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January 11TH, 2023  
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- LISA M. DEELEY, CHAIRMAN
- SETH BLUESTEIN, COMMISSIONER
- OMAR SABIR, COMMISSIONER
- NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

HELD:

VIA ZOOM.  
(Audio Transcription)

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2 PROCEEDINGS

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4 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Good

5 morning. I call the January 11th, 2023

6 meeting of the Philadelphia City

7 Commissioners to order.

8 First, I will preserve the order

9 of the Court of these meetings. Everyone in

10 attendance should be on notice that shouting

11 out or interrupting the proceedings will not

12 be tolerated. Those who violate this will be

13 asked to leave.

14 The Sunshine Act permits anyone

15 attending a public meeting to object to a

16 proceeding violation at any time during the

17 meeting. If you choose to do so, please

18 distinctly state your objection. Objecting is

19 not an opportunity for speech making.

20 We will now move to public

21 comment. Commenter's shall state where they

22 live or if they're not a resident of

23 Philadelphia, that they're a Philadelphia tax

24 payer.

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

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

12                   Is there anyone here for public  
13 comment?

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15                                   (No response.)  
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17                   COMMISSIONER DEELEY: We will now  
18 move to Commissioner Bluestein for emailed  
19 public comments.

20                   COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: There  
21 were no email public comments this morning.

22                   COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thank you,  
23 Commissioner.

24                   Now for old business, I will call,

1 Deputy Nick Custodio, to read a report from  
2 the deputies.

3 MR. CUSTODIO: Good morning,  
4 Commissioners.

5 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Good  
6 morning.

7 MR. CUSTODIO: As part of the  
8 electronic poll - the City Commissioners  
9 Staff and others that are part of the overall  
10 project team subjected to electronic poll  
11 books to rigorous testing in real world  
12 situations.

13 During the first pilot election,  
14 they performed well, but encountered a  
15 freezing error in certain scenarios. That  
16 led to a recommendation that paper poll books  
17 be used in the 2022 General Election.

18 In the time since then, ESNS has  
19 corrected the issue, and we have had a  
20 successful pilot election with the corrected  
21 version, and did not have any freezing  
22 issues. The version with the correction was  
23 certified by the Department of State on  
24 January 29th, 2023.

1                   Pursuant to the Board's approval,  
2 on May 18th, 2022, we will be proceeding with  
3 electronic poll books for the 2023 Primary  
4 Election.

5                   Additional hands on training for  
6 Election Board workers will begin on January  
7 17th. The schedule will be made available to  
8 the Election Board workers through email,  
9 USPS, and is available on our website.

10                   Those who attend the additional  
11 extra training will receive an additional  
12 \$50.00 on their pay. Thank you.

13                   COMMISSIONER DEELEY: So just one  
14 correction, I believe that it led to a  
15 recommendation that the paper poll books --

16                   MR. CUSTODIO: In the 2022 General  
17 Election --

18                   COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Will not be  
19 used --

20                   MR. CUSTODIO: No, paper poll  
21 books were used --

22                   COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Oh, I'm  
23 sorry. I misunderstood. My mistake. Okay.

24                   We'll now proceed to new business.

1 I motion to direct and authorize the deputies  
2 to fill the vacancies on the PER.

3 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Second.

4 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Commissioner  
5 Bluestein, please call the roll.

6 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN:  
7 Commissioner Deeley.

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9 (Respond I.)

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11 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I vote I.  
12 Commissioner Sabir.

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14 (Respond I.)

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16 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: The motion  
17 to direct an authorize the deputies to fill  
18 the vacancies on the PER has passed  
19 unanimously.

20 Commissioner Bluestein, do you  
21 have any items to be added to the agenda?

22 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I have  
23 none.

24 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Commissioner

1 Sabir, do you have any items to be added to  
2 the agenda?

3 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I have none.

4 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: With no  
5 items remaining on the agenda we are  
6 adjourned.

7 Thank you.

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9 (Whereupon, the hearing is  
10 concluded.)

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