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February 15TH, 2023
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- JAMES C. CRUMLISH, CHAIRMAN
- SETH BLUESTEIN, COMMISSIONER
- COURTNEY WEISS, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT
- VINCENT GOWANS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
- VINCENT L. JOHNSON, VICE CHAIR
- NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

HELD:

VIA ZOOM.
(Audio Transcription)

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2 PROCEEDINGS

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4 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good morning
5 everyone. This is to convene the February
6 15th meeting of the City Commissioners. My
7 name is Judge James Crumlish.

8 I've been appointed pursuant to
9 President Judge Administrative Order, No. 1 of
10 2023. I've been appointed to serve pursuant
11 to that order during the candidacy of
12 encompass.

13 Also with me is Judge
14 Vincent Johnson, I believe, who is also
15 serving pursuant to that order. So having
16 said that, the meeting has now called to
17 order.

18 We will start by reminding people
19 that although we are in a public setting,
20 civility and decorum will be enforced by the
21 Chair.

22 The Sunshine Act, also known as
23 the Public Meeting Act, permits anyone
24 attending a public meeting to object during

1 that meeting of any proceeding violation of
2 the Act. If you do so, please distinctly
3 state your objection, and you will be heard.

4 We will now move to public
5 comments or anyone who wishes to make a public
6 comment.

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8 (No response.)
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10 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Having heard
11 none, we'll move to any comments that have
12 been emailed to the Commission.

13 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: All
14 comments that were emailed by 9:45 a.m., or
15 shared with the member's of the Board, and the
16 deputies by 10:00 a.m. They have been
17 provided to each member of the Board at the
18 beginning of the meeting, and are available on
19 the public comment table.

20 We received one comment from Rich
21 Garella. I have reviewed the comment and ask
22 that it be moved into the record.

23 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I have also
24 reviewed it and think it should be moved into

1 the record.

2 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So it shall be
3 done. We'll take that comment into
4 consideration. I will now call on Mr. Lynch
5 to do the Executive Director Report.

6 MR. LYNCH: Thank you, your Honor.
7 Good morning. My name is Joe Lynch. I have
8 the Sunshine report for February 15th, 2023.

9 The report and the County Board
10 Report, the County Board of Election is now
11 accepting mail-in and absentee ballot
12 applications. Voters on the annual mail-in
13 and absentee list starting receiving their
14 annual applications in the mail.

15 Voters will need to complete and
16 return their application to the County Board
17 of Election. They'll continue to
18 automatically receive honorary mail-in or
19 absentee ballots for each election in 2023.
20 Voters may apply online rather than returning
21 the paper applications.

22 As of yesterday we have approved
23 1,193 vote my mail applications. Of those,
24 126 are paper applications, and 1,067 are

1 electronic applications. Both applications
2 processes are up through Tuesday.

3 Petitions for the upcoming primary
4 election for municipal offices are now
5 available both at City Hall, Room 142, and on
6 our website, vote.phila.gov. Petitions had
7 begun being circulated, and being filed as of
8 February 14th.

9 The last date to circulate and
10 file nomination petitions is on March 7th, and
11 the last date for candidates to withdraw is
12 March 22nd, 2023. Petitions for judicial
13 offices for the upcoming primary, including
14 the Court of Common Pleas, and Municipal
15 Court, are available from the Department of
16 State.

17 The ballot drawing for municipal
18 candidates will be held at 11:00 a.m. on
19 Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 in City Hall, Room
20 202. The voter registration report for the
21 election cycle to date, they have process
22 77,765 applications, of which 2,700 were
23 paper. All applications are up to date.

24 They sent out 32,934 ID cards, and

1 are in the process of printing approximately
2 17,000 more. In Election Board, the poll book
3 training, they had 1,923 board workers attend
4 the training. There are 3,611 board workers
5 scheduled for upcoming trainings.

6 The unit is currently scheduling
7 people to attend the remaining seminars. The
8 polling place unit had been going out and
9 serving polling places, and have complete 150
10 to date.

11 There are also still security
12 polling sites for the upcoming election.
13 That's all I have to report for today.

14 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
15 Mr. Lynch. We appreciate it. Is there any
16 business that's needs to be --

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18 (No response.)

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20 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing none. Is
21 there any new business? Do you have anything
22 to add to the agenda?

23 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I do not.

24 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So we will

1 adjourn the meeting. All of those documents
2 will be entered into the record.

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4 (Whereupon, the hearing is
5 concluded.)

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