

1 OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONERS

2 ELECTION BOARD MEETING

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4 Wednesday, September 22, 2021

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7 Election Board Meeting, taken
8 pursuant to notice, was held at 1515 Arch
9 Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
10 19102 commencing at 11:00 a.m., on the above
11 date, before Torre Lynn Adams, a Court Reporter
12 and Notary Public in the Commonwealth of
13 Pennsylvania.

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1 APPEARANCES :

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3 COMMISSIONER LISA DEELEY - CHAIRWOMAN
4 COMMISSIONER AL SCHMIDT - VICE CHAIR
5 COMMISSIONER OMAR SABIR
6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NICK CUSTODIO
7 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SETH BLUESTEIN
8 DEPUTY DEVIN UQDAH

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1 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I'd like to
2 call the meeting of the Philadelphia Board of
3 Elections. First I would like to state that the
4 agenda was posted to the website 24 hours before
5 the meeting.

6 We will now move to public
7 comments. If anyone's here for public comments,
8 step forward.

9 Seeing none, hearing none, we'll
10 now move forward to E-mail public comments.

11 Secretary Omar Sabir, is there any
12 E-mail public comments?

13 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Good morning.

14 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Good
15 morning.

16 COMMISSIONER SABIR: There were no
17 public comments E-mailed by 9:45 a.m.

18 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thank you
19 very much.

20 We will move right along to old
21 business with a report from Executive Director
22 Jim Lynch.

23 MR. LYNCH: Good morning,
24 Commissioners.

1 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Good

2 morning, Joe.

3 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Good morning,

4 Joe.

5 MR. LYNCH: Sunshine Report for

6 September 22, 2021. The County Board of

7 Elections, we are currently accepting absentee

8 or mail-in ballot applications online at

9 vote.pa.gov or by paper application. As of

10 yesterday, we have approved 82,584 vote-by-mail

11 applications. Of those, 61,511 are paper

12 applications, and 21,073 are electronic

13 applications. This is including permanent

14 ballot voters who applied in the Primary.

15 Ballot application processing is up-to-date

16 through Sunday.

17 We have sent all the requested

18 absentee ballots to military and voters

19 temporarily residing out of country.

20 Cycle 4, also know as the Sixth

21 Tuesday Pre-Election Campaign Finance Report,

22 were due yesterday. Cycle 4 Campaign Finance

23 Reports only need to be filed by candidates of a

24 statewide office such as Justice of the Supreme

1 Court, or Judge of the Superior Court or Judge
2 of the Commonwealth Court, along with any
3 political committee or lobbyist influencing
4 these races. Completed cover pages for online
5 filers are due by October 1st.

6 Voter Registration Unit update for
7 election cycle to date we have processed 75,552
8 applications, of which 5,000 were paper. They
9 have mailed 68,591 ID cards. They have printed
10 another 8,500 cards yesterday, and they are
11 being folded and sent out today. All
12 applications are up-to-date.

13 The Data Unit is working on return
14 letters and voter identification cards to be
15 scanned into the system. They also have been
16 checking of the paper applications. The Imaging
17 Unit is processing electronic apps, returned
18 letters and doing corrections. Correspondence
19 is working on return letters. The Documents
20 Unit working on returned letters, mailing
21 appeals and ID cards. They're also be taking
22 the poll votes from the past elections up to the
23 warehouse, to start today and through the
24 weekend.

1 The Election Board Unit.
2 Masterman High School had a total of 242
3 in-person training last week at the seminar.
4 Overall, 407 poll workers attended in-person,
5 online as of yesterday was 321. Overall
6 confirmed number of available poll workers taken
7 online and by phone is 3,730. That includes 90
8 in the queue to be updated by the Election
9 Board. That should be done today. Total
10 messages left for board workers was 811. Total
11 not working is 238 to date.

12 The Warehouse, the Logic and
13 Accuracy test was completed yesterday. Once the
14 results are read into the system as okay, they
15 will start with the pre-election test.

16 Vote-by-mail center, enough plain
17 English statements have been printed and
18 instruction cards for the first wave of mail-in
19 ballots. Plain English statements was also
20 printed for the material boxes, which they are
21 starting on the printing of provisional ballots
22 today. Vote-by-mail soon. That's all I have.

23 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thank you,
24 Joe.

1 I have nothing else. Okay. We're
2 going to move to new business. Charlie Stroman,
3 polling place relocations. Is anyone here would
4 like to speak on that? No one's here.

5 Hi Charlie.

6 MR. STROMAN: Good morning,
7 Commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Good
9 morning. Please proceed.

10 MR. STROMAN: There are 516 sites
11 are confirmed as of this morning, 1,332
12 divisions have been confirmed. Last election
13 cycle we had 707 sites, right now we're looking
14 about 725. That could change up or down, but
15 I'm thinking around 725.

16 The rec center rebuilds, Olney
17 rec center was rectified yesterday. We're going
18 to move onto Grover Washington School. I'm
19 going to have that hearing October 3, I believe.

20 Glavin we're hoping we can get the
21 Polish American Club, I should hear today.

22 Langston, I ran into a developer
23 in Harrogate (ph) yesterday, and he is going to
24 try to help me out, get back to me today. I'm

1 hopeful. Langston (ph) scares me. I walked
2 that area three-and-a-half miles yesterday,
3 there's nothing there. So it's scary. That's
4 all I have for the polling place.

5 Now I can move to the hearings, if
6 you like.

7 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Yes, please.

8 MR. STROMAN: 8th Ward, 21st
9 Division, moving from Kimmel Center to the
10 Academy House, moving back into the Division and
11 it was original polling site.

12 10th Ward --

13 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Wait.

14 MR. STROMAN: Sorry.

15 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion to
16 approve the proposed move for the 8th Ward, 21
17 Division.

18 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I vote yes.

20 (All in favor).

21 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: So moved.

22 MR. STROMAN: 10th Ward, 2nd
23 Division and the 3rd Division, Upper Room
24 Baptist Church to the Tower of Pentecost, and

1 it's back to the original location.

2 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion
3 that we approve the proposed move for 10th Ward,
4 2nd Division, 10th Ward, 3rd Division.

5 Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Aye.

7 (All in favor).

8 MR. STROMAN: 10th Ward, 23rd
9 Division from Simon Rec Center to Congregation
10 Temple Bethel, and it's back to the original
11 location.

12 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion
13 that we approve the proposed move for the 10th
14 Ward, 23rd Division, do I have a second?

15 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

16 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in
17 favor?

18 (All in favor).

19 MR. STROMAN: Move to 15th Ward,
20 14th Division, Eastern State Penitentiary to
21 Bache-Martin school. The reason being, there's
22 no heat at Eastern State Penitentiary, suggest
23 we try to find a place; Bache-Martin is the best
24 location.

1 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Motion we
2 approve the proposed move of 15th Ward, 14th
3 Division. Do I have a second?

4 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in
6 favor?

7 (All in favor).

8 MR. STROMAN: Again, 15th Ward,
9 15th Division, Yoga Studios to Julia Masterman,
10 that was a refusal.

11 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion
12 that we approve the proposed move, 15, 15. Do I
13 have second?

14 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

15 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in
16 favor?

17 (All in favor).

18 MR. STROMAN: 15th Ward, 19th
19 Division, Eastern State Penitentiary to
20 Masterman School; again no heat.

21 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Motion we
22 approve the proposed move, 15, 19.

23 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

24 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in

1 favor, aye.

2 (All in favor).

3 MR. STROMAN: Next one 17th Ward,
4 2nd Division and 3rd from Building 21 School to
5 Mt. Airy Church of God. 3rd Division will be
6 moving back to original Division, and 2nd
7 Division is moving back into the Ward.

8 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Motion that
9 we approve the proposed move, 17, 2 and 17, 3.

10 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in favor
12 aye?

13 (All in favor).

14 MR. STROMAN: 17 Ward, 6th
15 Division and 7th Division, Mt. Airy Church of
16 God to Building 21 School, and that is for voter
17 convenience.

18 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: We're
19 moving two out of 21 --

20 MR. STROMAN: It's kind of like
21 the -- Ogontz Avenue is kind of the divide line,
22 so they're basically going to be voting on the
23 side they live.

24 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thank you.

1 I motion that we approve the
2 proposed motion, 17, 6th Division and 7th
3 Division.

4 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in
6 favor, aye?

7 (All in favor).

8 MR. STROMAN: 23rd Ward, 17th
9 Division, Gambrell rec center to American Legion
10 Post, and that's moving back into the Division,
11 and it was the original location.

12 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion
13 that we approve the proposed move, 23rd Ward,
14 17th Division.

15 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

16 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in
17 favor, aye?

18 (All in favor).

19 MR. STROMAN: Next will be 27th
20 Ward, 5th Division, from Walnut Street Library
21 to Civic House of Pennsylvania, and back to the
22 original location.

23 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion
24 that we approve the proposed move, 27th Ward,

1 5th Division.

2 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

3 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in

4 favor, aye.

5 (All in favor).

6 MR. STROMAN: Next one will be

7 46th Ward, 16th Division, A.R.C. Building

8 University of Sciences to Elmwood Community

9 Methodist Church, back to the original location.

10 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion

11 that we approve the proposed move to 46, 16.

12 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

13 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in

14 favor, aye.

15 (All in favor).

16 MR. STROMAN: Next one will be

17 52nd Ward, 8th Division, Sharon Baptist Church

18 to Park Tower Apartments is moving back into the

19 Division, and also it was the original polling

20 place.

21 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion

22 that we approve the proposed move 52nd Ward, 8th

23 Division.

24 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

1 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in
2 favor, I?

3 (All in favor).

4 MR. STROMAN: Next group will be
5 63rd Ward, 7th Division and 11th Division and
6 the 23rd Division from CORA Services to The
7 Villages of Pine Valley, and that's for voter
8 convenience for the 7th Ward -- sorry, for the
9 7th Division. The 11th Division is moving to
10 the original location, and 23rd is back to the
11 original location. And again, CORA was refusal.
12 They were really just helping us out last
13 election.

14 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion
15 that we approve the proposed move, 63rd Ward,
16 7th Division, 63rd Ward, 11th Division, and 63rd
17 Ward, 23rd Division.

18 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in
20 favor, I.

21 (All in favor).

22 MR. STROMAN: The last but not
23 least, the 65th Ward, 20th Division, Knights of
24 Columbus back to Delaire Landing, and of course,

1 the original location.

2 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I motion we
3 approve the proposed move, 65th Ward, 25th
4 Division.

5 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

6 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: All in
7 favor, aye.

8 (All in favor).

9 MR. STROMAN: That's all I have.

10 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Commissioner
11 Schmidt -- thank you, Charlie.

12 MR. STROMAN: You're very welcome.

13 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Commissioner
14 Schmidt, do you have any items to the agenda?

15 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: None.

16 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: With no
17 items remaining on the agenda, this meeting is
18 adjourned to the call of the chair.

19 Thank you all.

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21 (Whereupon, the meeting was
22 concluded at 11:11 a.m.)

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