20 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Are all of these
21 voters registered and eligible to vote?

22 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

23 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: The voter only failed
24 to add the date?

1 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

2 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Were all these ballots
3 received by Election Day at 8 p.m.?

4 MS. ECKROADE: Yes, they were.

5 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: When were the ballots
6 first made available?

7 MS. ECKROADE: April 23, 2022.

8 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Are the correspondence
9 codes of all the ballots from the 2022 primary?

10 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

11 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: So these ballots could
12 have only been signed between April 23, 2022
13 and May 17, 2022, correct?

14 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

15 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Has it been the
16 practice for the staff to count incorrectly
17 dated ballots?

18 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

19 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Even if they wrote
20 their birthday?

21 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

22 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Even if they wrote a
23 date in the future?

24 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

1 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Did the staff follow
2 past practice and count incorrectly dated
3 ballots this election?

4 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

5 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I'm going to be brief.
6 This Board voted to count the undated ballots
7 in the 2020 election. We voted to count them
8 and then un-count them in the 2021 Primary. We
9 voted to not count them in the 2021 General.

10 I voted consistently to count them every
11 time, even when the House Republican Leadership
12 threatened to impeach me, even when the Law
13 Department advised me not to, and even when the
14 previous acting Secretary of State advised me
15 to reconsider, I stuck to my beliefs.

16 Lehigh Valley took up the mantle, and did
17 what this Board would not. And their effort
18 became the vessel for the Third Circuit's
19 decision that says the undated ballots should
20 be counted.

21 I'm not going to lie. It was very
22 satisfying seeing the Department of State
23 putting out guidance yesterday, now saying to
24 count the undated ballots. It seems like

1 everyone is coming around to where I've been
2 the whole time.

3 With great pride I say: I motion that we
4 count the undated ballots.

5 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
6 Deeley, may I be recognized?

7 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
8 Bluestein, proceed.

9 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Since I started
10 as a deputy commissioner over ten years ago, it
11 has been my view that the presence of a
12 handwritten date by the voter on the ballot
13 declaration envelope is immaterial to
14 determining the validity of the ballot cast by
15 that voter.

16 There is no question as to whether this is
17 the registered elector's vote or whether that
18 vote is legitimate or whether it was timely
19 received by the County Board of Elections.

20 Unfortunately, following the 2020 General
21 Election, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued
22 a set of opinions narrowly interpreting the
23 Election Code, which I believe constrained us
24 from counting undated ballots. We were,

1 regrettably, unable to count the undated
2 ballots in either the 2021 Primary or General
3 Elections.

4 Thankfully, the U.S. Third Circuit Court
5 ruled that Sections 3146.6A and 3150.16A of the
6 Pennsylvania Election Code are immaterial under
7 52 U.S.C Section 10101A 2B.

8 We should not deny the right of any
9 individual to vote in any election because of
10 an error or omission that is not material to
11 determining whether such individual is
12 qualified under state law to vote in that
13 election. Thank you. And I second the motion.

14 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
15 Bluestein, please call the roll.

16 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
17 Deeley?

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

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

21 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I vote to count the
22 ballots.

23 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Missing only date
24 passed unanimously. Count. Proceed, Dana.

1 MS. ECKROADE: Number six, ballots not
2 enclosed in secrecy envelope 1,096.

3 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
4 representing a candidate to offer argument on
5 this category?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Dana, is there any
8 reason to believe anyone, other than the voters
9 listed on the declaration envelope, voted those
10 ballots?

11 MS. ECKROADE: No.

12 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Has there been any
13 fraud or irregularity being alleged?

14 MS. ECKROADE: No.

15 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Are all these voters
16 registered and eligible to vote?

17 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: So the voter only
19 failed to put the ballot in a secrecy envelope?

20 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

21 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Were secrecy envelopes
22 sent with every ballot?

23 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

24 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Here we are again to

1 one of my pet issues. Not to pat myself on the
2 back, but, you know, sometimes we elected
3 officials need to take credit for things.

4 I was the one who raised the issue of
5 naked ballots in 2020. I watched as a letter I
6 sent morphed into celebrities and candidates
7 appearing naked in online videos to amplify the
8 message, sometimes thinking: What is this
9 monster I created?

10 Still, it is not enough. 1,096 ballots
11 were returned to us not in a secrecy envelope.

12 I have been saying this for years, and I
13 will continue to say it: The secrecy envelope
14 is a vestige of the past. When the ballots
15 were opened in polling places not using the
16 industrial machines -- industrialized machines
17 that you see behind me.

18 With the Third Circuit decision on the
19 undated ballots, the secrecy envelope is the
20 next obstacle to the franchise that will fall.

21 The right of any individual to vote in any
22 election cannot be denied because of an error
23 or omission on any record or paper relating to
24 any application, registration or other act

1 requisite to voting, if such error or omission
2 is not material in determining whether such
3 individual is qualified under state law to vote
4 in such election.

5 What Lehigh County did for undated
6 ballots, Philadelphia can do for naked ballots.
7 Change starts when a few people have the
8 courage to step up and say something is wrong.
9 All I need is one of you to give me a second.
10 Vote with me and see it through to the finish
11 line.

12 I motion that we count the naked ballots.

13 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Madam Chairwoman,
14 may I be recognized?

15 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
16 Bluestein.

17 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I agree that
18 naked ballots should be counted and that these
19 voters should not be disenfranchised for
20 intentionally or unintentionally giving up the
21 secrecy of their vote.

22 However, unlike the undated ballots, I do
23 not believe the Third Circuit ruling gives us
24 the authority to count these ballots.

1 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Madam Chair, if I
2 may?

3 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner Sabir.

4 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I took an oath to
5 abide by the laws. And due to state law, it's
6 illegal to accept naked ballots. And
7 painfully, I'm voting no to accept the naked
8 ballots.

9 However, I'm definitely in support of the
10 law being changed by legislative efforts,
11 lobbying, whatever it takes to get the
12 legislator to understand that this rule should
13 be changed.

14 But unfortunately, as it right now, we're
15 at, on today's date, it's against the law, and
16 I cannot break the law, unfortunately.

17 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: With that being
18 said, Madam Chairwoman, I would like to make a
19 motion to not count the ballots not enclosed in
20 a secrecy envelope.

21 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Second.

22 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
23 Bluestein, please call the roll.

24 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner

1 Deeley?

2 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: No.

3 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

4 Commissioner Sabir?

5 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I vote aye.

6 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: The motion to count
7 the naked ballots -- to not count naked ballots
8 has passed two to one.

9 Dana, proceed.

10 MS. ECKROADE: Number seven, ID
11 verification. No Social Security Number or
12 driver's license number or SURE file, 15.

13 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
14 representing a candidate to comment on this
15 issue? Please come forward.

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Seeing none, Dana,
18 these voters received our ID verification
19 letters, and they responded by filling out the
20 form that we sent them, correct?

21 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

22 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: So these voters, it
23 would be impossible to verify using this form,
24 correct?

1 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

2 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: They would have had to
3 send us a copy of their photo ID and not the
4 form in order to verify, correct?

5 MS. ECKROADE: Correct.

6 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Did we inform these
7 voters that the form would not work for them,
8 and that they had to provide a photo ID?

9 MS. ECKROADE: No.

10 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I think that this and
11 the next category keeps coming up, that the
12 issue is with the form and the letters that we
13 are sending the voters and not the action of
14 the voters.

15 I ask that you and Garrett please work
16 with the deputies to revise the letters to the
17 ID verified voters for future elections to
18 better inform them of what information we need
19 from them.

20 As such, we should not punish them for a
21 lack of clarity on our part.

22 I motion that we count the no Social or
23 driver's license on file ballots.

24 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner

1 Deeley, may I be recognized?

2 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
3 Bluestein.

4 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Dana, I have two
5 questions.

6 Of the voters in this category, how many
7 of these voters are over the age of 65 or have
8 informed the Board that they are handicapped.

9 MS. ECKROADE: 25.

10 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: That's combing --

11 MS. ECKROADE: That's combining the two.

12 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: -- category seven
13 and eight?

14 MS. ECKROADE: Yes. We have 15 for number
15 seven.

16 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: How many of those
17 are over 65 or are handicapped?

18 MS. ECKROADE: Seven.

19 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Okay. And how
20 many of them do not vote at a fully accessible
21 polling place?

22 MS. ECKROADE: All but one.

23 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: So if an elector
24 fails to provide proof of identification that

1 can be verified by the County Board of
2 Elections, then we are supposed to not count
3 that ballot.

4 However, notwithstanding that provision, a
5 qualified elector will not be required to
6 provide proof of identification if the elector
7 is entitled to vote by alternative ballot under
8 the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
9 Handicapped Act.

10 So it's my view that only voters that fit
11 that criteria should have their ballot counted
12 in this category.

13 Thank you, Madam Chairwoman.

14 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: There's a motion on
15 the table, do I have a second?

16 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
18 Bluestein, please call the roll.

19 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
20 Deeley?

21 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Count. Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote nay.
23 Commissioner Sabir?

24 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I vote aye.

1 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: ID verification, no
2 Social Security or driver's license number on
3 SURE file, that motion has passed, two to one
4 to count.

5 MS. ECKROADE: Number eight, ID
6 verification, ID provided opposite of what is
7 on SURE file, ten.

8 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: These voters received
9 our ID verification letters, and they responded
10 by filling out the form?

11 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

12 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Once again, I believe
13 the issue here -- oh.

14 Did we inform these voters which
15 identification number we needed or did we ask
16 them for either number?

17 MS. ECKROADE: No.

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: And they provided the
19 opposite of what we needed?

20 MS. ECKROADE: Yes.

21 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
22 representing a candidate to offer argument on
23 this category?

24 (No response.)

1 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Once again, I believe
2 the issue here is our communication. If we
3 need only the driver's license number, we
4 should not be giving them the option of
5 providing their Social Security Number or vice
6 versa. We should not punish the voters for a
7 lack of clarity on our part.

8 I motion that we count the opposite ID
9 ballots.

10 Do I have a second?

11 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I second the motion.

12 Madam Chair, I didn't hear the make the
13 motion. I'm sorry.

14 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I'm sorry.

15 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Can you make the
16 motion, Madam Chair?

17 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Yes.

18 I motion that we count the opposite ID
19 ballots.

20 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
22 Bluestein, please call the roll.

23 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
24 Deeley?

1 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote nay.

3 Commissioner Sabir?

4 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Aye.

5 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: The motion for ID
6 verified opposite in SURE will be counted.

7 MS. ECKROADE: Number nine, ID
8 verification. ID doesn't match SURE file,
9 three.

10 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
11 representing a candidate to offer argument on
12 this category?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing none, I motion
15 that we do not count ID verification ID doesn't
16 match the SURE file.

17 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
19 Bluestein, please call the roll.

20 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
21 Deeley?

22 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

24 Commissioner Sabir?

1 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I vote aye.

2 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: ID verified doesn't
3 match will not be counted.

4 MS. ECKROADE: Number ten, ID
5 verification, no response, 485.

6 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
7 representing a candidate to offer argument on
8 this category?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Seeing none, I motion
11 that we do not count this category, ID
12 verification no response.

13 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner
15 Bluestein, please call the roll.

16 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Commissioner
17 Deeley?

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

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

21 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Aye.

22 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: ID verification, no
23 response will not be counted.

24 Thank you, Dana.

1 MS. ECKROADE: You're welcome. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Thank you, Dana.

3 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner

4 Bluestein, do you have any items to be added
5 to the Agenda?

6 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I have none.

7 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner Sabir, do
8 you have any items to be added to the Agenda?

9 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Yes, I do.

10 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Please proceed.

11 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Like much of the
12 Nation, I am deeply and profoundly saddened by
13 yesterday's tragic murder of 19 children and
14 two adults in Uvalde, Texas.

15 As a father of seven, I find it difficult
16 to fathom the pain these families must be
17 feeling. No parent should ever have to bury
18 their child.

19 The fact that we have the power as a
20 Nation to act and have yet to, make these
21 occurrences even more tragic.

22 Gun violence is a crippling plague across
23 our City and across this country, and it must
24 stop. As a Nation, we must act.

1 One of the ways we can effect real change
2 is by voting. Despite efforts by some to limit
3 access to the ballot box, voting still holds
4 the key to a better America.

5 My heartfelt condolences to the families
6 and the loved one of the victims of this
7 horrific tragedy.

8 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you,
9 Commissioner Sabir. I certainly also share in
10 such deep sadness for what occurred yesterday
11 and what occurs on a daily basis. We hope that
12 there is change.

13 Thank you everybody for being here.

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15 (Whereupon the meeting concluded at 11:26 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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.

Kathryn Doyle
Court Reporter - Notary Public

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